Monday, February 5, 2024

Greenup, Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Greenup Village Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Greenup Municipal Building. Mayor Tom Bauguss called the meeting to order with all standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Kimble, those members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Tom Bauguss, Trustees Alene Blade, April Harris, Josh Kingery, Max McCullough, Tony Wright. Trustees Sherry Parker was absent.

A motion to approve payments of bills in the amount of $465,163.86 and transfer of funds of $8,000.00 was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Wright.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the January 2024 Clerk’s report and the December 2023 Treasurer’s report was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Harris.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the January 2024 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Public Comments, Nancy Kinsel questioned if the Village Water system had Lead in it, after residents received a Consumer Confidence Report for the Greenup Water System for violations in 2022. The Water CCR is published annually in the local newspaper and by ILEPA Regulations any violations must be addressed, they were not calling for a corrected 2nd CCR to be distributed by mail to all water customers of the Village. Mayor Bauguss informed all that there is no lead in Greenup Water.

Mayor Bauguss was to present a service award to Patti Corder for her service to the Greenup Community Ambulance, but Patti was called away from the meeting just prior to the recognition.

Susie Beaumont once again is offering her abilities to help the Village of Greenup with research and grant writing and is asking for an agreement for her services. A previous agreement was presented in 2022 that sparked concerns of the Attorney’s, no further action was taken.

Trustee Wright questioned her fees, with Susie stating that fees depend on the type of grant.

Mayor Bauguss reported from the Effingham Daily Newspaper that the government has $54.9 million in grants available and that a local community received a $300,000.00 grant for their park.

A motion to enter into agreement with Susie Beaumont for grant research and writing, compensation to be determined was made Trustee Blade, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to approve payment in the amount of $26,533.96 to Connor & Connor Engineers for work performed toward the proposed Water Treatment Plant was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

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A motion to approve the hiring of Marty Robinson as Building Custodian at a weekly pay of $300.00

(hours not to exceed 999 yearly) was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Trustee Wright reported from the January 23, 2024 Water Committee meeting stating that the committee met with Supt. Ryder, Steve Brown, and representatives Andrew Hanfland and Makenzie Healy of the Farnsworth Group in which they reviewed; Water Line size and placement North I-70 along IL RT 130, connection to Ambraw Area Water District’s line, EPA concerns from a previous inspection, upgrades to the Water Treatment facility, repairs to wells, protection of well fields, and water run-off on Cumberland St./IL RT. 121. Trustee Wright stated that the committee is making a recommendation of the Farnsworth Group to prepare a “Source Water Protection Plan” at a cost of $1,500.00, and for Supt. Ryder to speak with Ambraw Area Water District referencing a cross-connection between them and the Village of Greenup.

Makenzie Healy (Farnsworth Group) presented an estimate of cost that was put together with a local contractor’s opinion for the IL RT 130 Water Main replacement, extending 6” water main along the west side of IL RT 130 adding 6 service connections and providing an upsized main for the potential placement of a Water Treatment Plant north I-70. Makenzie stated that this engineer’s estimate does not include 700’ to a possible cross-connection with Ambraw Area Water District and connections to Helena, Howell Asphalt, and residences of current customers north-east of I-70 and IL RT 130.

Andrew Hanfland (Farnsworth Group) suggested that the Village to take a pause and work toward issues currently needing attention such as; Well #5s improper abandonment and Well #6 is scheduled for maintenance at the end of the month each issue is going to need cash funding, a “Source Water Protection Plan” creating Water Well setbacks needs to be prepared, reviewed by the Attorneys and approved by Village Ordinance which needs to be submitted to the ILEPA July 2024 for approval. Andrew then suggested that the Village decide on logistic placement of a new Water Treatment Facility and type of facility to be constructed while a funding nomination is being researched and prepared by gathering information related to Greenup’s water quality and consumption, sales etc. that will be submitted to ILEPA to get funding set aside for a loan towards the construction of the new facility. Andrew suggests that the Village prepare and apply for a loan from DCEO for Public Infrastructure (not for engineering or administration fees) versus purchasing Water Bonds. All of this needs to take place before the Village takes on replacement of the Master-Meter Water connection north of I-70 along IL RT 130, currently ILEPA is aware of the situation at hand and is aware that the Village of Greenup is working toward a resolve.

The Village received 2 quotes for inventorying Water Service Lines from Boyer Property Maintenance and MG Utilities. The lower quote for the inventorying was submitted by Boyer Property Maintenance.

A motion to approve Boyer Property Maintenance proposal in the amount of $23,660.00 for developing and maintaining a Water Service Line Inventory (Lead Service Line Inventory Grant) was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Harris.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

A motion to approve Farnsworth Group Task Order for a Source Water Protection Plan in the amount $1,500.00 was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Utility Department Foreman Lance Holsapple presented a quote from Dales Diesel Sales for purchase of 2 enclosed cargo trailers and to trade in flat bed hauling/utility to the board. The utility department will use these enclosed trailers for hauling Water and Gas utility supplies. The trailers also provide shelter and an area for construction purposes while working out in the field.

