The August 3, 2021 Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Keneipp.

Trustees present: Hoeft, Tarbuck, Dial, Richards, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Trustees absent: None

Also present: Chief Weseloh, Mike Schopp, Michelle Moriconi, Kathy Kendrick, Jami Foley, Karen Graber

Foley addressed the board with her concerns regarding the location of the Dog Park. She stated that with the Dog Park being behind resident’s homes who have dogs, there is lots of possible chaos that could be created for those walking on the track, children playing on the playground, and other residents who live nearby. She offered her suggestions for possible locations of the Dog Park and inquired about a park committee that would involve the public. President Keneipp mentioned that there is a park committee within the Village Board and that they would be open to including the public in those meetings.

Kendrick presented her desire for swings and all-ability friendly equipment at West Side Park. Mike Schopp stated that swings and equipment for all ages and abilities is in the works.

Graber also had concerns about the location of the Dog Park. She stated that she is worried about how close the Dog Park is to the walking track and how the residents of that area would be affected. She suggested possible locations for the Dog Park in West Side Park. Graber also inquired about a park committee and expressed her desire to get the citizens more involved with this process.

The suggested locations were discussed by the board, Mike Schopp, and Chief Weseloh. This issue will be looked into further. The Parks Committee will be meeting August 31st and 7 pm in the Board Room at the Village Office.

Kendrick, Foley, and Graber exited the meeting.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Tarbuck to approve the 07.20.2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Hoeft, Tarbuck, Dial, Richards, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Chief Weseloh presented the Board with the monthly Police Report. Weseloh stated that it has been a busy month, as the summer months normally are.

In the area of equipment, the 2015 Ford squad car was out with a bad water pump, but it was fixed just in time for Corn Daze. The “flight recorder” on the Dodge squad car is no longer working so it is not being used as frequently.

Weseloh reported that Corn Daze went well and that there were very limited issues. The Police Explorers patrolled the area overnight and during the day.

The Senior Safe Driving course that was to be held at First Farmers Bank was canceled due to COVID concerns.

The ESDA siren did not go off on the first Tuesday of the month like it normally does. Upon further investigation, a battery was blown. The battery is being replaced and the siren will be back in working order as soon as possible.

Weseloh gave the Board an update on the contract with Armington. He stated that the Minier Police would have to be on call 24 hours for Armington which increased the price quoted to Armington for the service of Minier Police Officers. He is waiting to hear back from Armington with their decision.

Mike Schopp presented the Board with his Public Works and Street report.

Cobblestone, Western, and Central have all been repaired and are completed. Western and Central were sealed with a white wax to prolong the life of the road and will need to be left to cure for a couple of weeks.

Public Works spent three days cleaning storm drains and removed small debris blockages which will allow for better and faster drainage.

The West Side Park sign came in last week and Public Works is working to get it up. Schopp stated that there will also be a flag and lights that accompany the sign.

An alarm at the lift station went off overnight and led to one of the pumps having to be repacked.

Public Works was able to spray for mosquitos two times before Corn Daze.

Schopp addressed the Board with a project request from Minier Christian Church. The Village was asked to finish painting the peak of K’s Café with the bucket truck. Schopp expressed his concerns with lending the bucket truck to MCC to finish the project and with the Village completing the project. The Board decided to suggest other people who may be able to help MCC complete the project.

The Bulldog Soccer sign has been located. Schopp discussed his plans for framing the sign and getting it mounted. He asked the Board where the sign should go. After discussion, the Board decided the sign would go at the entrance of West Side Park so that those coming from out of town for soccer games or practice would know they are in the right place.

McLean County Asphalt is repairing a section of the street by St. Johns that did not adhere properly last year. Schopp reminded the Board that the Village will not be charged for this repair.

Trustee Swartzendruber reported to the Board that the Olympia PTO had a meeting about this year’s Color Run. This year, the Color Run is only going to be a mile long and it will be the same route the elementary students run in P.E. She asked the board for permission to use the portion of Village Property used in the run and was directed to the Cemetery Board for permission to use the cemetery for the run.

Trustee Richards expressed a concern she received from a resident about the trees in the School Park. The resident stated that the mature trees lost a lot of branches during the ice storm, and he would like to plant more trees in the park to keep the area shaded as the mature trees die off. Dial stated that he has also had residents express the same concern to him. This issue will be looked into further.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Richards to approve the monthly bills as presented and allowed.

Ayes: Hoeft, Tarbuck, Dial, Richards, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Tarbuck to approve the transfer of $23,000.00 from Clearing Fund to Operation and Maintenance Fund.

Ayes: Hoeft, Tarbuck, Dial, Richards, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Hoeft to approve the transfer of $30,000.00 from Illinois Fund to General Fund.

Ayes: Hoeft, Tarbuck, Dial, Richards, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

A **motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Tarbuck to approve the mileage reimbursement for Sasha Horner in the amount of $49.28.

Ayes: Hoeft, Tarbuck, Dial, Richards, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Clerk Horner was not present for the meeting.

Moriconi reported that the vendor portion of Corn Daze went well. She stated that there were 31 total vendors who were apart of Corn Daze and lots of them were new. Moriconi told the Board that she sold roughly 15 dog calendars for the Minier Dog Park at Corn Daze, bringing the total sold to about 30.

President Keneipp stated that Kiwanis will be meeting at K’s Café for their next meeting to discuss Corn Daze and extended an invitation to the Board. He also reminded the Board that school will be starting soon, on the 18th of this month.

A **Motion** was made by Dial and seconded by Richards to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Ayes: Hoeft, Tarbuck, Dial, Richards, Swartzendruber, Williams.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

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