

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 at the Village Hall. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was also available for a Zoom Conference Call. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Elwin Saathoff. Trustees: Harry Jackson, Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh and Mike Gonzalez were at Village Hall. Patty Rufus and Dustin Jones called in.

Absent: None

Others Present: Doug Fenton and Warren Hall - By phone: Attorney Alicia Granito, Rick & Brenda Laurent and Tysha Mullen

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 15th, 2020.

Motion by Jackson and second by Gonzalez to approve the Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held on December 15th, 2020. All in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: None

Appointment of Village Trustee to replace Dustin Jones' seat Approval: Carl Hallers

Michael Gonzalez stated he talked with Carl Hallers who said he would finish Dustin Jones' Term to April 20212 as a Village Trustee. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner to appoint Carl Hallers as a Village Trustee to replace Dustin Jones. Voting Yes are: Gonzalez, Hanner, Jackson, Marsh and Saathoff. Rufus votes No. Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: No report this month.

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported they dealt with a major blockage on Thursday afternoon and Friday. With the help of a camera, they found massive roots in the main and needed a track hoe to dig it up. They had a measurement from the camera to pin point the problem. Laurent stated he called the City of Hillsboro and they came this morning and blew through the roots and opened up the main. Some roots went down the line and some plugged up the lift station on West Street. Laurent said they would get a machine from Vogel and flush again in the next day or two. They will treat for the roots and if the problems persist, they will have to dig it up. Laurent stated they have a problem with a blow meter and need money for a new sensor. Laurent said there are holes in the roads from when CTI was installing fiber in town and they will go and patch them which should be covered by what they sent us. They have also been working on general maintenance. Laurent reminded Trustees that the Lagoon Property issue of ownership still needs to be worked on. Brenda Laurent reported she sent flowers from the Village Board for Laura Morony's dad who passed and the Trustees thanked her for doing that. Brenda reported her eyes are improving however her doctor won't release her to return back to work full time. Brenda said Karli is doing a good job with the water bills and will help when she can.

Approve the Resolution to Execute Amendment 1 to Agreement with Brown & Roberts, Inc. water main Replacement. Trustee reviewed the Resolution presented by Brown & Roberts to execute amendment 1 to their agreement. Attorney Granito stated she has seen the resolution and it is straight forward. **Motion by Jackson and second by Hanner to approve the Resolution to Execute Amendment 1 to Agreement with Brown & Roberts, Inc. Wafer main Replacement. Voting Present = Rufus. All other are in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton shared they responded to 72 calls last year and there were seven EMS called for December. Fenton said they received an AFG grant for the Cascade System and Treasurer Mullen should be getting a check. Fenton reported they applied for another grant for 2021 to replace the current fire hose and nozzle which should be replaced every 10 years. The current hose is 20 years old. Fenton said they also applied for a small grant to purchase a thermo imaging camera and radios. They were notified about the

COVID vaccine and two out of 15 volunteer Taylor Springs Fireman accepted the shot. Fenton stated they still need some property for training purposes possibly by the lagoon and they have also been looking for one or two conex training boxes. Discussion took place on the issue with the property ownership lines of parts of the lagoon and Jones suggested sending a letter to Elam from the Village Board inviting him to a meeting with Trustees. If that doesn't work, then a letter would be sent from Village Attorney Granito. **Motion by Jones and second by Jackson to send a letter to Dick Elam inviting him to a meeting with an option to call or come to the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.** Jones stated he has showed Elam the maps with the property lines and he could take off of work to explain it again to Elam. Rufus stated she texted Beau Elam and is waiting for a response. Rufus inquired about the cost of new radios and Fenton replied he will get some prices.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall stated he dealt with an issue in the office with an upset female who was given a ticket and thanked Brenda Laurent for staying in the office while he handled the problem.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Mullen reported there are no bills out of the ordinary. **Motion by Jackson second by Hanner to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report Update and Approvals: – Jones stated he received an email that the Fire department grant money has been approved and should be going to Treasurer Mullen.

Village Attorney's Report Update and Approvals: – Attorney Granito Attorney Granito suggested tabling the animal control ordinance because she is monitoring pending litigation and will advise.

- Attorney Granito reported we need to amend Ordinance #567 Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Permit and Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles Within the Village of Taylor Springs, IL. **Motion by Jackson and second by Hanner to approve Ordinance #607 to amend Ordinance #567, Establishing Rules and Regulation for the Permit and Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles Within the Village of Taylor Springs, IL.** Discussion: The permit fee is \$60 and Granito will correct the ordinance. **All in favor, motion carried.**
- Attorney Granito stated Ordinance #608 is to sell the surplus Real Estate property known as 316 Hill Street and 104 Division Street in Taylor Springs. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Jackson to approve Ordinance #608 to sell the surplus Real Estate Property known as 316 Hill Street and 104 Division Street in Taylor Springs. Four Yes and 2 vote present (Marsh and Jones). Motion carried.**
- Sale of Surplus Real Estate Property – Attorney Granito stated she will prepare another Ordinance for the next meeting for the Brown Street and Squire Properties. This will need to be advertised for three weeks and we can get a banner to put in the front yard. Granito said that the Village can't legally sell the Brown Street Property to the neighbor as a previous agreement that was made with him prior to her time of being the Village Attorney. Jackson shared a concern that the guy could come back to us for all the years he mowed the property. The Village didn't know the legal process to sell the surplus property when this happened and has to show it is in their best interest to sell the property like getting it back on the tax rolls and not having the cost to take care of it. **Motion by Jackson and second by Hanner to draw up an ordinance to go out for bid on the Brown Street property. All in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – President Saathoff had nothing new to report.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels reported the deadline for write in candidates is February 4th, 2021 for the April 6th election.

NEW BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals: Nothing new to add.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Gonzalez and second by Hanner **TIME: 7:45 PM**

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February, 16th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Elwin Saathoff

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 at the Village Hall. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was also available for a Zoom Conference Call. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

Carl Hallers took the Oath of Office for Village Trustee.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Elwin Saathoff. Trustees: Harry Jackson, Steve Hanner, Carl Hallers, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez and Patty Rufus were at Village Hall.

Absent: None

Others Present: Doug Fenton and Warren Hall - By phone: Attorney Alicia Granito, Rick & Brenda Laurent and Tysha Mullen

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 19th, 2021.

Motion by Jackson and second by Gonzalez to approve the Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held on January 19th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Discussion took place on needing to replace the Furnace and HVAC at the Community Building. A few local vendors will be called to get some prices that will include bigger units for possible expansion of the community building.

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported they have been very busy with the very cold and snowy weather. They put more insulation and extra heaters and the lagoon building and booster station on the hill. Laurent reported there was an usually high water meter readying over the weekend and they looked for the leak all day. They found one trailer with a leak where the pipes froze up and found another trailer with water in the yard. Laurent stated he had some calls in the middle of the night regarding frozen pipes. They also had the alarm going off on the lift station down on Hill Street and replaced a bad float. Laurent also reported that Hurst-Rosche Engineer Scott Hunt moved to WHKS and is working from home. Hunt inquired if the Village would like to work with him to do our MFT work since he is familiar with the Village. Laurent doesn't know what Hunt will charge for his engineering services and will get the prices and report next month. Last year we paid Hurst-Rosche Engineers \$2,400 for the MFT work.

- **Water Project with Brown and Roberts Approval:** Jim Brown called into the meeting to give an update on the bid opening for the project that took place a couple of week ago. The annual debt services will be \$24,000 per year. Jim Brown reported the water project may be able to get started in June. Discussion took place on Resolution #02-2021 to execute Amendment #2 to Agreement with Brown and Roberts, Inc. Water Main Replacement. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Rufus to approve Resolution #02-2021 to execute Amendment #2 to Agreement with Brown and Roberts, Inc. Water Main Replacement. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Intent to Award Water Project Approval:** **Motion by Rufus and second by Hanner to approve the Intent to Award to the low bidder Korte Luitjohn in the amount of \$812,470 for the Village of Taylor Springs Water System Rehab 2020 Phase One Project contingent upon IEPA Approval. All in favor, motion carried.**

Jim Brown stated he could start working on the application for the Phase II funding and will send paperwork for the next board meeting for approval.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton reported the trucks were recently services and they sold one of the hummers. Brian Redman got one of the titles from Elwin today. Fenton mentioned some property by the lagoon and Patty responded she has contacted Beau Elam and will talk with Pretnar.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall stated he had to arrest someone and the jail was closed. Chief Hall has talked over the idea of putting up inexpensive cameras in Village Hall with Attorney Granito and Jackson. Chief Hall reported he will participate in training for the new 911 radio system and advised everyone that the bars in Hillsboro close at 1:00 am and then people come down to Taylor Springs because the bars here close at 2:00 am. Hall reported last call is 1:45 am and there have been some issues. Hall reported he has done some research on the 210 Division Street property and it will be up for sale this October and recommends the Village pursue purchasing this parcel. Village Clerk Daniels will contact the County Trustee to let them know the Village is interested in this parcel when it is available this fall.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Mullen reported there are no bills out of the ordinary. **Motion by Jackson second by Hallers to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Treasurer’s Report Update and Approvals: – Nothing new to report.

