

## Committee (COTW) Meeting Minutes

**Public Safety, Parks, Building & Facilities, Cemetery, Refuse, Water Sewer,  
Streets Alleys, Finance, Economic Development and Personnel**

Monday March 18, 2024

*Meeting Called to Order: 6:10 P.M.      Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 P.M.*

ATTENDANCE		PRESENT	ABSENT & EXCUSED
Village President	Jason Beam	X	
Trustee	John Taylor	X	
Trustee	Karen Brandau	VIA PHONE	
Trustee	Amanda Johnson		X
Trustee	Dan Galle	X	
Trustee	Sam Bennett	X	
Trustee	Ryan Franck	X	
Administrator	Steve Brown	X	
Administrative' Assistant	Connie Johnson	X	
Village Clerk.	Sarah Jern		X
Village Attorney	Attorney Jacobs		X
Audience	ESDA Director, Leonard Guild		X

**Public Comments:**

\* No Public Comments

**Public Safety:**

\*Reviewed Police report, reported a building located at 100 N East had debris fall onto the sidewalk, this was reported to building owner and the Village lawyer has requested an Emergency Court Order for the property.

\*ESDA report, no information this month

**Parks:**

\*Discussion of Park Projects, will discuss projects for next Fiscal Year during Budget talk

\*Discussion of Arbor Day program, the Village will be working with Grade School students planting trees and flowers throughout Cambridge as an educational program. The students will also be given a starter tree to take home for planting.

\*Discussion of Tree Grant, the Village received a \$3000.00 matching grant from Trees Forever. This includes reimbursement for volunteer hours, expenditures and other activities performed.

**Building and Facilities:**

\*No items to discuss

**Cemetery:**

\*Discussion of tree removal, there are some trees that are decaying and need to be removed to prevent damage to the cemetery stones.

**Refuse:**

\*No items to discuss

**Water Sewer:**

\*Discuss LSLI report, V&K has completed the surveys and reports. A preliminary plan on remediation is in process. The current spreadsheet will be kept updated in the systems.

\*Discussion of Water Waste Improvements, the first quarter of the project will be approximately \$470,000 and is self-funded until IL EPA loan funds are approved.

**Streets Alleys:**

\*No items to discuss

**Finance:**

\*Reviewed and discussed February 2024 finance report

\*Reviewed and discussed Preliminary bills list

\*Discussion of Health Insurance, BCBS of Illinois has a plan comparable to the current coverage on our employee's plan. This would have a decrease of 4.20% in yearly premiums. Staying with the current plan results in a 9.93% yearly increase in premiums.

\*Discussion of Prom donation request, donation funds have been used for the fiscal year. Discuss donating \$250.00 using mini grant funds.

\*Discussion of Farm Equipment show donation, donation funds have been used for this fiscal year. Discuss donating \$100.00 using mini grant funds.

\*Discussion of Abilities Plus donation, donation funds have been used for the fiscal year. Discuss donating \$250.00 using mini grant funds.

\*Discussion of new phone app, the phone app has many possibilities at this time with just recently getting our new website up and running as well as being enrolled in Code Red the phone app is not feasible. Possibly revisit in the future if needs are warranted.

\*Discussion of 2024-2025 Budget, reviewed revenue and expenditures in General Funds, Water/Sewer, TIF, MFT. Discussion will continue as adjustments are made. Inflation and added expenses were discussed and this will increase expenses for the 2024/2025 Budget. It was discussed that the proposed Budget shows a surplus in each category for year end.

**Economic Development:**

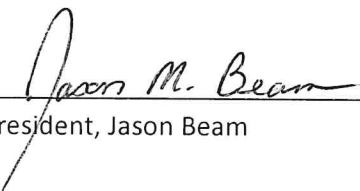
\*Discussion of potential building purchase, an offer of \$40,000 was presented on the building at 132 W. Center. With this offer the buyers' plans include applying for a TIF agreement for improvements that need attention to the building and opening a business at this location in the future.

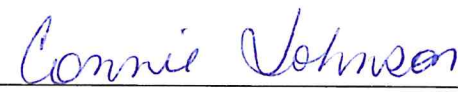
\*Discussion of Jr Achievement award, yearly the Village declares Junior Achievement Day in Cambridge. By declaring Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as JA Day we will recognize and celebrate JA's mission in Cambridge.

\*Discussion of FFA mural, reviewed the FFA mural submissions and Livvy Edmunds drawing was unanimously a good choice.

**Personnel:**

\*No items to discuss.

  
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Administrative Assistant, Connie Johnson