

## Committee (COTW) Meeting Minutes

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

Monday June 19, 2023

*Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 P.M. Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.*

ATTENDANCE		PRESENT	ABSENT & EXCUSED
Village President	Jason Beam	X	
Trustee	John Taylor	X	
Trustee	Karen Brandau	X (Phone)	
Trustee	Amanda Johnson	X	
Trustee	Dan Galle	X	
Trustee	Sam Bennett		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:**

\*Discuss and reviewed Police report no questions. A K-9 officer has signed on with the Village for Part-Time. Discuss using the county K-9 unit when he is on duty and paying the county a fee for squad car usage.

\*ESDA report, no report. Discussed getting the new siren ordered as previously discussed.

\*Discussion of variance at 221 1<sup>st</sup> St., owner is asking to put miniature horses in the adjacent lot next to her home. A limit of 6 miniature horses would be a stipulation.

\*Update discussion of dangerous buildings downtown, A deadline was set with the Attorneys for the properties to be listed within 30 days, information has not been provided in the 30-day time frame. Repairs and clean-up were to begin at the following meeting, that has not been satisfied. A building owner across the street from the building on East Street has voiced her concern of their property being in danger due to the condition of Jolene Allen's building across the street on East St. Village Attorney Jacobs will pursue the issues with the property owners Attorney to minimize the Village liabilities and resolve the dangerous building issues.

\*Discussion of residential zoned property at 308 E. Court Street being used as a commercial property. Several unlicensed vehicles are located on this property and are being worked on. Complaints have been received for the unlicensed vehicles, refuse, operating a business in a residential zoned area. Discuss drawing up a letter listing what is expected from him with a 14-day time limit to complete. If property owner does not comply legal action will be taken with zoning violations.

**Parks:**

\*Discussion of Park projects, North side of bathrooms are completed, sidewalk work will continue. Lighting for the park is still being researched. Bag Boards have been installed. Discuss getting equipment for Pickle Ball and Bags for check out. They will be available at the Village Office and your name and phone number will be required for checking out. Discuss spraying Volleyball court for ground wasps. Hand Park pavilion renovating will begin soon.

\*Discussion of National Bike Path stop, designating a stop with signage and information on area amenities would benefit the bikers, listing information of Village website would be beneficial with steps to follow if bikers would like to set-up in the designate area for the night with a phone number to notify. Discuss continuing progression to provide an equipped stop for overnight stays.

\*Discussion of Dog Park, Railroad Park would be used, temporary fencing would be set up to monitor if this would be utilized by residents before permanent fencing is installed. Two sections would be available, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. Start up kits are available for \$850.00 which include signage and waste stands.

**Building and Facilities:**

\*No items to discuss.

**Cemetery:**

\*No items to discuss

**Refuse:**

\*No items to discuss

**Water Sewer:**

\*No items to discuss

**Streets Alleys:**

\*No items to discuss

**Finance:**

\*Reviewed May 2023 finance report

\*Reviewed bills list

\*Discussion of land surveys and property purchases, survey of parcels is completed Parcel #1807126007 to utilize as lift station replacement, parcel#1807263015 to expand downtown parking, parcel#1807263027 to expand downtown parking. The attorney is preparing a purchase agreement.

\*Appraisals of Village owned downtown buildings, 123 W Exchange is in discussion to house the Food Pantry appraised for \$38,000 and 132 W Center, current food Pantry and Barkery appraised for \$48,000

### Economic Development:

\*Discussion of antique event Sept 30<sup>th</sup> & Oct.1<sup>st</sup>, the event will be held at Henry County Fairgrounds. Marketing has begun and will be advertised in 8 states. In conjunction with this event a movie in the park showing American Graffiti and a cruise in would be added events. FFA will be assisting the event at the fairgrounds with a portion of the proceeds going toward their new building. Discuss the possibility of live music.

\*Discussion of Poker Run July 15<sup>th</sup>, this event will be held at Henry County fairgrounds with the possibility of becoming an annual event. Hometown Bar & Grill has requested liquor license to assist with this event.

\*Discussion of downtown buildings used for storage, in 2002 discussion of storage in downtown building added provisions to an ordinance. To utilize our downtown building for promoting businesses the ordinance for storage buildings in the downtown area needs to be addressed. Attorney Jacobs will assist in this.

\*Discussion of home demolition at 210 East Center St, Mr. Todd owner of this parcel which is adjacent to his home provided a letter to demo the house at 210 E Center.

\* Discussion of Beautification program applicants, 5 applications were turned in. The applications will be reviewed, and further discussion will continue. The \$20,000 will be divided and awarded based on projects and beautification being met.

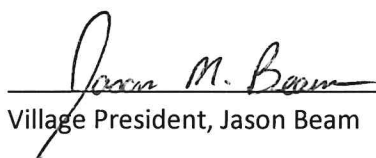
\* Discussion of CSP BBQ cookoff event, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Heather Bowers would like to have a BBQ cook off with donations collected from the car cruise in she has been promoting as well as seeking out other donations. Discuss she is looking into possibly having bands, volleyball tournament, golf cart scavenger hunt and possibly other added events.


Discussion of Improvement grant request, Jolene Allen is requesting a \$500.00 grant to assist with new windows at 121 1/2 N Prospect. When the project is complete and paid for in full discussion will continue.

### Personnel:

\*Discussion of Trustee appointment, discuss appointing Ryan Franck to a trustee position that is vacant for a two-year term.

\*Update on full time public works position, application will still be taking at the Village Office, summer help will be utilized. If a qualified application is received discussion will continue.

  
Village President, Jason Beam

  
Administrative Assistant, Connie Johnson