Village Attorney’s Report Update and Approvals: – Attorney Granito suggested tabling the animal control ordinance because she is monitoring pending litigation and will advise.

- Approval of Ordinance #609 to sell real estate commonly known as Brown Street and the Old Squire Property. The bids will be opened at the April Board meeting. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Rufus to approve Ordinance #609 to sell real estate commonly known as 604 W. Brown Avenue in Taylor Springs and 9189 S. Illinois Route 127, Hillsboro, IL 62049. All in favor, motion carried.**

President’s Report, Update and Approvals: – President Saathoff discussed the Spring Cleanup that will be scheduled for the first weekend in May and asked what do we want to do with the International Tractor.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels reported the 2020 Census data results will not be completed until June 2020.

NEW BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals: Patty Rufus – Clark Cameron did an assessment of our water rates and that needs to be discussed again. Laurent can do a survey to check with other towns so we can see how they charge. Mike Gonzalez stated there is an overfilled trash dumpster on Illinois Street that should be taken care off when the weather is warmer.

Motion to enter into executive session by Gonzalez and second by Rufus to discuss Personnel. Time: 7:30 pm

Motion to come out of executive session by Rufus and second by Jackson. All in favor, motion carried.

No action was taken. Time: 7:35 PM.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Hallers and second by Rufus **TIME: 7:35 PM**

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March, 16th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Elwin Saathoff

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:07 pm on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 at the Village Hall. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was also available for a Zoom Conference Call. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Elwin Saathoff. Trustees: Harry Jackson, Carl Hallers, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez and Patty Rufus were at Village Hall.

Absent: Steve Hanner

Others Present: Doug Fenton and Warren Hall - By phone: Attorney Alicia Granito, Rick Laurent and Tysha Mullen

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 16th, 2021.

Motion by Rufus and second by Hallers to approve the Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held on February 16th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: .

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Village President Saathoff reported we received one proposal so far for the heating and air-conditioning for the Community Building. A few businesses were contacted to give a proposal and they will be opened at the April Meeting.

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported Engineer Scott Hunt left Hurst-Rosche Engineers who did the paperwork for our MFT project. Hunt contacted Laurent and gave a proposal to do the work for \$1,250. Hurst-Rosche charged us \$2,400. Discussion took place on having Hunt do the paperwork. **Motion by Hallers and second by Rufus to approve the proposal from Scott Hunt with WHKS to do the Engineering paperwork for the MFT project in the amount of \$1,250. All in favor, motion carried.** Laurent stated discussion took place four to five years ago regarding getting a fence for the lift station at the bottom of the hill on West Street. Laurent reported he and Kane found 6 foot tall chain link fencing with privacy slats for \$6.50 a foot and there is 240 feet. They replaced some poles in the back and need a gate built if the chain link is purchased. Fence Masters said they could build a two way 10 foot fence like on Hill Street. This would also be a safety precaution for kids. **Motion by Hallers and second by Rufus to purchase the used 6 foot tall by 240 foot chain line fencing from Fence Masters with a 10 foot gate for an amount not to exceed \$1,500. All in favor, motion carried.** Laurent concluded his report by stating he and Kane have been participating in free on-line training and doing culvert and ditch work.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton reported that Linda Klotz called the City of Hillsboro and other towns and they are not having their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Attorney Granito stated activities are not fully opened up yet because of COVID so liability insurance doesn't cover events. Discussion took place on the possibility of planning a drive up Easter egg hunt, but liability won't cover. Gazda talked to Saathoff about work at the Fire Department and wanted to know if the board would approve some money for repairs to the building. The Fire Department guys would do the work if the Village would purchase the materials. Chief Fenton will get costs for the materials to do the rehab and report to the Village Board.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall reported there was a standoff on Main Street today. Hall also reported he called the owner of the apartment building and had a pleasant conversation with the owner. Hall stated there was a guy wondering in yards and found that he gets confused, so he was advised to seek some help. Hall reported there is another trash pile started at the residence on Division Street and squatters are there now. Hall recommends installing T posts with wire to run down the Village side of the property. There is no water service there. The

parcel that the house sits on will be coming up in the County Trustee Sale this October and the Village wants to purchase it. Clerk Daniels reported she already emailed the County Trustee to confirm that the Village wants to purchase this parcel when the time comes.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Mullen reported there are no bills out of the ordinary, then by Jackson second by Hallers to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Update and Approvals: – Nothing new to report.

Motion by Rufus and second by Jackson to enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale of Village Property. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:10 pm.

Motion by Hallers and second by Rufus to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:20 pm.

Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to sell the Village Property located at 316 Hill Street, Cayla Simonton in the amount of \$11,501. There were 3 Yes votes, 1 No vote and 1 Present Vote. Yes = Rufus, Marsh and Hallers. Voting No = Gonzalez. Voting Present is Jackson. Motion carried.

Lori Weiss voiced her dismay at the outcome of the Village rejecting her client's bid and that her client would have built a very nice home.

Attorney Granito stated that there has to be an ordinance drafted for the sale of 316 Hill Street and it was stated that the purchaser would have to build on the parcel by a certain time.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – President Saathoff wonders about the Kevin Helm property and asked what is being done about selling the International Tractor. Rufus stated Dustin Jones is working on the paperwork.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels stated that Early Voting has started at Historic Courthouse and that EMA Director Greg Nimmo has resigned.

NEW BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

1. **CTI Update/Approval:** Rufus stated that CTI can install Internet, TV and phone service for the Village Hall, Community Building and Fire Department for \$522 per month. Consolidated is a little cheaper at \$50 per month but the Community Building doesn't have internet. We will vote on the CTI service next month.
2. **TV, Webcam Update/Approval:** Rufus reported she checked out prices for a 55" TV, Webcam and a camera for City Hall so that we can get hooked up with CTI and have the ability for zoom meetings. Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve the purchase of a TV, Camera for Village Hall and Webcam for an amount not to exceed \$1,000. All in favor, motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals: No further reports.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Hallers and second by Jackson TIME: 8:16 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Elwin Saathoff

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, April 20, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at the Village Hall. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was also available for a Zoom Conference Call. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Elwin Saathoff. Trustees: Harry Jackson, Carl Hallers, Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez and Patty Rufus were at Village Hall.

Absent: None

Others Present: Doug Fenton, Rick Laurent and Warren Hall - By phone: Attorney Alicia Granito and Tysha Mullen

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 16th, 2021.

Motion by Rufus and second by Hallers to approve the Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held on March 16th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: Eric and Bettina Lentz addressed the Board with the concerns regarding their property at 502 Williams Street. Office Hall stated he received complaints about a dead animal smell and upon inspection found chicken pens on the Village alley and confirmed dead chicken carcasses and junk were there. Office Hall requested the alley way be surveyed to confirm ownership and stated this is the third year we have received complaints regarding the odor and dead chickens on the property. Officer Hall shared pictures he took of the alley way and said he took animal control to the property and found one chicken pen had no water. Illinois Department of Agriculture will be notified. Rufus stated she also smelled odor and other neighbors have complained.

Later in the meeting, Alan Pretnar and Dr. Joseph Blaser came in and inquired about the sale of the 316 Hill Street property last month. Attorney Granito advised them that the vote last month didn't pass because 2/3 vote is required by state statute. Granito stated the board did approve the sale to Cayla Simonton earlier this evening. Pretnar then talked to Trustee Gonzalez about his interest in purchasing a parcel near him owned by a Boyd. A trailer would need to be gotten rid of.