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A motion to purchase 2 enclosed cargo trailers and trade in flat bed hauling/utility trailer from Dales Diesel Sales in the amount of $10,296.00 was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Harris.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

2 quotes have been turned into the Village for maintenance/repairs to the Haughton Park Concession Stand (outside siding). A quote from Jerod Burton (Burton Construction) was placed in an envelope for opening at the meeting and another was turned in by Luke Miller (MILCO). Opening, review and award of job were tabled until the March 2024 meeting due to no specifications were put together and presented to contractors. Both quoting parties spoke with 3 different Village personnel regarding what was to be repaired/replaced and the type of material wanted.

2 quotes were presented to the Village Board to frame in the opening of the maintenance building to fit the new garage door at 612 Wagon Rd. Jerod Burton (Burton Construction) had turned in a quote which was placed in an envelope to be opened at the board meeting and another quote from ALCO Overhead Doors. After review questions arose when there was a major difference in the quoted prices. Clerk Kimble mentioned that Supt. Ryder informed her that he presented specs to different construction contractors in the area. The hiring of a contractor for this building construction was tabled until the March 2024 meeting for more review and to speak with the Supt. who was not in attendance at the meeting.

Clerk Kimble presented a request to schedule Clean-up/Junk Days for 2024. Kimble noted over the past few years this service has been abused by many who do not live within the Village of Greenup, she and Supt. Ryder would like for the board to consider closing the event to anybody that does not present a utility billing or drivers identification showing their address.

A motion to approve and schedule Clean-Up/Junk Days for May 31, 2024 (7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) and June 1, 2024 (7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.), Greenup residents only, with proof of residence by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Clerk Kimble presented 3 options from Com2 Recycling Solutions to hold an Electronic Recycling Event for the community, along with a fee schedule she obtained from the Village of Toledo from the Electronic Recycle Event they held last fall. Kimble mentioned that Supt. Ryder would like to schedule the event for a weekday, a drop-off time 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., once again requests that the event be open only to Greenup residents and asked to consider charging a minimal fee for items being dropped off.

A motion to implement a fee schedule from Village of Toledo and schedule recycling event with Com2 Recycling Solutions, for Greenup residents only was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Harris.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

Trustee McCullough an update on Porch revitalization from the Porch Committee, stating that he has spoken with 9 of 11 property owners who have overhanging porches and all 9 are in favor of development of an agreement between the property owners and the Village that would become part of the property deed that would transfer to any new owner when such property is sold. Trustee McCullough mentioned that the Attorney’s suggest that all property owners need to be in favor or none, once all 11 owners have been notified the committee will meet to discuss an agreement.

Trustee Blade then commented that the Steering Committee for the Community Mapping program is totally in favor of the property owners and the Village coming to an agreement regarding the Overhanging Porches, and that when the mapping representative came, she was impressed, stating that the Village needs to capitalize on them.

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A motion to approve IMEA Efficiently Incentive to Budderfly Inc. (Subway #13328) in the amount of $300.00 was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Blade.

The Attorney, Treasurer and Supt. of Utilities were not present and had no reports for the board.

Supt. of Utilities Michael Ryder is traveling to Washington, DC for the Great American Water Taste Test at the Rural Water Rally. The Village of Greenup was chosen as the best tasting water in Illinois at the Illinois Rural Water Association Conference in 2023.

Clerk Kimble reported that the Illinois Secretary of State – Dept. of Motor Vehicles has informed the Village that they will resume DMV services in the Greenup Municipal Building beginning in February 2024 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except for August. Clerk Kimble thanked Mayor Bauguss and Trustee Wright for speaking with State Representative Adam Niemerge, along with citizens of the surrounding area, and Representative Niemerge for contacting the Secretary of State Department of Motor Vehicle Services with concerns regarding their decision to cut down traveling DMV services to 3 days in 2024.

Chief of Police Ethan Wicke reported that the License Plate readers are scheduled for installation February 24, 2024, the installation had been delayed by IDOT over specific/required poles to be mounted on that were on backorder.

Trustee Blade thanked Clerk Kimble and Patti Corder for their ability to get the April 2024 Blood Drive moved to a different date, so that the Steering Committee of the Mapping Project can hold consistent day of the week meetings. Trustee Blade then thanked Fire Chief Michael Carlen for his role in escorting the Scholastic Bowl Team through Greenup for their 2nd place finish.

Trustee Harris took her time to touch on an email received from IMEA informing Greenup that in talks with Constellation about natural gas pricing impacts during the recent stretch of below-zero temperature other customers on the Trunkline were buying gas at about $14 per Dkth to cover their related usage increases for the four-day weekend while Greenup was able to pull volumes out of storage for $4 per DKth, saving Greenup customers on their gas bills.

Trustee Wright then requested for the Farnsworth Group to take a look at the water flow situation on Cumberland St./IL RT 121, the board agreed to the request.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Parker

Motion carried.

This Village Board meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Jill Kimble

Village Clerk

Greenup, IL