

COUNCIL MEETING

April 17, 2024

The Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Rick presiding.

Mr. Tonsic asked everyone to join him in a moment of reflection for their own intentions. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

The Council Meeting was held in Council Chambers. The meeting was open to the public and was live-streamed on Facebook.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Mr. Yoho, Ms. Van Dike, Mr. McDowall, Mr. Raddish, Mr. Tonsic, and Ms. Miller were present. Mr. Bauer was not present.

Others Present: Mayor Rick, Council Clerk Rachel Osborne, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney, Law Director Jason Dodson, and Village Engineer Matt Glass.

Motion by Mr. Raddish second by Ms. Van Dike for the approval of the agenda as presented. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Raddish second by Ms. Miller adopt the minutes from the April 3, 2024, Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION – No Comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

UTILITIES – Mr. Bauer was not present.

SAFETY – Mr. Yoho has no report.

PARKS – Mr. McDowall has no report.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Ms. Miller announced there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals `Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7 p.m. here in the council chambers.

FINANCE/AUDIT – Ms. Van Dike reported she has two pieces of legislation to read.

STREETS – Mr. Tonsic has no report.

Council President Mr. Raddish announced the April Work Session will be held next Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with all committees reporting.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-**26** sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Van Dike made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; Mr. McDowall seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2024-26, a second was made by Mr. McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Ordinance 2024-**27** sponsored by Mayor Rick as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Van Dike made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; Mr. Tonsic seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Ordinance 2024-27, a second was made by Ms. Miller. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS from the Public: Carl Housley, 67 First Avenue, thanked Matt Glass for answering the question he asked at the last council meeting. Housley brought up the previous inquiries he originally made back in November of 2023 regarding the old fire ladder truck and mutual aid calls the fire department went on. Housley stated since he received the records the Village provided him, any questions he has made since then the Village's answers contradict the records/reports that were provided.

Mayor Rick told Housley he would have the Fire Chief answer his list of questions at the upcoming work session since Chief Cain is not at the council meetings.

Jon Mencer, 242 S Cleveland Avenue, asked questions about the TIFF Agreement for the new development.

Mr. Dodson explained in detail which governmental agencies get the taxes from the TIFF.

Mencer stated he does not recall any discussions made at previous work sessions regarding the adjustments made to the TIFF before legislation was passed. Mencer stated that legislation should have gone through three readings so there could have been more insight/investigation done.

Mr. Dodson stated the previous adjustments were discussed before the legislation was passed. Dodson stated the development and TIFF have been talked about many times at previous meetings. Dodson told Mencer he could provide him with a copy of the original agreement and the current agreement.

Viki Henico, 3773 Argonne Street, read a statement about being kind and stated her concerns regarding the news of a former Village employee charged with theft in the office. Henico stated she does not feel that Mr. Varney is doing a good job at handling the Village's finances and he cannot answer questions asked during meetings. Henico stated the council should give updates during their committee reports even if it's not regarding the current legislation. She asked what the status is regarding the new playground equipment and grant for the park.

Mayor Rick stated the Village did not end up getting the grant, but the Village is still moving forward with getting new playground equipment. Mayor Rick also stated changes have been made in the office to prevent theft from happening, one by not taking cash payments.

June Long, 4061 Etter Road, asked the Village Engineer to look at the ditch in front of her house.

Mr. Glass stated he would help her with the permit.

COMMENTS from Council: No Comments.

COMMENTS from the Law Director: No Comments.

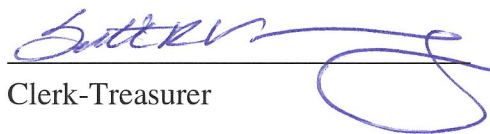
COMMENTS from the Village Engineer: Matt Glass stated what a good job the Mayor and Law Director did in negotiating the TIFF Agreement. Glass said the agreement helped the Village acquire the parcel, eliminate any apartments, widen SR 532, and the Village will get a new fire ladder truck.

COMMENTS from the Clerk-Treasurer: No Comments.

COMMENTS from the Mayor: Mayor Rick announced that May 4th is Shred Day from 10 a.m. to noon at the Police Station Parking Lot, and Limb Pickup is from May 6th to May 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer

 5-1-24

Mayor Date