Sale of 316 Hill Street. Cayla Simonton asked about the status of the paperwork to sell the Hill Street property she bid on last month. Attorney Granito stated that the vote last month to sell the property was three yes which is only one half of the Trustees. According to the State Statute a two thirds vote is needed to sell the property so a new vote needed to be taken. **Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to sell 316 Hill Street to Cayla Simonton for \$11,501. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes and 0 No votes. Voting Yes. Marsh, Hanner, Rufus, Gonzalez, Jackson and Hallers. All in favor, motion carried.** Cayla Simonton asked about the timeframe for the paperwork and Granito responded she will draft the Ordinance to formalize the agreement. Mowing will be Simonton's responsibility once she pays for the property.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Village President Saathoff reported two proposals were received for the Heating and Air Conditioning at the Community Building. Agers submitted a bid for \$11,603 and Bergie's Heating and Air submitted a bid for \$12,760. Saathoff said the bid specs sent in on the heating and air-condition proposals will be reviewed and compared so the Village can make a decision next month.

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported he has been working on locates for the Ameren Pipeline project and gave an update on the on-line training he and Kane have been taking. Hawk Company Training doesn't award Certificates so there is no proof of taking their on-line training. Laurent reported Illinois Rural Water Association has training and conferences every year and he has never been to one. Laurent said we are members of the IL Rural Water Association and they offer trainings and 5.75 credit hours to renew their licenses. The fee is \$110 per person and Laurent was told to sign them up. Laurent reported there was oil coming out of the

rear axle on the Kubota and it went down last Friday. Laurent stated they took the seal off and cleaned it real good and put the seal back on and added a gallon of oil. Laurent also reported they read the water meters today and need to do some patching. The fence was installed by the lift station on West Street and it looks real good.

Approve IDOT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code: Engineer Scott Hunt addressed the Village Board regarding the IDOT Resolution. The regular MFT balance is \$5,000. We don't have to bid out the oil and chip work. Rick Laurent stated he reported last month that the Engineering fees were going to be \$1,250; however these fees are set by IDOT. Engineer Hunt said that the fee is 2% of the \$24,000 project and includes the close out paperwork. The total Engineering fee would be \$1,936.11 which includes the base fee plus the 2% per IDOT. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hammer to approve the IDOT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton reported the Conex box for training was approved and will be put on the west side of the fire department in the grass. They will need to put rock there. Fenton stated they are working on refurbishing the building and took pictures of the areas of concern and will give a copy to Jackson. Fenton said they want to put in a women's rest room and move water lines from the lean to and put them underground. Trustee Marsh asked about ADA compliance at the Fire Department building. Jackson asked that the Fire Department get prices for the work that needs to get done. Fenton inquired about the lagoon and asked if Elam has been contacted. Officer Hall stated he talked to Attorney Pretnar and he has all the paperwork. Fenton also reported they will schedule training on the new FLEX System and I Am Responding System. Officer Hall stated the Police Department doesn't need this system and there will be a problem with cell reception in some areas of the Village.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall reported things have been routine and Carl Nail was called to survey the alley property on Williams Street and Elwin and Harry will be contacted. Hall said he checked the Beacon information with the assessor's office and the property line could be 3 feet either way so it won't hold up in court without a survey. Hall stated this is the third year regarding the complaints of the dead animal smell.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen reported there are no bills out of the ordinary. **Motion by Jackson and second by Hanner to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report Update and Approvals: – Treasurer Mullen reported there has not been any reimbursements from CTI for damages and broken lines. **Motion by Hallers and second by Jackson to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Attorney Granito stated she had nothing new to report other than what was already discussed tonight. Ordinances for the sale of three surplus properties will be drafted to approve at next month's meeting.

- **Open Bids for Surplus Property Approval. Location: 604 W. Brown Street – parcel ID 16-14-427-012.** One bid was received from Robert Odle in the amount of \$800. This would allow the Village to get this back on the tax rolls and not have to pay for maintenance and grass mowing etc. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Jackson to sell parcel ID 16-14-427-012, address 604 W. Brown St. to Robert Odle in the amount of \$800. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Open bids for Surplus Property Approval: Location: 9189 So. IL Route 127 – Parcel ID 16-13-326-005.** Two bids were received for surplus property parcel ID 16-13-326-005 on the corner of Rt. 127 and Rt. 185. Jimmy Mustafa submitted a bid for \$20,000. Saul Quiroz submitted a bid for \$35,000 and Melissa Gould submitted a bid for \$1,200. Jimmy Mustafa attended the Village Board meeting and raised his bid to \$36,000. **Motion by Hallers and second by Jackson to sell parcel ID 16-13-326-005, address 9189 So. IL Route 127 to Jimmy Mustafa in the amount of \$36,000. All in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – President Saathoff stated he will call DC Waste to get the dumpsters delivered on Thursday, May 6th, for the town wide clean up days scheduled for May 7th, 8th and 9th.

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels stated County Clerk Leitheiser will send us the Oaths of Office for the Mayors and Trustees that were voted into Office in April 2021. The Oaths and swearing in will take place before the May 20th, 2021 regular Village Board meeting.

1. **CTI Update/Approval:** Discussion took place on if CTI will get a franchise fee and Attorney Granito responded we already have a fee with New Wave and we can only have one. Emily with CTI sent two quotes with a couple of options for Internet and phone service. She called into the meeting to explain the proposals and answer questions. The first quote was to keep all our analog phones and nothing would change. We would get phone and internet service at Village Call, fire department and the community building for \$521.70 per month. The second option would where the calls would go through their center and go through the Internet. We would have to purchase new phones for the upgrade and the cost would be \$716.90 per month plus the cost of the new phones, POA switches and a onetime charge of about \$2,000. Cable TV is included for free. Rick Laurent asked Emily if the pot holes will get fixed from when they installed the fiber in town and she will contact the person in charge to share our concern. Laurent stated he has Jim Humphrey's phone number and will follow up with him. Gonzalez asked when property owner's yards will be repaired and seeded and Emily will follow up with Jim Humphrey. **Motion by Hanner and second by Rufus to stay on the analog system and the approve the \$521.70 per month services with an option to upgrade at a later date. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. **TV, Webcam Update/Approval:** The TV and Webcam will be purchased after the fiber is installed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

- Rufus reported Dustin Jones offered to put the surplus tractor up for sale on Ebay. **Motion by Rufus and second by Jackson to allow Dustin Jones to put the used surplus tractor for sale on Bay and to pay for the \$55 ebay seller fee. All in favor, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Gonzalez and second by Rufus **TIME: 8:00 PM**

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Elwin Saathoff

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

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The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Carl Hallers, Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Doug Fenton

Others Present: Rick Laurent and Warren Hall - By phone: Attorney Alicia Granito and Tysha Mullen

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 20th, 2021.

Motion by Hallers and second by Rufus to approve the Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held on April 20th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: The bids from Agers in the amount of \$11,603 and from Bergie's Heating and Air in the amount of \$12,760 need to be reviewed so a decision can be made next month.

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported he sent water samples off to EPA to be tested for asbestos and our results came back way under the criteria limit of .2 parts per million. These good results will allow us to not have to monitor for nine more years. Laurent stated he received a call from a guy that is interested in purchasing the lots north of Outdoor Sales on Route 127. Wayne Jansen is inquiring about a gaming and liquor licenses and asking about setbacks for fencing. More research needs to be done including if there are any easements on this property.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton was absent. Discussion took place on an estimate from Gazda for repairs to the Fire Department building. Jackson stated he told Chief Fenton to get some prices for the repairs. Renovation to the Meeting room and Kitchen is estimated to be about \$2,200 and discussion took place on the Village paying ½ of the cost. The Fire Department Volunteers will do the prep work.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall reported things have been routine.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen reported there are no bills out of the ordinary. **Motion by Rufus and second by Hallers to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report Update and Approvals: – Discussion took place on the need to prepare for the FY 2022 budget and appropriations. Treasurer Mullen reported it is time to get ready to submit items to Patton's for the annual audit. **Motion by Hallers and second by Saathoff to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Attorney Granito stated she had nothing new to report other than what was already discussed tonight. Ordinances for the sale of three surplus properties will be drafted to approve at next month's meeting.

