The March 21, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Keneipp.

Trustees Present: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Trustees Absent: Swartzendruber.

Also Present: Chief Weseloh, Kent Graber, Village Attorney Josh Herman, and Clerk Horner.

Chief Weseloh presented his monthly report.

Weseloh stated that the Minier Police Explores helped during the electronic recycling event at the Village Hall. Approximately 34 residents dropped off electronics and $634 was made.

Hopedale Police Department is hosting a fishing derby and asked the Village of Minier to join. Sargent Hodgson has been working with Hopedale to collect donated items. The Minier Police Explorers will be assisting with the event on May 13th.

In the area of equipment, there was a shooting victim in Hopedale, Minier Police Department was the first on scene. When Officer Parkinson went to assist, the Dodge Durango broke down in route. It was towed to the dealership, the tow and repair will be covered under warranty.

The police department currently has 3 full time and 1 part time officer sharing a taser that is approximately 10 years old. Chief Weseloh found a reputable company that sell refurbished models for $599. There is money is his budget for this and will be purchasing two for the department.

Weseloh has been looking into internet for West Side Park for the camera that will be installed.

Weseloh stated that the scooter ordinance currently in place is obsolete. He inquired if the board would like to modify the ordinance.

Attorney Herman stated the Ordinance could be modified to allow for safe operations on certain routes and during certain hours.

The board agreed that Attorney Herman should look into modifying the current Ordinance.

Trustee Foley inquired if anything could be done about the property to the east of West Side Park, they ad part of their tin shed roof blow onto the walking trail at the park. Foley also inquired if the Howard property was in violation with their business equipment piled up on the property.

The board discussed the appearance of many of the properties in town and would like to look into the zoning code about property appearance and see if the code needs updated since it was established in the 1950’s and 1960’s.

Kent Graber presented the Public Works monthly report.

Graber stated the Public Works Department has been Hyper Chlorinating all the plant filters, scrapping old water meters and preparing to send out the water material survey for the EPA. Graber stated that he will inform residents on the form if they are unsure of the material of their lines, they can contact the Public Works Department and they will come assist them.

Graber stated that their upcoming project will be tapping the dog park water main to install the drinking fountains and finish painting the Village Hall. Graber is pricing rear tire for the backhoe with local businesses. The tires were in the budget for this year and are needing replaced.

Trustee Foley inquired if Public Works would be mulching the playground at West Side Park. Graber stated that he would like to tile the playground for better drainage before adding more mulch.

Trustee Foley inquired when the park restrooms would be open. Graber stated that they will be open the second week of April. Graber stated they have ordered tamper proof soap dispensers to prevent the vandalism incidents that have occurred in previous years.

Trustee Foley inquired when Graber will be taking his water license test. Graber stated he has his letter of admissions but need to schedule the test.

A **motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to approve the consent agenda.

Approved by role call vote.

A. Approval of monthly bills as presented and allowed.

B. Approval of the transfer of $30,000.00 from Illinois Fund Checking to General Fund Checking.

C. Approval of the transfer of $23,000.00 from Clearing Fund Checking to Operation and Maintenance Checking.

D. Approval of the 02.21.2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

E. Approval of the 02.14.2023 Committee Meeting Minutes.

F. Approval of the transfer of $ 10,062.59 from the Clearing Fund Checking to General Fund Checking for the February Garbage Payment.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Trustee Foley stated she had concerns with the Part Time Maintenance job description. Foley was concerned with the date range for the position.

The board discussed the job description for the Part Time Maintenance position. Graber stated he would be utilizing the position in other areas, but the priority would be mowing.

Trustee Moore stated in previous meetings there was concern with the Public Works productivity and would like to see a list of projects the Public Works Department has that would warrant hiring a part time mower.

Graber stated that there has not been mower help since Bill left in 2019. It is hard to tackle project about daily task when there is a lot of mowing to be done. Moore would like to see a list of projects that Public Works will be completing if the board decides to hire a Part Time Maintenance position.

Attorney Herman suggested the job posting and job description state that it would not exceed 30 hours per week and 1000 hours per season.

A **motion** was made by Foley and seconded by Moore to approve Resolution #337, “Seasonal Maintenance Technician Job Description” with amendments.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Hoeft to approve Resolution #338, “A RESOLUTION FOR REINVESTMENT OF FUNDS.”

Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Hoeft to approve Resolution #339, “A RESOLUTION FOR REINVESTMENT OF FUNDS.”

Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Hoeft to approve Resolution #340, “A RESOLUTION FOR REINVESTMENT OF FUNDS.”

Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Williams and seconded by Dial to approve the Employee Compensation Package as Presented.

Approved by role call vote.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Clerk Horner presented her board report.

Regarding the mailbox ordinance, Attorney Herman has had no recent communication with USPS, but has been in communication with Representative Darrin LaHood’s office regarding the issue. More information is expected to be available soon.

The board discussed the Employee Manual and the concerns of how over time is calculated. Further discussion will be done in the upcoming meetings.

Keneipp stated the townwide garage sales would be May 6th and Cleanup day would be May 8th. April 8th the Kiwanis will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the school park. Keneipp stated he had received good feed back about the electronic recycling event the Village offered and Michelle’s “Business Spotlight” postings on the Village Facebook page. Corn Daze will be August 5th and 6th this year.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Hoeft to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant To 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss Employment and Salaries of Personnel at 8:05 pm. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to Move to Open Session at 8:33 pm.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Hoeft and seconded by Foley to Adjourn at 8:33 pm.

Ayes: Hoeft, Foley, Dial, Moore, and Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

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