- Ordinance # 612 to sell surplus property located at 316 Hill Street, Parcel ID 16-24-107-027 to Kayla Simonton. **Motion by Hallers and second by Rufus to approve Ordinance #612 to sell surplus property Parcel ID # 16-24-107-027, located at 316 Hill Street to Kayla Simonton. All in favor, motion carried.**

- Ordinance # 613 to sell surplus property located at 604 W. Brown Street, Parcel ID 16-14-427-012 to Robert Odle. Motion by Hallers and second by Rufus to approve Ordinance #613 to sell surplus property Parcel ID 16-14-427-012, located at 604 W. Brown Street to Robert Odle. All in favor, motion carried.
- Ordinance # 614 to sell surplus property located at 9189 So. IL Route 127, Parcel ID 16-13-326-005 to Jimmy Mustafa. Motion by Hanner and second by Rufus to approve Ordinance #614 to sell surplus property Parcel ID 16-13-326-005 located at 9189 So. IL Route 127 to Mustafa.

Attorney Granito reported she will set up a meeting with the property purchasers to set up closing dates and execute payment and record the deeds. The buyers will have to get title insurance.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – President Jackson stated he will work on securing grants and that Sherry Reynolds is willing to help with grants. Jackson will also work on setting up committees and a committee chair will give a report each month.

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels stated the municipal water survey is a work in process and will bring the results next month.

1. **CTI Update/Approval:** Clerk Daniels reported CTI has scheduled June 15 and 16 to do the install at Village Hall, Community Building and the Fire Department.

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

- Rufus reported
- Gonzalez and Hallers thanked Sathoff, Jackson, Harrell and Laurent for all their work at the Village Clean up Days.
- Saathoff thanked Gazda and Fenton for helping with the Village Clean up Days.
- Hallers stated the outside of the Community Building needs to be painted. Wally DeLong donated \$250 for paint at Ace Hardware. The building will need to be prepped and power washed first. The roof will need to be looked at during the cleanup. The rental contract will be reviewed.
- Hanners stated several people told him they will not rent the Community Building because of the time limitations on setting up and cleaning up before and after events. It is tough to decorate in the four time allotment before an event. Rufus stated they changed the set up time limit because the utility costs were so high.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Rufus and Hallers. TIME: 7:08 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Monday, June 7th, 2021 -- 6:30 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at the Village Hall. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was also available for a Zoom Conference Call. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84335776094?pwd=cW1yMjR6ZXhPTHFpREo3T3hzMXhqZz09>

- Zoom Conference Call in Number is 1-312-626-6799
- Meeting ID: 815 2678 5214 Passcode: 739656

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Carl Hallers, Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Michael Gonzalez and Patty Rufus.

Others Present: By phone: Attorney Alicia Granito

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS — None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Public Works Department Update and Approvals:

Public Works Department Report, Update and Approvals:

- **Water Project Resolution with IL EPA for funding Update/Approval:** Discussion took place on the need to approve the water project resolution as provided by IL EPA for the funding for Phase I of the Water Line replacement project. **Motion by Hallers and second by Marsh to approve the Resolution with IL EPA for Phase I of the water line replacement project. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Notice of Award of Water Project with IL EPA Update/Approval.** Village Board discussed the need to give President Jackson the approval to sign the Notice of Award of Water Project with IL EPA. **Motion by Hallers and second by Hanner to approve that President Jackson sign the Notice of Award of Water Project with IL EPA. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Water Purchase Agreement Update/Approval:** Attorney Granito explained the requirement from IL EPA to extend the 16 year water purchase agreement with the City of Hillsboro so it would be in effect for the life of the 30 year loan with EPA. Granito has contacted Mayor Donnie Downs to have the City take action on this request. Our deadline to get the paperwork done is this Friday. **Motion by Hallers and second by Marsh that the Village of Taylor Springs to approve a new extended Water Purchase Agreement with the City of Hillsboro pending their approval at a special meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – Harry Jackson stated he will work on setting up committees and may have a report at the next regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Hallers and second by Saathoff to adjourn. TIME: 6:45 PM

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 at the Village Hall. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was also available for a Zoom Conference Call. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Carl Hallers, Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Doug Fenton and Tysha Mullen

Others Present: Rick Laurent and Warren Hall --

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 18th, 2021.

Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hallers to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on May 18th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of the special meeting minutes: June 7th, 2021.

Motion by Hallers and second by Hanner to approve the Minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting held on June 7th, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Guests: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Two bids were received for the heating and air conditioning for the Community Building. One bid from Agers was submitted in the amount of \$11,603 and Bergie's Heating and Air submitted a bid in the amount of \$12,760. The board discussed the specifications in each bid and Rufus recommended the bid from Bergie's Heating and Air. **Motion by Rufus and second by Hanner to accept the bid from Bergie's Heating and Air in the amount of \$12,760. Roll Call Vote: Six Yes and zero No votes. Voting Yes were: Gonzalez, Hallers, Hanner, Rufus, Saathoff and Marsh. Motion carried.**

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported they have been busy with locates for the high pressure gas line project Ameren is installing. Laurent said that the oil on Seyborn and other streets has been bleeding due to the hot weather so they spread out some chips. Rick Laurent announced that he is retiring in September. President Jackson stated we need to advertise for the position and hire someone so they can come and train before Laurent retires. **Motion by Hallers and second by Marsh to advertise for the maintenance/labor position in the newspaper two times. Gonzalez votes present, all other are in favor, motion carried.** Applications will be reviewed at the July board meeting. Laurent said he did the annual consumer confidential for EPA and he had training today in Effingham. Laurent also reported there is a wooden fort at the park that is in disrepair and needs torn down. Jackson will meet with Kane Harrell at 7:00 am to look it over to see what needs done.

Brenda Laurent reported she met with CTI at 8:30 am for three hours today so they could start the internet and phone installation for Village Hall, fire department and the Community Building. Laurent said there is a hotspot for cell phones in the building and it will be up to the board regarding the password for access. Attorney Granito recommend the WiFi password be protected so Brenda will call CTI for a password protect on the WiFi hotspot. The WiFi password is still the same and an extra phone line of 532-2286 was taken out. The fax is a separate line and the TV is hooked up and a smart TV is needed to

run Zoom. Consolidated will need to be contacted so they can get their equipment. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Marsh to pay Brenda for the hours she worked with CTI. All in favor, motion carried.** Brenda Laurent announced her retirement effective October 1st, 2021.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton reported he turned in some old receipts to Treasurer Mullen for payment. The Hummers have been sold and shipped off which will help with the money lost from not being able to have the dance last year due to COVID. Fenton said he got some estimates for the fire house remodeling project and that Gazda already started the bathroom which the fire department will pay for. Ron Gazda and Linda talked with Mayor Jackson regarding the remodeling project. The meeting room was gutted and they are close to being done. Receipts for the meeting room were \$2,124.56. Some paint was purchased with the \$250 donated by the DeLongs. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hallers to pay \$3,000 for improvements made on the fire house. Roll Call Vote: Six Yes and zero No votes. Voting Yes were: Gonzalez, Hallers, Hanner, Rufus, Saathoff and Marsh. Motion carried.**

Fenton reported the fire department bought six new pagers/chargers for \$2,000 and some tools for the trucks. Fenton said that 911 Coordinator Ed Boyd talked about the new CAD system and they are getting the Taylor Springs firemen set up with the I Am Responding system. CTI will be at the fire department tomorrow morning to hook up the internet. Fenton said the back tires on the 450 firetruck from Champaign are bad and one keeps going flat. **Motion by Hallers and second by Marsh to purchase four new back tires for the firetruck. All in favor, motion carried.** Fenton reported they applied for a COVID relief grant to update the hoses. The Fireman's dance will be held this year and is scheduled for September 11th, 2021.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall reported that a notice he mailed out for a house on Division Street was not accepted and came back. Hall stated the property was not mowed all last year and there are dead tree limbs. Attorney Granito said to try and get the mortgage agent served with the paperwork. If a lien goes on too soon, we could lose out with the County Trustee. Hall also reported that the Lentz' moved everything off the alley and will fight the Village in Court. Hall stated the neighbors are still complaining about the dead animal smell. Attorney Granito said the Lentz' did get an attorney and the next court date is July 14th, 2021. Granito has been given dumpster receipts.

Hall said that the 4th of July is on a Sunday and he will be getting calls complaining about shooting off fireworks late at night. Hall recommends putting something in the newspaper that people shooting off fireworks after 10:00 pm will be ticketed. Attorney Granito said that most fireworks in Illinois are illegal and the board could consider preparing something for next year since it is too late for this year. The board discussed looking into permits for fireworks.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen reported there are no bills out of the ordinary. **Motion by Rufus and second by Hanner to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report Update and Approvals: – Discussion took place on the need to prepare for the FY 2022 budget and appropriations. **Motion by Hallers and second by Saathoff to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Attorney Granito stated she has the resolution to approve the water purchase agreement with the City of Hillsboro for 40 years. **Motion by Hallers and second by Marsh to approve the water purchase agreement with the City of Hillsboro for 40 year. All in favor, motion carried.**

Granito stated she will make appointments with everyone to close and exchange money for the surplus property purchases. Granito reported not much has changed on the animal control contract and it

is the States Attorney's position that the incorporated areas are responsible for their own animal control. Granito recommends repealing the Village animal control ordinances like Litchfield and Hillsboro did. **Motion by Hallers and second by Gonzalez to get an ordinance ready to repeal the Village animal control ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – President Jackson discussed the fire department funding. The fire department already collects a fee from rural residents for fire protection services. There are problems of houses not having addresses posted on them. Jackson stated he will work setting up a committee to work on securing grants. Jackson said he would like to have someone in Village Hall working part time two to three days a week and possibly on Saturday mornings. Gonzalez said one day should be on a Friday so someone can get registered for the agenda according to the bylaws.

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels reported all board members are being invited to roundtable discussion meetings scheduled for July 17th and July 20th at the U of I Extension Center regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Taylor Springs is slated to receive \$81,418 from the Federal ARPA funds. The State of Illinois has not sent anything to the counties on how they will distribute this money.

Clerk Daniels reported Wayne Jansen is wanting to apply for a village liquor license for a gaming business they are going to build on Route 127. **Motion by Hallers and second by Rufus to give a liquor license to Wayne Jansen. All in favor, motion carried.**

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

- Rufus reported she couldn't get help from anyone regarding the phone tax. Tysha sent info to the Department of Revenue and Attorney Granito has paperwork. The ordinance is done and Rufus stated the Village Clerk should be given this task to get it done.
- Gonzalez said he would plant donated flowers by the fire department.
- Saathoff said that he wants to remind everyone about the County Trustee parcel by the elevator that has old gas tanks underground. The Village doesn't want this liability and we have tried to get help from State agencies to take care of this.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Gonzalez and second by Hallers. **TIME: 8:10 PM**

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Friday, June 18th, 2021 -- 6:30 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Friday, June 18th, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson, Trustees: Carl Hallers, Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh (phone), and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Michael Gonzalez and Patty Rufus.

Others Present: Attorney Alicia Granito

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS — None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Public Works Department Update and Approvals:

- **Water Purchase Agreement Update/Approval:** Attorney Granito explained the requirement from IL EPA to extend the 16 year water purchase agreement with the City of Hillsboro so it would be in effect for the life of the 30 year loan with EPA. The City of Hillsboro approved a 32 year agreement and at the last Taylor Springs Village Meeting, we approved a 40 year water purchase agreement. It was brought to our attention by the City of Hillsboro, so we needed to have a special meeting to make the approval for a 32 year water purchase agreement with the City of Hillsboro. **Motion by Hallers and second by Hanner to approve the new extended 32 year water purchase agreement between the Village of Taylor Springs and the City of Hillsboro. All in favor, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Hallers and second by Saathoff to adjourn. TIME: 6:47 PM

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, June 25th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Friday, June 25th, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Carl Hallers, Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Mike Gonzalez and Patty Rufus

Guests: None

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Attorney Granito stated she received the revised 32 year Water Purchase Agreement/Contract from the City of Hillsboro.

Motion by Hallers and second by Saathoff to approve the Water Purchase Agreement with the City of Hillsboro for 32 years. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Hanner and second by Hallers. **TIME: 6:40 pm**

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 at the Village Hall. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was also available for a Zoom Conference Call. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Carl Hallers, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Steve Hanner, Doug Fenton

Others Present: Tysla Mullen, Rick Laurent and Warren Hall

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 15th, 2021.

Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hallers to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on June 15th, 2021. Rufus votes present. All others in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of the special meeting minutes: June 25th, 2021.

Motion by Hallers and second by Marsh to approve the Minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting held on June 25th, 2021. Rufus votes present. All others in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: Sherry Reynolds came to observe the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Laura Moroney stated she was asked to give back a deposit check because the wedding was cancelled and they forgot to call and cancel. This could cause issues if this practice was started. **Motion by Hallers and second by Marsh to cash the deposit check. All in favor, motion carried.**

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported they are reading meters and catching up on mowing due to all the rain. Rick asks for a closed session at the end of the meeting. Laurent also reported the contractor needs material and pipe to start the new water line project. They are hoping it will start in August 2021.

- Brenda Laurent reported she was told by her eye doctor that she needs to resign the water billing position due to the amount of computer work. Brenda has been doing the water bills for 28 years. Brenda said she turned in her keys and feels someone is needed in the office full time. The board discussed calling Carli Hanner to help out with the water bills until someone is hired.
- Maintainer Position: The five applications were reviewed and a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 29th, 2021 at 6:00 pm to conduct interviews. Chief Hall was asked to run criminal background checks on the applicants. A starting salary range of \$13 to \$15 per hour was discussed and that the position would be re-evaluated after the probation period and after successful completion of water testing.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton was absent. Renovations continue on the fire department building. Rick Laurent reported the hoses on the trucks are tested annually and they completed one truck this past Sunday.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall stated he had nothing new to report.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen shared the bills so everyone could review them. **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.** Discussion took place on an invoice from Bondurant for \$470.05 for damages to a sewer. Rick Laurent said he will file a claim to get reimbursed from Ameren for the damages. **Motion by Haller and second by Rufus to pay \$470.05 to Bondurant for damages to the sewer. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Attorney Granito stated she has the ordinance ready authorizing the sale of Personal Property owned by the Village of Taylor Springs so we can sell the surplus tractor. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hallers to approve Ordinance #615, Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Taylor Springs. All in favor, motion carried.**

Granito reported the closing took place on two of the surplus real estate properties tonight before the meeting and we are waiting for the check from Mr. Mustafa for the property located at 9189 South IL Route 127. The properties located at 316 Hill Street and 604 Brown Street were paid for and signed off on.

Granito said the property owners that had the complaint regarding dead animal odors have a court date pending and have hired an attorney. Jackson stated he will call Carl Nail about getting the alley surveyed. It was reported the chickens are gone.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – President Jackson stated he is working on the committee structure and working on ways to make the meetings shorter.

- President Jackson stated he would like to hire a part time clerical person to do the water billing and secretarial type work at Village Hall a few days a week. Jackson stated this position would do the water billing, help with grants, perform regular clerical work, answer the phones and take reservations for community building rental. Attorney Granito was asked if the Treasurer's position and the Water Billing Clerk positions could be combined and Granito replied according to statute it would be a conflict. Granito was then asked to check to see if the Village Clerk and the Water Billing Clerk positions could be combined.

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels reported the ARPA roundtable discussion meetings held at the U of I Extension Center had a good turnout. The information submitted by everyone will be entered in a spreadsheet and given to the county consultant to see which projects will qualify. Taylor Springs is slated to receive \$89,587 from the Federal ARPA funds. The State of Illinois will distribute this money via a portal that every town needs to sign in on.

- Liquor License Application for The Awning Gaming Business owned by Wayne and Tina Jansen. The application was reviewed by Trustees. **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve the Application for a Liquor License submitted by Wayne and Tina Jansen for the Awning Gaming Business. All in favor, motion carried.**

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

- Gonzalez asked if drinks will still not be allowed in the street during the Fireman's Dance Fundraiser and the response was yes. Drinks will not be allowed in the street.
- Saathoff said he wondered about the status of the storm sirens. They need circuit boards and are junk.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- CTI Update: Jackson reported he received a proposal from CTI for three new office phones. When installation occurred they bypassed the answering machine which caused some issues. **Motion by Hallers and second by Rufus to purchase three new phones from CTI. All in favor, motion carried.**

- **TV Webcam Approval:** After some discussion, the board decided to table this issue until next month.

Executive Session for Personnel Approval: Motion by Hallers and second by Saathoff to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 6:53 pm.

Motion by Hallers and second by Gonzalez to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:05 pm. No action was taken. Trustees will think about Rick Laurent's request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Gonzalez and second by Rufus. TIME: 8:25 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Carl Hallers

Others Present: Tysha Mullen on the phone, Doug Fenton, Rick Laurent and Warren Hall.

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 20th, 2021.

Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on July 20th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: Sherry Reynolds came to observe the meeting and shared a list provided by Chris Reynolds for tech equipment which included three chrome books, a TV Web cam and one lap top. Sherry Reynolds also agreed to serve as a Village Trustee and the appointment recommendation will take place next month. Hanner recommends Chris Reynolds as a trustee because he would like to resign when a replacement is found.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Saathoff reported Bergie is working on the air conditioning at the Community Building today and tomorrow.

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported there was a miscommunication on the rock so the oil and chipping will take place this Thursday. Laurent inquired about his insurance request that took place in closed session last month. Laurent said the equipment to start the water line project is coming this week. Jackson stated he will call Aumann Auctions to sell the tractor and the Trustees agree.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton stated there are issues with the 450 fire truck losing motor oil after the truck runs a long time so they are taking it to Route 66 to have it looked over. Fenton said that CTI will come tomorrow and they purchased two TV monitors. They can't get their laptop until October. Fenton said they were denied the Fire Marshal Grant for the small equipment; however they did get the grant for the hose in the amount of \$27,000. They also received the Safer Grant for \$70,000 for recruiting and training. Fenton gave an update on the call they received when the Pipeline Construction crew hit a 40' gas pocket in the bottoms. It was a dangerous situation and it is cleared now. Fenton stated they have sold 120 tickets for the Fireman's dance and the Caterers will serve the food so that people won't be touching the utensils. It is unknown at this time what the Governor will require as far as wearing face masks. Jackson stated he will call Tysha regarding a \$490 invoice and the late fees will be waived.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall stated he responded to a complaint of a property owners' playground equipment blocking an alley/road. Jackson stated he had the area surveyed and he and Chief Hall will go and talk to the property owner to remove the stuff from the roadway. A letter will also be written to them to have the items removed.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen stated there was nothing unusual regarding the monthly bills. **Motion by Rufus and second by Hanner to approve the Village Bills. All in favor, motion carried.** Discussion took place on an invoice from Global Technical Systems in the amount of \$1,632.05 dated 2/10/21 and overcharge will be waived. Mullen asked how many hours Johnny Michealis will be working each week and his hourly pay. He will need to also sign up with Wemple and employee health insurance.

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Attorney Granito stated the deeds for the properties sold as surplus have been recorded. The Ordinance violation case regarding the chickens was plead and paid. Other charges were dismissed. Granito stated we need to look at the budget, appropriations and levy for next year after the annual audit is complete.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –

- President Jackson passed out the committee assignments and appointed Elwin Saathoff as the Mayor Pro Tem. Jackson stated he would like to hire a part time clerk for the water billing, to help with grants, perform regular secretarial, answer the phones and take reservations for the community building rental. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Marsh to advertise for a part time clerk to do water billing, secretarial work and help with grants. All in favor, motion carried.** The resumes and applications will be due by 9/14/21. The wage is not set yet and will commensurate with experience.

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels reported the ARPA wish lists have been submitted to the County Consultant to see what is eligible and what is not. Taylor Springs is slated to receive \$89,587 from the Federal ARPA funds. Village Clerk Daniels has started the sign up process on the DCEO portal so that the first half of the money can be distributed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

- Rufus asked about the cell phone and Daniels stated she hasn't worked with Attorney Granito yet to see what needs to be done.

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

1. CTI Update/Approval: Need to check with Chris Reynolds regarding the phone purchase with CTI.

Executive Session for Personnel Approval: Motion by Jackson and second by Rufus to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:07 pm.

Motion by Gonzalez and second by Marsh to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:20 pm. Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner to pay the new hire \$15.00 per hour through the probation period. All in favor, motion carried. No action was taken on Laurent's Insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion Rufus and second by Marsh. TIME: 7:25 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

Appointment of Sheri Reynolds Approval: Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner to appoint Sheri Reynolds as Village Trustee to fill the vacancy of Carl Hallers. All in favor, motion.

Oath of Office was given to Sheri Reynolds by Village Clerk Daniels.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: None

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Tysha Mullen, Doug Fenton, Rick Laurent and Warren Hall.

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 17th, 2021.

Motion by Rufus and second by Gonzalez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on August 17th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: Ed Boyd addressed the board regarding the FLEX software system that the ETSB/911 department is using with other county first responding agencies. The cost for fire departments is \$250 and police is \$350 for each of five years. Hall stated he has been using Village Police and was told at the beginning it would switch over to the Flex but it doesn't. Boyd said the info will not transfer over to the Flex and they can still access their old data. Hillsboro was first to switch over to the new system and they said FLEX won't transfer over to Village Police. Hall said Hillsboro dispatch hate the Flex. Hall said it is not necessary to pay \$350 per year for five years because he doesn't use FLEX. Hall said they have been in the dark. Boyd said Hillsboro has been using Flex for Warren and they will be using activity and LEADS for Warren. Boyd would like to know from the Village if they will pay the annual fee for Flex that was agreed upon in 2019 by the end of November. Boyd wants to help the Village make an informed decision. Hall said he has begged the Mayor to go and talk to other dispatchers who hate the program and tell him to stay away from it. Boyd said they have veteran dispatchers and generally they are positive. FLEX has many tools like data sharing. An officer in Litchfield can see what is happening in Nokomis. They can see domestic complaints is it is a great officer safety tool. Boyd said that Hillsboro dispatch can see what is going on. Doug Fenton reported the Fire Department likes the new program and it tells them everything and how to get there. The phone will tag others and shows up where all the guys are and who is coming to the call. The fire and police are two different programs and charged different. Boyd said they bought extra programs to run all the safety programs for police. Warren only needs a laptop and a modem to run FLEX. Hall says cell service is terrible in TS so it won't work half the time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Moroney dropped some paperwork off. Saathoff reported Bergie is working on the air conditioning at the Community Building today and tomorrow.

Public Works Department Report. Rick Laurent reported Kane Harrell was not able to make the meeting today. Kane has been working with the water pipe replacement project every day. Laurent stated he doesn't like how the construction crew left the ditches and they got into a couple of service lines. Laurent said he worked with Johnny Michaelis reading meters because Kane was off. Laurent wants to

know about help with his insurance and said he has talked with a lot of tax payers in town who feel like he does. President Jackson said the board is researching the legalities. Laurent is still on the payroll and would like an answer tomorrow. Gonzalez said this is a touchy discussion and he won't get a decision tomorrow. Laurent said he told the board about this issue a couple of months ago. Attorney Granito said there shouldn't be any further discussion unless they go into executive session. The tractor sale will be next month at Aumann's.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton stated they found the new gas card and will start using it and the limit had been raised. Tysha said there are four cards, one for the fire department, maintenance department, police department and the office. Tysha stated she gets an email whenever the cards get used and each person that gets gas has to sign the receipt. Fenton said that the pipeline guys donated two gas detectors and he gave one to Dan Hough with the EMA department because he helped that day of the gas leak. Fenton said the pipeline company is going to give them two more detectors when the job is complete. There are no updates on the dance yet. Fenton said that Wilma Hallers indicated that memorials were given to the fire department for Carl Hallers.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall stated everything is routine.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen stated she didn't bring the stack of bills and there was nothing unusual regarding the monthly bills. The Audit is still going on. **Motion by Hanner and second by Gonzalez to approve the Village Bills. All in favor, motion carried.** Harry Jackson said there are three tax bills for parcels that the Village purchased from the County Trustee that need paid in the amounts of \$63.68, \$678.52 and \$156.94. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner to pay the three tax bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Attorney Granito stated Village needs to have a special meeting to discuss the budget and levy for next year. The Special meeting will take place on Monday, September 27th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –

- President Jackson stated he has been working on an issue with someone that says he owns the sewer in the street. Jackson has been working on gather paperwork and doing research at the courthouse. If they start digging in the street the property owner will get a ticket for destruction of public property. Jackson said the sewer line is leaking again. The sewer in the street should have been passed over to the village.

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels reported she has signed the Village up in the DCEO portal for the ARPA funding and shared information on how we should keep our expenses for reporting to the Federal government.

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

1. CTI Update/Approval: Need to check with Chris Reynolds regarding the phone purchase with CTL.
2. TV, Webcam Update/Approval: Jackson said we need to get a TV and cart.

New Business:

1. **Deputy Clerk Position Vacancy and Applications Update/Approval:** the four application will be reviewed in closed session.

2. **Agreement with Homefield Energy – Electric Rate for 36 months Update/Approval:** Motion by Rufus and second by Saathoff to accept the 36 month agreement with Homefield Energy for electric rate in the amount of \$0.06029. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Trick or Treating Hours Approval:** Scheduled for October 30th and 31 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Fire department will also be giving out treats. Village Clerk Daniels will notify the newspaper.

Executive Session for Personnel Approval: Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:15 pm.

Motion to come out of executive session by Gonzalez and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:25 pm.

Motion by Pedro and second by Hanner to increase Kane's salary to \$19.84 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Saathoff and second by Gonzalez to give Kane back pay for 152 hours in the amount of \$203.68. Rufus votes NO, all others in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gonzalez second by Hanner to put Johnny Michaelis on the employee insurance. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner that the board can't extend the employee insurance for Retiree Rick Laurent per the Village Code of Ordinances. All in favor, motion carried.

There were four applications submitted for the Secretary –Clerk position and all will be interviewed next Monday, September, 27th, 2021 at 6:00 pm and Finance Meeting at 7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Retirement party for Laurent's will be on October 29th, at the Moonlight Y.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 8:35 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, September 27th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 27th, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: None

Others Present: Alicia Granito and Tysha Mullen.

1. **Review the Village Budget and Levy for FY 2022.** The Board reviewed the discussed the budget and levy for FY 2022. A final draft will be presented in an ordinance to the Village Board for approval next month.

2. **Deputy Clerk Position Vacancy and Applications Update/Approval:** There were four applications submitted for the Secretary – Clerk position and all were interviewed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Retirement party for Laurent's will be on October 29th, at the Moonlight Y.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 7:45 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Steve Hanner

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Tysha Mullen, and Warren Hall.

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 21st, 2021.

Motion by Rufus and second by Gonzalez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on September 21st, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Rufus asked if there is a time limit for closing a party at the Community Building. The board members discussed setting a closing time for the Community Building.

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell reported there are a couple of issues on the water project. They didn't engineer any line stops for the old water main. The only way to get around it is to shut water off to the whole town. The line stops (bypass stops times 13) are \$5,000 each. These line stops are on the old main and will not be any good once they are done. If you do the line stops, you don't need a boil order. There are very few valves that work in town. The water would be off anywhere from ½ day to 2 days. We would have to pay \$65,000 for the convenience of having water for no more than 2 days. Water would come back on at night, just off during the day. No penalties to EPA, boil order would be for weeks. We need to notify all the residents now for this shut off and for phase II and phase III. The other problem is the Nursing home water will be shut off for a couple of hours in order to connect them to the new main.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton was absent. Fire proof 2 x 4 tiles will be replaced.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall stated a sign needs to be put up at the community building stating the time the building closes. Rules of the building should also be posted in the building. Office Hall stated a Resident told him the alley is still blocked by his house by another neighbor and Attorney Granito will send them a letter. Mayor Jackson said a survey was done. Hall stated the property owner was warned and given a map with the property lines and they still didn't move anything. Attorney Granito will write a letter and Jackson will deliver it with a time limit of 5 days to remove the stuff. Hall said there was concern on a matter he handled and the infant is being taken care of and the mother is being drug tested daily. The jail is being closed so they are with the mom.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen stated the audit is wrapping up and Kyle Putnum suggested better communication with Accountant Wemple and the payroll needs to be cleaner. The Treasurer's books need to match with Wemple's. Jackson stated he can get a copy of the time sheets to Tysha. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Marsh to approve the Village Bills as read. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Granito stated the ordinances for the budget and levy are ready to approve. Granito stated there were no changes made since the special meeting held on September 27th, 2021 and the levy was within the 5% threshold. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Rufus to approve Ordinance #617 the Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2021. All in favor, motion carried.**
Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve Ordinance #616 the Tax Levy Ordinance 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –

- President Jackson stated he did get out check of \$44,000 for the ARPA funds and he will open a new checking account for the ARPA money. We are going to check on the accountability of the money before we decide on how to appropriate

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels

IMRF Agent Approval: Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to have Chris Daniels be the IMRF Authorized Agent.

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

1. CTI Update/Approval: Need to check with the ARPA grant to see what we can spend with the money for these purchases.
2. TV, Webcam Update/Approval: Jackson said we need to get a TV and cart.

New Business: None

Trustee Reports:

Gonzalez thanked Kane for their work in the back and taking care of the eye sore. Gonzalez said there were a couple of complaints about the sidewalks but he told them we are doing the water project now.

Sheri Reynolds said she is still learning everything and will work on getting a road map as to where to go with the grants so a presentation can be given to the trustees.

Saathoff said a rail road crossing is needed in town and reminded everyone there is an electron recycling drive on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 in Litchfield.

Marsh thanked Chief Hall for taking care of the complaint with the child.

Rufus stated she wanted to talk about employee salary increases in closed session.

Executive Session: Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds. Time 7:00 pm. **ROLL CALL TAKEN.**

Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to adjust Karli Hanner's salary to \$15.00 per hour. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to give the employees a 3% COLA increase except for the new hires that will get one next year. Increases will take effect the first pay week in November. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Retirement party for Laurent's will be on October 29th, at the Moonlight Y.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 7:45 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Linda Marsh, Steve Hanner, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus (came at 7:45 pm) and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Mike Gonzalez.

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Doug Fenton, Kane Harrell and Warren Hall.

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 19th, 2021.

Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on October 19th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

- **Guests:** Three high school students attended to take notes for Government Class.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: Rufus asked if there is a time limit for closing a party at the Community Building. The board members discussed setting a closing time for the Community Building and posting the building rules.

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell said the board needs to look into raising the tap on fees that are now set at \$600. Kane stated it takes a whole day for labor for two people and the parts and materials cost \$629. The Village does their own water main hook ups. Kane suggests \$1,500 for the tap on fee. Jackson said he will check with some of the other towns as to what they charge for a tap on. Kane said the water project is under budget for phase 1 so they are starting some side streets scheduled for phase II. Reynolds gave a presentation on where we are at money wise for the 3 phases. For phase II we have an option to pay a bi-annual payment for 20 or 30 years.

- **Motion by Reynolds and second by Hanner to approve the Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$70,860.36. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Marsh and second by Hanner to approve the Construction Engineering Bill #2 in the amount of \$8,679.44. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Reynolds and second Marsh to approve the IEPA Request for Funds #3 in the amount of \$79,359.80. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Hanner and second by Reynolds to advise Brown and Roberts Engineers to proceed with Phase II. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton reported one of the trucks has a bad leak and they were dealing with Route 66 who had COVID issues. Fenton is going to take it to Litchfield to get the leak looked at. Fenton reported some of the guys just got CPR recertification and the cost was \$100 and the cost came out of the Fire Department fund. Fenton said it is difficult to shift the tanker truck. ISO, Insurance Service Office, is the insurance rates for your house. One is the best rating and 10 is the worst rating. The closer you are to the fire department you will get lower house insurance rates. Doug has to look into this further. There are a lot of categories, training, classes for youth and students, will help their ratings. Fenton said that 40% of the ratings come from the fire department box cards they have to use in an event for the ability to call other departments to help out. 50% of the rating is staffing. The new safer grant gave money to help out with training and hopefully will get some new recruitments. 10% comes from the emergency communications, 911 departments. I AM Responding also helps get a lower score

form ISO. TS and Hillsboro has been rated a 3 and Doug wants to keep that good rating. Doug wants people to know to call their insurance companies to and ask what their home insurance rating is. Some have a rating of 6 for TS fire department on their insurance bill. Reynolds asked Fenton to get some official documents so we can post it in Village Hall and to help get the word out to people to contact their insurance companies to know the Fire Department has rating of 3. Taylor Springs covers 23 square miles for fire protection and medical calls helps the rating.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall has nothing new to report.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen was absent. The audit is wrapping up.

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Granito stated Ordinance 618 for the Clerk and Treasure 3% salary increase effective November 1st, 2021 is ready for approval. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Hanner to approve Ordinance #618. All in favor, motion carried.** Jackson will advise Mullen to notify Accountant Wemple. Granito sent a letter to Lessman regarding the sewer issue and he said he is not involved with the project any more. When Jackson taped on, the Village said it was OK so the Village already took ownership of that sewer line. Rufus stated we just need to send Kane up there to fix the sewer.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –

- President Jackson stated he is working on requesting gates for the railroad crossings. A meeting is scheduled for Dec. 1st, 2021 at 11:00 and they will draw up plans with an engineer. Jackson doesn't know the cost, but the Village will be reimbursed once the gates are installed. Saathoff there have been four people killed at the crossing on Seyborn. There was also a close call once when a lady was trying to rescue a turtle when the lights went off and she was deaf. Jackson said we can table this issue until we get some costs to report to the board.
- Sheri Reynolds gave a presentation regarding the grants and vision for Taylor Springs. Reynolds stated she has been putting together what she has been hearing from the meetings such as innovation, moving forward, build a new or refurbish the community building.

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels

Approval of the Proclamation to proclaim December 4th, 2021 as Audrey L. Keith Day in Taylor Springs to recognize her 100th birthday. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to approve the proclamation. All in favor, motion carried.**

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

1. CTI Update/Approval: Need to check with the ARPA grant to see what we can spend with the money for these purchases.
2. TV, Webcam Update/Approval: Jackson said we need to get a TV and cart.

New Business: Approval of Liquor License Application for Frida's Tacos. Motion by Hanner and second by Marsh to approve the Liquor License for Frida's Tacos. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Reports: The Board scheduled a special meeting on Thursday, December 9th, 2021 to discuss goals and plans for the purchase of the former VFW property currently owned by Putnam and Ronen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Marsh and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 8:05 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 9th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Saturday, November 20th, 2021 -- 10:00 am**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 20th, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Steve Hanner, Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Mike Gonzalez

Others Present: Alicia Granito and Tysha Mullen.

1. Executive Session for Property Acquisition Approval:

Motion by Hanner and second by Reynolds to enter into executive session to discuss property acquisition. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 10:10 am.

Motion to come out of executive session by Rufus and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 11:20 am

Motion by Reynolds and second by Hanner to approve Ordinance #619 to purchase property located at 8354 IL Route 127, Hillsboro, IL subject to four provisions.

- 1.) Amend the appropriations ordinance.
- 2) stipulation of getting a conventional loan or contract for deed.
- 3) Approve a business plan and
- 4) comply with the 30 day requirement after the second publication. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Marsh and second by Hanner. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 11:30 am

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, December 9th, 2021 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 9th, 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Linda Marsh, Mike Gonzalez, Steve Hanner, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: None

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Tysha Mullen, Doug Fenton, Kane Harrell and Warren Hall.

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 16th, 2021, 2021.

Motion by Marsh and second by Saathoff to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on November 16th, 2021. All in favor, Motion carried.

Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from 11-20-21. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from 9/27/21. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Guests:** None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: No report.

Public Works Department Report. Harrell said the Rebuilding Illinois fund will have about \$45,000 to use on roads, oil & chip, sidewalks or bridges and must be spent before 2025. Kane reported water testing equipment purchase cost would be about \$6,500 and we wouldn't need to pay Hillsboro to test. The test strips are \$193 for quantity of 50 and testing is done every week. **Motion Rufus and second by Reynolds to approve the purchase of the water testing equipment and strips in the amount of \$6,693. All in favor, motion carried.**

Lawnmowers: Reynolds said she is looking at a USDA grant with a 45% match to purchase a couple of tractors/mowers. Clerk Daniels gave into to Kane from County Engineer Cody Greenwood regarding the state bid process. Harrell reported Phase I of the water project will be done soon and said they have to do two railroad crossing bores and the service lines.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Doug Fenton said the fire trucks are old and we need to look at a plan to replace. A new truck is \$500,000 to \$800,000. Fenton said our truck is supposed to pump 15,000 gallons per minute, and our pumps are decreasing so they are going bad. If we look at used trucks, we don't know what the wear and tear is. Fenton said Fillmore applied for a grant years ago and they are just now getting the new fire truck. Fenton said they thought they had an oil leak in the 450 so they took to Route 66, but it turned out to be a fuel leak and it was fixed. Fenton reported they got a mutual aid agreement to sign with Shoal Creek Fire Department and this will help our grant because we will get more calls. Coffeen has never done mutual aide, but their board now approved it. Jackson asked how much the budget is for the fire department and how close we are on the expenses. Rufus said we have never sat down a figured up a budget for the fire department.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall reported he recovered a stolen car out of Pana the other day and he is working on an elderly case in town. Hall stated Attorney Granito has been doing an outstanding job on this case. Hall reported he wrote a ticket to an owner of a trailer that used to belong Jimmy Dean White. The person doesn't have a P.O. Box in town which is against our water ordinance. Hall reported he has been getting complaints regarding a tree trimming business in town from the wood he is bringing

in big piles. Warren gave him a 5 day notice to get the property cleaned up. He has to get a permit to have a business in town and Jackson said he is researching the ordinances. Warren said he is writing ordinance violation tickets to the owner of the old My Place Bar for derelict vehicles, junk and debris. Warren said the ATV permits brought in \$1,200 which would purchase 5 loads of rock and wouldn't need to come out of the general fund.

Review and Approval of Village Bills – Treasurer Mullen reported Patton's have completed the annual audit and the General Fund had a deficit of \$28,499 for FY ending April 30th, 2021. The board discussed looking at taking some of the employee salaries and other expenses, like lift station electricity, etc from the water and sewer fund. Any equipment time expenses used for mowing the lagoons etc. could be charged from the water fund. The general fund balance as of April 30th is \$321,612. **Motion by Rufus and second Saathoff by to accept the audit report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Granito stated she doesn't have anything to present.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –

- President Jackson stated he is working on requesting gates for the railroad crossings. Jackson talked with engineer Scott Hunt and they will draw up plans for the crossing by Ameren. The Village will have to pay and then get reimbursed.

Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Clerk Daniels reported she is researching the calculation for lost revenue to use for the ARPA grant. There is legislation pending where ARPA participants may be able to use a general allowance up to \$10 million instead of calculating lost revenue. Need to check with the ARPA grant to see what we can spend with the money for these purchases.

TRUSTEE REPORTS – Updates and Approvals:

OLD BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

1. CTI Update/Approval: Discussion took place on finding out who charges franchise taxes. CTI, Sparklight, cellphones etc.

New Business:

1. **Essential Employee COVID-19 Bonus. Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to give Hall, Harrell and Michealis a \$275 COVID Bonus and \$175 to the administrative employees. Motion carried.**
2. **Trailer/Mobile Home Ordinance Update/Approval: The board discussed the need to revise the Trailer/Mobile Home Ordinance. Currently trailers can't be rented out, however there is a stipulation Attorney Granito will research the actual statute and report next month.**

Trustee Reports: Rufus said she told Melanie to set up employee files and to schedule training. Elwin Saathoff reported the trailer on Water Street went to Mulberry.

Building Purchase: Jackson reported he went to the bank to check on obtaining a loan for the purchase of the former VFW building. It was voted on November 20th to purchase and now we need to talk about financing.

Motion by Rufus and second Marsh to enter into executive session. Time 8:00. Roll Call was taken and everyone is present.

Motion by Elwin and second by Rufus to come out of closed session. Time: 8:20 pm.

Treasurer Tysha Mullen announced she wants to resign and has someone has in mind. She said the work load is very time consuming. Discussion took place on letting the Deputy Clerk print out the checks for

the bills that can be paid. Tysha Mullen and President Jackson could then sign the checks. Wemple does our entire payroll now. Kyle Putnum at Patton's said that we need to do payroll in house. Alicia Granito said you have to keep checks and balances between Deputy Clerk and Treasurer. The salary for the Treasurer is set by ordinance. Melanie can do payroll and the Treasurer will check it out. Jackson will talk with Melanie Shere to see if she will do the payroll and pay the bills and we will revisit this next month. Discussion also took place on getting the Village Board meetings more organized and under control so it takes less time

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Hanner and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 8:43 PM

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels