

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff.

Absent: Sheri Reynolds and Joann Seward

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Brian Redman, Linda Klotz and Barb Cass

Guests: The Elam/Imel Family addressed the Village Board regarding Dick Elam's Seniors home they purchased at 604 Park Street and there is no record of the water deposit. The garage is currently not hooked up to water and asked why the meter was removed. Jackson responded a request was put in a couple of years ago to take the meter out. The family wants another meter out at the garage for water service but have concerns about the tap on fee. Discussion took place that they could hook the garage up to water from the house and not put in another meter. Attorney Granito will look into what can be done in this situation.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – December 19th, 2023. Motion by Marsh and second by Saathoff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: —Laura Moroney was absent.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell gave a copy of his monthly report for everyone to review. Harrell stated that they will start painting and do the ceiling tile work at the community building this week or next. Kane said the total would be \$1,965.67 for all the materials. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the purchase of the 2' x 4' ceiling tiles and the painting materials for a total amount of \$1,965.67 for the community building. An ARPA Ordinance will be presented for approval next month. All in favor, motion carried.**

Water Engineer and Contractors Documents for approval: Kane and Granito have reviewed the documents and they are in order to approve and sign.

- Water System Rehab Phase 3 Change Order #2 Document Approval: **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve Water System Rehab Phase 3 Change order #2. All in favor, motion carried.**
- MFT Paperwork for 2024 to Sign: **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the MFT Paperwork for 2024. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department report that included information about their trainings and calls. Discussion took place on increasing the annual rural fire protection fee by \$10 to make it \$50. The annual fee is from March to March of each year. Redman stated the bills were mailed out already. Redman also reported that Grant Writer Dan Rogers wrote a 100% grant for battery operated extraction tools and an air bag lift. The grant writing fee to Rogers was \$1,200.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly report for everyone to review. Hall reported that Mr. Friesland did finally seek shelter during the subzero cold snap.

Treasurer’s Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer was absent. Marsh reported the bills were regular except one for stop signs in the amount of \$1,700 and an invoice for \$5,253.84 for fire department papers that the County ARPA funding will reimburse. Marsh will check with Treasurer Sherer on water department reimbursements to the general fund. Certificate of Deposits are coming due. Options are 5% for 7 months or 4.25% for 6 months. Granito suggests approval for 5% or above for 7 months or more. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to renew the CD’s at 5% or more for 7 months or more. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed approved the regular monthly bills. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito’s Report:

- Animal Control Municipal Contract – Granito said she has not heard anything from and County on the revised Municipal Contract for animal control services that was discussed at the Mayor’s Meeting in October. We are waiting on two contract options from the States Attorney.
- Lease Ordinance for Charlie Page’s Fireworks Trailer approval. Granito stated this ordinance will be drafted when the lease terms for 2024 are decided on.
- Park Ordinance (by Wally’s House) Granito asked Delong to get the parcel information and legal description to draft the ordinance.
- Time off legislation: Granito reported the Illinois Municipal League is challenging the new legislation regarding employee time off for full and part time. We need to make sure we are complying with the new time off law by keeping good track of time cards.

President’s Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson said he is checking with Litchfield Mayor Steve Dougherty regarding un-kept properties and how they handle them.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – Nothing new to report.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- Booster on Cell Tower: Nothing new to report.
- Park Restroom Update: Trustee Seward stated she is working on this project.

New Business – Update/Approvals: Linda Marsh asked if the board was going to address the issue of assessing tiny homes and sheds on skids. We need to research if these structures should be taxed as Real Estate and develop an Ordinance to address the issue. Jackson said if they are hooked up to water and electricity they should be taxed. Attorney Granito stated she will research this more and report.

Trustee Reports: Rufus brought up discussion on the annexation of the property south of town to the corporate limits. Rufus said we need to research these properties and this was worked on years ago but didn’t get anywhere with a couple of property owners.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals: Nothing further at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Marsh and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 8:50 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Patty Rufus, Elwin Saathoff and Joann Seward.

Absent: Sheri Reynolds

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Brian Redman and Barb Cass

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Will be approved at next month's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: --Laura Moroney was absent.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell gave a copy of his monthly report for everyone to review.

Water Engineer and Contractors Documents for approval: Kane and Granito have reviewed the documents and they are in order to approve and sign.

- **Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #6 – Phase 2: Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #6 for Phase 2. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Construction Engineering Bill #5 – Phase 2: Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve Construction Engineering Bill #5 for Phase 2. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #5 – Phase 3: Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #5 for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Construction Engineering Bill #5 – Phase 3: Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve Construction Engineering Bill #5 for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department report that included information about their trainings and calls. Redman reported that the back emergency light on the 450 truck needs replaced and the price is one LED light for \$350 and they need two. Rufus suggests the Village paying for one half. Treasurer Sherer stated she is not on the Fire Department checking account and it costs \$3 per month to send out an extra statement. Someone give Melanie a copy of the statement however this month she didn't get one. Attorney Granito suggests Treasurer Sherer get the log in to the FD checking account so she can have online access to view and print statements. Treasurer Sherer is bonded. Jackson and Granito will discuss more details.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly report for everyone to review. Discussion took place on a complaint about squealing tires and the potential damage to village streets. The vehicle plates were ran and came back to a student in Witt.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer reported on renewing some CD's at a rate of 5% for seven months. Sherer also shared her concern on the general fund balance of \$5,800 and stated

we need about \$25,000 for the monthly bills and suggested a spending freeze. Sherer also stated the Village needs a plan to address the decrease in of revenue and higher expenses. One suggestion was to document when John Michaelis works on water department stuff and document his hours so he can be paid from the water and sewer fund. Granito responded that the water and sewer account is also going down and should be watched. The water bill increase will take effect April 1st, 2024 in order to keep up with the City of Hillsboro's water increase to the Village. Sherer stated she has been paying bills as they come in however the Village needs to come up with a short term plan. Board members discussed having a special meeting on February 29th, 2024 to discuss the financial situation in more detail and to have an ARPA ordinance to transfer money to the general fund. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to transfer ARPA money to the general fund in the amount of \$25,000 to cover employee payroll and benefits. All in favor, motion carried.** Discussion also took place regarding the Quick Book program and reports for board members.

Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. **Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito's Report:

- Animal Control Municipal Contract – Granito said she still has not heard anything from States Attorney Affrunti. The County has scheduled another Mayor's meeting for February 28th, 2024 where this issue will be discussed.
- Lease Ordinance for Charlie Page's Fireworks Trailer approval. Granito stated this ordinance will be drafted when the lease terms for 2024 are decided on.
- Park Ordinance (by Wally's House) Granito asked Delong to get the parcel information and legal description to draft the ordinance.
- Cable Franchise Fee: Attorney Granito will look into this issue and ordinance language to address tiny houses/skid houses and solar.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson said he has nothing additional to report.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – Reported she is researching the criteria for the DCEO Energy Transition Grant for Round 2 so the Village can put in an application. This grant is for any community with a 30 mile radius with a coal mine or power plant closure.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- Booster on Cell Tower: Nothing new to report.
- Park Restroom Update: Discussion took place regarding the plumbing and sewer infrastructure that is already at the site.

New Business – Update/Approvals: Nothing new to report.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals: Nothing further at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Seward and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 8:05 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
T.S. Village Hall
626 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, February 29th, 2024 -- 5:30 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Special Board meeting held at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, February 29, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff

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

Guests: None

Civility Pledge was read by President Jackson

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 16th, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: – None.

DCEO Energy Transition Grant – Due 3/15/24 – Clerk Daniels is working on applying for Round 2 of the DCEO Energy Transition Grant that is available for communities within 30 miles of a closed power plant or coal mine. Since the Coffeen power plant closure in November 2019, we are eligible to apply. President Jackson would need to sign off on phase one of the application. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 15th, 2024. **Motion by Delong and second by Seward to approve President Jackson signing the DCEO Energy Transition Grant paperwork for Round 2 that is due by 3/15/24. All in favor, motion carried.**

Public Works Department Report – Kane Harrell reported that he, Clerk Daniels and Treasurer Sherer are working on gathering financial reports from 2011 to present for IDOT for the MFT account. As of right now the Village has not been in compliance and a letter from IDOT was received. Clerk Daniels called IDOT representative Susan Green and worked on a solution for correcting the issue. Daniels also received links for IDOT training and signed the Village up.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – None

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – None

Treasurer’s Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer reported she transferred \$5,000 to the general fund as a result of getting a text that the account was over drawn. President Jackson then went and transferred an additional \$15,000 to the general fund from the ARPA account. Treasurer Sherer recommends not moving any more money until we need it. **Motion by Reynolds and second Marsh to accept the Treasurer’s report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Ordinance #651 to Transfer \$25,000 to the General Fund from the ARPA fund: Discussion took place at last month’s meeting to draft an ordinance to transfer \$25,000 from the ARPA fund to the General Fund to help with the shortfall. **Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to approve**

ordinance #651 authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 from the ARPA fund to the General Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Attorney Granito's Report:

- Animal Control Municipal Contract – Granito said she received two options of animal control contracts from Clerk Daniels that was discussed at the Mayor's Meeting that was held on February 28, 2024 at the Historic Courthouse. An option by enter into a contract at a per capita rate was approved at the mayor's meeting. The County will need to decide on a per capita amount and advise the municipalities. This information should be ready for the Village's April board meeting.
- **President's Report, Update and Approvals:** –Jackson said he did attend the February Mayor's meeting where the animal control contract for services issue was discussed and he is in favor of the per capita contract.

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Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – Gave on overview of what is entailed in applying for the DCEO energy transition grant and what projects would qualify. It was decided to put a project in for park upgrades and a walking track around the park.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals: None

New Business – Update/Approvals: None

Trustee Reports: Marsh asked who will be paying the \$1,200 invoice to Dan Rogers for writing the Fire Department Grant. Jackson stated the Fire Department should pay for it and will advise them. Marsh suggested having a discussion at some point in regards to paying Clerk Daniels and Treasurer Sherer for attending extra meetings. Rufus asked if any of John Michaelis' pay was coming from the water and sewer fund and the board decided to wait for Attorney Granito to finish the discussion. The board also talked about no overtime unless it is an emergency due to the financial situation for the Village. The board reviewed the letter drafted by Kane and Jose regarding the water rate increase and discussion took place about putting in a speed bump on Grant Street.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing new to report.

Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals: Nothing further at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 7:25 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, APRIL 16, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Patty Rufus, Sheri Reynolds and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Brian Redman and Melanie Sherer.

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of March 19, 2024 – Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the minutes from March 19, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of April 1st, 2024 – Motion by Reynolds and second by Seward to approve the minutes from April 1st, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: —Laura Moroney was absent.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell gave a copy of his monthly report for everyone to review. Phase III of the water project is nearly complete and there is no design yet for Phase IV. Discussion took place on the loan payments for Phases I, II and III.

Water Engineer and Contractors Documents for approval: There are no documents to approve this month.

-Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department and discussion took place on the \$40 collected for the rural area fire protection and the paper trail for those deposits. Delong said he is working on the controversy and confusion and will report next month. Jackson said he can get the checks for rural fire protection and put them in the safe for the Treasurer. Sherer said it was OK for the Fire Department to collect the checks and record their stuff on who is paying for the contracts and then give her the checks for deposit so she can do her records for the auditors. Delong said he is researching information and costs related to fire and police services and what we can do legally.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly report for everyone to review. Discussion took place on a complaint about a red truck speeding, alleged pot smoking at Whiskey Throttle and an issue at the housing that needs cleaned up. Discussion took place on the lack of zoning regarding fencing setbacks and right of way in our ordinance book. There is a recent issue of a fence being installed in the ditch. Hall stated revenue should be coming in for the trucks going on the Bus Line Road to the ASARCO plant. Hall also reported says he has a copy of the deed for the Ross Friesland house and he and Attorney Granito are working to address the issue.

Treasurer’s Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer shared the financial reports for everyone to review. Discussion took place on the concern of the general fund balance. Rufus stated that if anyone is working on grants, the full board needs to be aware and be given approval. Reynolds said she is checking with Auditor Patton and Associates on the amount of Federal grant money for the water project. Treasurer Sherer stressed the importance of reporting deposits and expenses for the auditors. She can’t

classify unknown items and needs copies of what is being deposited as she doesn't see all the checks that are deposited. This is so she has a paper trail of activity. Attorney Granito shared a concern of people being bonded that handle money. On the Fire Department Account, Linda can only make deposits and can't write checks. **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. **Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito's Report:

- Animal Control Municipal Contract – Granito said she still has not heard anything from States Attorney Affrunti and the County Board Chairman has scheduled another mayor's meeting for May 29th, 2024 where the issue will be discussed.
- Lease Ordinance for Charlie Page's Fireworks Trailer approval. Granito stated this ordinance will be drafted when the lease terms for 2024 are decided on.
- Playground Ordinance (by Wally's House) Granito asked Delong to get the parcel information and legal description to draft the ordinance. Discussion took place on concerns of liability issues and offering corn hole games, a library book case and bench at the site.
- Village Solar Ordinance: Attorney Granito is researching to do a Solar Ordinance for the Village.
- Cell Phone Ordinance: Attorney Granito will update for next month.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson reminded everyone about the Village Clean up days the first weekend in May. Discussion took place on maybe having the event one time a year or two times a year for one day instead of three. **Motion by Delong and second by Seward to revisit the clean up days in August. All in favor, motion carried.** Jackson also reported he hasn't heard anything on the railroad gates. Jackson said he is seeking more information regarding the ASARCO clean up by US EPA and talk of annexing in some of that property after the cleanup. Rufus said she has looked into the annexation and there have already been about 200 acres annexed into the Village.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – Reported she is researching the criteria for the DCEO Energy Transition Grant for Round 2 and a FEMA grant opportunity to obtain a new warning siren to replace the one from the 1950's.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- Booster on Cell Tower: Nothing new to report.
- Park Restroom Update: Trustee Seward is getting a quote.

New Business – Update/Approvals: Nothing new to report.

- Unkept properties: Trustee Marsh brought up the issue of the property across from the fire department. Jackson said he called them and Attorney Granito is looking at the ordinance to give the property owner notice. The house is being sold contract for deed. Hall will handle unkept properties according to the ordinance book.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and

Approvals: Nothing further at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Seward and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 8:05 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Monday, May 8th, 2024 -- 5:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 4:00 pm on Monday, April 1st, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus and Joann Seward.

Absent:

Others Present: Alicia Granito, Warren Hall

Guests: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Sheri Reynolds stated the Finance Committee wanted to get together with board members to discuss the status of the general fund and to share reports they have been working on. Reynolds and Marsh have taken several months of bank statements and analyzed them by types of revenue and expenses to get a better understanding of where money is going. They made a line by line analysis and share their findings to help everyone get a better understanding of the general fund revenue and expenses. Rufus thanked them for doing all that work.

Executive Session: Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel. Time: 6:20 pm

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

No action was taken at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Seward and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 8:05 pm

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, May 28, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Patty Rufus, Sheri Reynolds and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Brian Redman and Melanie Sherer.

Guests: Trevor Klump and Alicia, owners of Whiskey Throttle shared a handout of Summer Time Activities that they have ideas to host. Board members thought the ideas were good and questioned the insurance for outside alcohol. They will need a special license for event day. Trevor and Alicia will check with their insurance for coverage. Board discussed having a committee for events.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of April 16, 2024 – Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the minutes from April 16, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2024 – Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to approve the minutes from Special Meeting on May 8, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: —Laura Moroney was absent.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell shared his monthly report and stated he has checked the paperwork from the Water Project Engineer that needs approved and everything is in order.

- Approval of: Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #7 – Phase 2: **Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #7. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Approval of: Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #6 – Phase 3: **Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #7. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Approval of: Construction Engineering Bill #6 – Phase 3: **Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #7. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Phase IV – Discussion and Updates: Reynolds reported that \$476,978 has been forgiven on the water project loan and the payment was \$2,763.50 per month. The monthly payment is now \$2,116 per month. Reynolds said we should proceed with Phase 4. The Engineering won't take place unless we get the grant. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Rufus to proceed with Phase 4. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department and he reported they had to purchase a sensor and a blinker relay for the Fire Truck. Discussion took place on which account these expenditures would come out of, they Fire Protection account or their Volunteer Account. Treasurer Sherer needs a system in place for streaming when bill come in.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly report for everyone to review and that he had a question for Attorney Granito in Executive Session. Hall talked about the Ox Cart Permits and overweight fines for trucks going in to clean up the ASARCO site. Hall

recommends an ordinance be drafted to charge as there are about 30 acres of clay and dirt coming to cover 4 to 5 feet deep at the ASARCO site.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer shared the financial reports for everyone to review including the account balance as of April 30th, a list of CD balances as of today. Sherer stated the board will need to vote on CD renewals in July. Sherer also gave an update on the Quick Books online versus the Quick Books desktop conversion. Last year's information will have transfer to the new laptop and what doesn't move over will have to be re-entered. **Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. A list of all bill paid was provided. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Village Audit Update/Approval: Reynolds reported that she received an email from the water project engineer with financial information for the special audit, but couldn't open it. We need to know if the loan forgiveness is figured in the grant total and what dollars was state and which were federal.

Attorney Granito's Report:

- Animal Control Municipal Contract – Granito said she attended the Mayor's meeting on May 29th, 2024 and is waiting for the county approved municipal contract.
- Lease Ordinance for Charlie Page's Fireworks Trailer approval. Granito stated she will draft an ordinance with the \$1,000 lease fee.
- Playground Ordinance (by Wally's House) - Delong will go look at the small playground in Schram City and get a picture.
- Telecommunications Phone Ordinance # 652, amending the previous ordinance: Attorney Granito Presented the amended ordinance. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the Telecommunication amended Ordinance #652. All in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson reported he stopped by the former Moonlight Y and talked with the new owner. They are remodeling the inside of the building and plan to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner when they re-open. They also plan to have a bakery. Jackson also said Redman should serve on the grant committee. Jackson said that three dumpsters were filled during the clean up days.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – Reported the County has approved to fund \$50,160 if their ARPA funds for two generators for the Village lift stations. The Village will be responsible for 40% of the cost.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- Park Restroom Update: Trustee Seward stated that a 9' by 9' restroom with water will cost about \$35,000. The facility for the park without water would be about \$29,000. This would require a fiberglass pit that could be pumped out once a year.

New Business – Update/Approvals: Nothing new to report.

- Unkept properties: Rufus reported residents call to complain about unkept properties and shared concerns of safety issues. Jackson said that neighbors should come and complain to the board about the nuisances. Warren Hall with get letters out. Granito said you have to give an opportunity to clean up the property. Some may ask for more time. Granito said to make sure the

policy is uniform. First send out a letter to clean up in ten days and then issue a ticket if the problem is not addressed.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Delong stated the Sheriff's Department gets money for extra calls such as burglar alarms and asked if the Village can charge for excessive calls or false alarms.

Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals: Nothing further at this time.

Executive Session: Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to enter into executive session for Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time 8:36 pm.

Action Taken: Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to talk with the employees regarding the health insurance where they will pay \$150 towards their policy or they will get \$100 per month if they opt out. All in favor, motion carried.

End Executive Session: Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh. Time: 9:32 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 9:40 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Monday, June 10, 2024 -- 5:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 5:00 pm on Monday, June 10, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Sheri Reynolds, Linda Marsh, Walley Delong and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff

Others Present: None

Guests: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Discussion and Approval to hire and Auditing Service for the Special Audit Required by State Statute.

Sheri Reynolds stated the Finance Committee has been working with current Auditor Patton's and Associates to resolve the issue of the special audit requirement by State Statute. After researching the grants the Village has received, Patton's said that the Village will have to do a special audit and they can do the prep work at about \$11,000. They recommended an Auditor out of Taylorville to complete the audit. The rest of the audit would cost between \$32,000 to \$38,000.

Motion by Delong an second by Marsh to hire Patton's and Associated for the first phase of the audit and the Taylorville Accounting firm for the rest of the audit. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Delong and second by Rufus. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 5:23 pm

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, June 24, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 24, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff, Sheri Reynolds and Patty Rufus

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall and Brian Redman.

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of June 24, 2024 – Motion by Delong and second by Seward to approve the minutes from June 24, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024 – Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2014. All in favor, motion carried.

The Civility Pledge was read by President Jackson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: — President Jackson reminded everyone that when the community buildings are rented, Laura Moroney needs to be informed. Reynolds is working on a revised policy to rent the buildings.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell shared his monthly report and stated he is seeking permission to advertise for bids for the two new lift station generators that were approved with county ARPA funding. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to advertise for the two lift station generators. All in favor, motion carried.** Harrell also reported he would like permission to purchase mulch and six replacement swings for the park. The swings are \$56 each and about \$1,100 for mulch. President Jackson approved the purchase of the materials for the park. Harrell stated phase III for the water project is not yet complete and there is nothing to report for phase IV.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department and read a prepared statement. Redman said that the Volunteer Checking account is being called the Dance account and stated that it is the Taylor Springs Fire Department Volunteer Account. Redman shared his feelings regarding issues on how they have to ask for permission to spend the Volunteer money and problems with applying for grants. Redman also shared that the Volunteers have decided to discontinue having the fundraising dance and he will not be applying for any more grants. They have received over \$100,000 in grant funds for equipment and gear that the Village doesn't have to pay for. Redman said he is stepping down from the grant committee. Delong said the Fire Department Volunteers have been doing a great job however they are a department of the Village and not a separate District so the board has to make decisions on how money is spent. Attorney Granito said that certain policies are in place for auditing purposes. Discussion took place on what were to happen if the Village

can no longer afford police and fire services and Delong said he will check into the costs to cover these services.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly report for everyone to review and talked about a couple of properties owned by the county trustee that need mowed and cited Montgomery County for not following the Village’s ordinances. There is another property owned by an individual with poison ivy present. Notices were sent. Round up will be used to spray the weeds before mowing.

Treasurer’s Report Update/Approval: Trustee Marsh shared the Treasurer’s reports with balances ending in May. **Motion by Seward and second by Delong to approve the Treasurer’s Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. A list of all bills paid was provided. **Motion by Seward and second by Delong to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Village Special Audit Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer worked on getting information to the auditor for the special audit. A portion of the special auditing fees can come out of the water and sewer fund. Attorney Granito shared that legislation is pending to change auditing requirements for municipalities.

Attorney Granito’s Report:

- Animal Control Municipal Contract – Granito said she has reviewed the new County animal control contract for services and besides the per capita fee, a per call fee for after hour and weekend calls were added. Granito recommends waiting until the next Mayors meeting to address this contract.
- Playground Ordinance (by Wally’s House) - Working on this ordinance.
- Former Primo property. Discussion took place on back taxes owed on the former Primo property the Village acquired in October 2020 from an individual owing fines and that is was not acquired from the Trustee sale. The amount is \$840 and Granito said the board already voted to pay the taxes but it wasn’t done. The Village advertised for bids to sell the property in 2021 and no bids were received. Delong will check with the neighbors to see if they are interested in the parcel.

President’s Report, Update and Approvals: – Jackson stated he needs to work with Attorney Granito on a few things.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – Shared a copy of the Debris Management Plan as prepared by Joe Gasparich who recommends all municipalities approving it, should there be a disaster declaration. The document will be reviewed for 30 days and action taken at next month’s meeting. Daniels also shared news regarding the invitation from FEMA to apply for 10 new warning sirens in the County. Taylor Springs would be a recipient of a new siren if the grant is approved. Daniels also shared she met with Alicia of Whiskey Throttle regarding town events for the summer and fall.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

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New Business – Update/Approvals: Nothing new to report.

- Marsh asked about a hotel/motel tax that we do not get for Countryside Inn and if the rules on residency could be changed for Village mayor. Granito warned this policy change could open the doors for someone in another town to run and if successful could make problems for the Village.

Marsh also asked if we could get rid of one dumpster for the Village to save on costs and discussion took place. Marsh will look into removing one dumpster.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Delong stated he will be looking into the costs for fire and police services.

Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals: Nothing further at this time.

Executive Session: Motion by Delong and second by Seward to enter into executive session for Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time 7:40 pm.

End Executive Session: Motion by Marsh and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:31 pm.
No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Marsh and second by Delong and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 8:37 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, July 16, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Linda Marsh, Patty Rufus, Sheri Reynolds and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff and Wally Delong

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Warren Hall, Melanie Sherer and Brian Redman.

Guests: Barb Cass

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of June 24, 2024 – Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the minutes from June 24, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

The Civility Pledge was read by President Jackson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: — Nothing to report.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report and stated Phase IV of the water project is in the engineering phase and should be ready for next month's meeting. Kane stated that he reviewed the paperwork for the following documents submitted for work on Phase 2 and 3 and recommends approval to the board.

- Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #8 – Phase 2 in the amount of \$98,891.00. **Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #8 for Phase 2. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #7 – Phase 3 in the amount of \$92,571.25. **Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to approve Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #7 for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Construction Engineer Bill #7 – Phase 3 in the amount of \$5,053.49. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Seward to approve Construction Engineer Bill #7 for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department report and shared they responded to an mutual aid call in Coffeen where 8 volunteers came. Redman announced that the Fire Department Volunteers want to have a Music BINGO fundraiser at the Outpost on November 2nd, and serve popcorn and soda.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly written report and stated there is a vagrant at the Freisland house on Water St.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer reported everything was switched to Quick Books Desktop and shared financial reports ending for June. Discussion took place on Certificate of Deposit renewals and the interest generated will go to the general fund. The maturity date is August 25th, 2024. A decision needs to be made to go with the five month or eleven month renewal rate. The next mature date in January and July of 2025. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Seward to renew all CD's on or before August 25 at eleven months and the interest generated will go to the general fund. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Reynolds and second by Rufus to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. A list of all bills paid was provided. **Motion by Seward and second by Delong to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito's Report: Alicia was absent.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – Jackson stated he needs to work with Attorney Granito on a few things.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – Shared a copy of the Debris Management Plan as prepared by Joe Gasparich at the June Village board meeting. Gasparich recommends all municipalities approving it in case of a disaster declaration. **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve the Debris Management Plan. All in favor, motion carried.** Daniels also reported the county applied for a grant to get new sirens and Taylor Springs would get a new warning siren if the grant is approved.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- Electric Supplier: The contract expires on October 1st, 2024. The Village will need to look into pricing at the September meeting.
- Unkept Properties: The board discussed the issue of unkept properties in the Village and will discuss further action with Attorney Granito. There is a house on Hamilton Road that needs torn down. Jackson inquired about where the money would come from to tear the house down. Rufus stated she owned property with an old abandoned house that she got torn down after three years. Need to discuss with Attorney Granito about putting a lien on the property for mowing and attorney fees. Hall said Josi sent the owner a letter regarding the need to clean up the property and a second letter will be sent.
- Park Restroom: Seward gave an update on the costs to build a restroom at the park and the board discussed other options like the costs and cleaning out issues associated with a porta potty.
- Tiny House Ordinance Update: The board discussed the need for a tiny house ordinance to address foundation issues. Attorney Granito will be asked to look into such an ordinance.
- Parcel ID # 16-14-427-015 former Primo property: The board discussed the Primo property that was deeded to the Village a couple of years ago to settle money owed to the Village. Taxes haven't been paid and this parcel is now on the County Trustee tax sale list. Treasurer Sherer said she looked into the issue and there was not a title transfer done when the property was acquired. Discussion took place on whether the Village will pay the back taxes owed or let it go in the tax sale. Attorney Granito will be asked for input on this issue.
- Rail Road Crossing Paperwork with ICC Approval: Clerk Daniels reported we received documents to sign from the ICC regarding the two proposed rail road crossing improvements. **Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to approve the ICC documents regarding the Rail Road crossing improvements. All in favor, motion carried.**

New Business – Update/Approvals: Nothing new to report.

- Marsh asked about the signs that were purchased for “No Solicitors” and Kane reported ten signs were purchased and will be installed around town.
- Patty Rufus stated that Treasurer Sherer has worked a lot of hours preparing for the special audit and feels there should be some type of compensation like a stipend. This can be addressed at the August meeting when raises are brought up in closed session.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval:

Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A special meeting will be posted regarding an invitation from ASARCO management to tour the property on August 27th from 10:00 am until Noon. A lunch will be provided from Noon until 2:00 pm at the Community Building.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 8:10 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, August 20, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, Aug 20, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Patty Rufus, Sheri Reynolds and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Warren Hall, Melanie Sherer and Brian Redman.

Guests: Barb Cass, Ellen Duvall, Chris Sherer and Brett Seward

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of July 16, 2024 – Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the minutes from July 16, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

The Civility Pledge was read by President Jackson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: — Discussion took place on the lack of tables and chairs at the Community Building for a funeral dinner and it was reported that three tables and 15 chairs were taken to the Outpost. It was planned to have seating for 150 at the community building and 250 at the Outpost.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report and stated Phase IV of the water project is in the engineering phase and should be ready for next month's meeting.

- **Generator Bid Opening:** Two bids were received for the two new generators for the lift stations. This is to be paid for by the ARPA money the county approved for the Village for this purchase. **Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to purchase the two generators from Hillsboro Electric in the amount of \$53,095.19. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **MFT Update:** Audit looks good for the oil and chip projects. Discussion took place on a discrepancy in 2020 and 2021 where \$30,315.20 of Rebuild Illinois money was deposited to the General Fund instead of MFT and now need to be repaid. During discussion of moving the money, it was suggested to take \$10,000 of ARPA money and the rest from the general fund to do the transfer and correct the issue. An ARPA Ordinance will need to be prepared for next month. Harrell said there are a few options for the roof project at Village Hall. There are various rubber spray applications that would last 5, 10 and 15 years. Bids will be sought for the next meeting.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department report and shared that people will bring their own food and beverages to the Music BINGO fundraiser scheduled at the Outpost on November 2nd, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly written report and shared information regarding the derelict properties he has been dealing with.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer reported everything was switched to Quick Books Desktop and shared financial reports ending for July. Sherer said she has been working with the bank regarding the CD renewals and they should be ready for signature next week. Elwin Saathoff will be taken off as a signatory. Treasurer Sherer reported she will be absent starting September 9th, for about a week and will be slow for a few weeks, but can write checks. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to have Jackson and Delong sign the Paychecks during this time. Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. A list of all bills paid was provided. **Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.** Discussion took place on an invoice from Deb for work on reconciling the books for the audit. It was 34.5 hours at \$50 per hour and 270 miles at \$.67 per mile. Sherer said there is one more invoice coming for \$500. The Total invoice was \$1905.90 plus \$500 for the remaining balance to pay. **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve the payment of \$1905.90 for this invoice to Deb for help in preparing the Audit. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito's Report:

- County Animal Control Municipal Contract for Services. Attorney Granito said the contract will be discussed and presented to the Municipalities at the next Mayor's Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Historic Courthouse.
- Granito prepared an Ordinance #653 to review for the Park by Wally's House. The address is 601 ½ Bell Street and the parcel number is 16-13-311-007. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to approve Ordinance #653 Lease of Property for parcel 16-13-311-04 to a small park. Voting yes, Marsh, Rufus, Seward and Reynolds. Delong abstains and Saathoff is absent. Motion carried.**
- Attorney Granito explained the legislation that passed regarding the Grocery Sales tax and General Sales tax and will draft an Ordinance for next month's meeting. **Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to have Granito draft a Grocery and General Sales Tax Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – Jackson stated there are some sewer issues being monitored and we will advertise for new roof bids.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels reported it is still very busy with solar projects in the county and we are still waiting on the application for the Montgomery Solar Project on Dorothy Race's property south of the Outpost. The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for the ten Warning Sirens is due on September 13th, 2024 and if awarded, Taylor Springs would get a new siren. Daniels also reported Alicia Roller at Whiskey Throttle requested to organize a Trunk or Treat event at the park for Saturday, October 26th, 2024 from 2 pm to 5 pm and the Board agreed. Trick or Treat will be held on October 30th and 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- ASARCO project Update/Approval: The Board discussed the scheduled tour of the ASARCO property that is scheduled for next Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided at the Community Building after the tour. It was reported that all the remaining ASARCO building have been demolished.
- Electric Supplier: The contract expires on October 1st, 2024. The Village will need to look into pricing closer to the expiration date as the electric prices change every day.
- Unkept Properties: The board discussed the issue of unkept properties in the Village and will discuss further action with Attorney Granito. There is a house on Hamilton Road that needs torn down. Warren Hall said he has taken a few issues as far as he could and refers them to Attorney Granito. **Motion by Rufus and second by Delong to give Granito the authority to follow up with the three derelict properties that were discussed. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Parcel ID # 16-14-427-015 former Primo property: The board discussed the Primo property that was deeded to the Village a couple of years ago to settle money owed to the Village. Taxes haven't been paid and this parcel is now on the County Trustee tax sale list. Treasurer Sherer said she looked into the issue and there was not a title transfer done when the property was acquired. Discussion took place on whether the Village will pay the back taxes owed or let it go in the tax sale. **Motion by Delong and second by Marsh to pay back taxes on the Primo Property parcel ID 16-14-427-015. All in favor, motion carried.**

New Business – Update/Approvals: Reynolds shared a list of grants that the Village has applied for and currently is applying for. Lengthily discussions took place regarding the grant application for a maximum of \$350,000 for a new Fire Department Building and whether the current building should be renovated, build onto the Community building or build a different building. Discussion also took place on the grant writer’s fee of \$1,200 and that it would be paid on the grant if submitted in 30 days. If they don’t get the grant then the grant writer’s fee could be split 50/50. Rufus stated other local officials have been telling her about new laws regarding fire departments. There is also a Fire Department small equipment grant for \$26,000 that Chief Redman reported on. Reynolds reported on an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Grant called OSLAND that is available to apply for Park upgrades. It is for \$300,000 and is Marsh stated we need public support from the community for the park projects and the grant for a new fire station. A meeting was held with Grant writer Dan Rogers to discuss hiring him to apply for the grant. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to apply for the OSLAD grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the park upgrades. All in favor, motion carried.**

Executive Session: Motion by Reynolds and second by Delong to enter into Executive Session for Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time 8:55 pm.

Motion by Delong and second by Seward to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 9:50 pm.

Action: Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to pay a \$250 stipend to Treasurer Melanie Sherer for work done on the special audit. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Reynolds and second by Delong to lower the employee insurance co-pay to \$100 per month and remove the dental clause. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The food and Toy Drive Committee is having a kick off and appreciation lunch at the Outpost with food on September 16th, 2024 from 1 pm to 2 pm. This event is not open to the public.

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 9:55 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Patty Rufus, Sheri Reynolds and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff

Others Present: Alicia Granito Kane Harrell, Kane Harrell, Brian Redman and Warren Hall.

For the Record, Seward had to leave the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Guests: Barb Cass, Ellen Duvall, Chris Sherer, Vicky Murphy, Linda Klotz, Rosemary Frame, Dara Jagodzinski, Alan Pretnar, Jake Jones, Mr. & Mr. Harvey Payne, Steve Hanner and Daughter, Jake Jones, Student Christopher Beach, Mr. Hamby, Randy Richardson.

Attorney Pretnar, Mr. Hamby and Randy Richardson brought up the issue of property that were vacated years ago involving parcels they own. Pretnar had copies of the recorded document and they went over the timeframe of when all this took place. Pretnar also hoped the two landowners could resolve this issue on their own. Attorney Granito will look at the paperwork and report next month.

Several guests shared their concerns over a couple of derelict properties, mainly the one on the corner of Hamilton and East Streets. Everyone was saying the house is very unsafe. The owner lives in Minnesota and the Village Board and Attorney Granito had to explain the legal issues the Village is facing with trying to get it cleaned up and it was stated that the Village doesn't have the funds to demo the house. Letter have been sent to the address on the tax bill

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of August 20th, 2024 – Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the minutes from August 20th, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

The Civility Pledge was read by Village Clerk Daniels.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval:

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report and stated there are no updates on Phase IV of the water project which is in the engineering phase. Kane reported that the Sewer Pump went down two weeks ago and it will cost about \$12,000 for a new Electric Started. The one we have is obsolete and can't be rebuilt. **Motion by Rufus and second by Delong to purchase a new electric started for the sewer pump in the amount of \$12,000 from Litchfield Pump and Motor. All in favor, motion carried.**

- Roof Bid Opening: The Village received three bids for the replacement of the rubber roof on Village Hall. Kane will have to review the bids and compare the specs on each one before determining which bid will be recommended. Harrell will bring the information to the next meeting.
- MFT Update: Kane reported everything is finished for the MFT audit.
- **Contractor's Pay Estimate #8 - FINAL – Phase 2 Approval: Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Contractor's Pay Estimate #8. All in favor, motion carried.**

- **Change Order #2 – FINAL – Phase 2: Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Change Order #2. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Construction Engineering Bill – Phase 2: Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Construction Engineering Bill for Phase 2. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Contractor’s Pay Estimate #8 - FINAL – Phase 3: Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Contractor’s Pay Estimate #3, Final for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Change Order #3 – FINAL – Phase 3: Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve Change Order #3, the final for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Construction Engineering Bill #8 – Phase 3: Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve Construction Engineering Bill # 8 for phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department report and reminded everyone about the Music BINGO fundraiser scheduled at the Outpost on November 2nd, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Redman stated they are putting out flyers and posting the event on Facebook. A lengthy discussion took place on the issue of paying two volunteer firemen for EMS calls. Redman stated that if seven people show up, how does he decide which two will get the \$5.00 call out pay. Rufus stated that Coffeen doesn’t get paid for those calls and suggested they do it on a voluntary basis. Redman and Jake Jones explained the different type calls and what is needed for manpower. Reynolds suggested scheduling who is on call and said the fire department budget went over last year so they need to watch expenses. Pretnar stated another option would be for the fire department to become a District and said he doesn’t want to lose the fire department. Others commented the same that they didn’t want the fire department to go away. Discussion also took place as a results of public comments brought up about a rumor that the fire department was going to move to the community building parking lot if they get a grant they applied for. Mayor Jackson said they fire department could be moved behind the community building or put down at the Outpost.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly written report and shared information regarding the derelict properties he has been dealing with. Hall reported a neighbor of the burned out house told him there are raccoons living in that house and has concerns of them carrying diseases like parvo. Granito suggested having regulatory agencies look into the issues with this property. Hall also expressed his concerns over the property on the corner of Hamilton and East Street and wondered if the Village could mow the brush and put a lien on the property. The Village can cut the brush in the right of way.

Treasurer’s Report Update/Approval: Sheri Reynolds gave the report in Treasurer Sherer’s absence. More discussion and financial reports will be shared next month.

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. A list of all bills paid was provided. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Rufus to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Certificate of Deposit Renewals – Discussion will take place next month.

Attorney Granito’s Report:

- County Animal Control Municipal Contract for Services. Attorney Granito said the contract will be discussed and presented to the Municipalities at the next Mayor’s Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Historic Courthouse.
- Attorney Granito reported that we received a confirmation letter from the Illinois Department of Revenue that the Telecommunications Tax will be effective January 1st, 2025.

- Ordinance #655 Implementing a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Taylor Springs. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to approve Ordinance #655 a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Taylor Springs. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Attorney Granito explained the legislation that passed regarding the Grocery Sales tax and General Sales tax and will draft an Ordinance for next month's meeting. **Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to have Granito draft a Grocery and General Sales Tax Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Ordinance #656 – Village Annual Appropriations Ordinance Update/Approval: There will not be a need for a Truth and Taxation meeting. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve Ordinance #656, The Village Annual Appropriations Ordinance for 2025. All in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – Jackson reminded everyone that the Village Clean up days is scheduled for October 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels reported the County is still waiting for the application for the Montgomery Solar Project on Dorothy Race's property south of the Outpost. The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for the ten Warning Sirens was due on September 13th, 2024 and if awarded, Taylor Springs would get a new siren. Daniels also reported Alicia Roller at Whiskey Throttle requested to organize a Trunk or Treat event at the park for Saturday, October 26th, 2024 from 2 pm to 5 pm and the Board agreed. Trick or Treat will be held on October 30th and 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm. Daniels also reported we are waiting on a contract to sign from DCEO for the Energy Transition grant awarded for Park upgrades in the amount of \$55,346. We missed the opportunity to apply for the IDNR Parks OSLAD grant as the due date was September 13th, 2024. Grant Writer Dan Rogers had a short time frame to apply and time ran out. We will have to try and apply when it comes out again next year.

- **Ordinance #654 to transfer ARPA funds: Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Ordinance #654 to transfer ARPA funds for amount not to exceed \$ 10,000 shall be made available for the transfer of funds to the Motor Fuel Tax fund to correct a deposit made to the General Fund in 2021-2022. This Ordinance shall be in effect upon passage. All in favor, motion carried.**

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- ASARCO project Update/Approval: The Board had a tour of the ASARCO property on Tuesday, August 27 from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Electric Supplier: The contract expires in October and will look at what the pricing is on the day of the next Village Hall meeting as the electric prices change every day.
- Unkept Properties: The board discussed the issue of unkept properties in the Village and will discuss further action with Attorney Granito. There is a house on Hamilton Road that needs torn down. Several guests in the audience shared their concerns and asked questions on what can be done to have the property owners clean up.

New Business – Update/Approvals:

Motions and changes done at each meeting typed up. Rufus stated she would like to see the motions and changes to ordinances made at each meeting, be typed up on a log and put at Village Hall because it is very time consuming having to look up stuff in the minutes. Rufus also requested that the Village start putting the minutes from the meetings in the Journal News for the month when they are approved from the board. She said it was done several years ago, but was stopped because of issues on what was printed. During discussion, it was decided to send the approved minutes from the prior month to the newspaper to report in the paper. **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to put the approved minutes of the previous month in the newspaper. All in favor, motion carried.**

Executive Session: Motion by Reynolds and second by Delong to enter into Executive Session for Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Time 8:50 pm.

Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time 10:10 pm.

Action: Motion by Reynolds and second by Delong to pay give raises to give 3% pay raises to Warren Hall, John Michaelis, Josie Witt and Kane Harrell effective October 1st, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Reynolds and second by Delong to lower the employee insurance co-pay to \$100 per month and remove the dental clause. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Marsh asked the status of the two semi-trailers parked on the Community building and how the lease works for two trailers. Marsh asked that the Lease with Charlie Page be on next month's agenda. Marsh would also like to discuss the Elam lagoon next month.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further to report.

Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Marsh and second by Delong. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 10:15 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, October 22, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Patty Rufus and Joann Seward.

Absent: Sheri Reynolds and Elwin Saathoff

Others Present: Alicia Granito Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, Melanie Sherer and Warren Hall.

Guests: Barb Cass, Steve and Katie Hanner, Christopher Beach.

Public Comments: An issue was brought up regarding motorized bikes not stopping at stop signs. Warren Hall will address the issue with the owner of the motorized bike about following the law for safety issues.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of September 17, 2024 – Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the minutes from August 20th, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

The Civility Pledge was read by Village Clerk Daniels.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval:

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report and stated there are no updates on Phase IV of the water project until March. A new pump was purchased and will come out of the water and sewer fund.

- Roof Bids at Village Hall: Harrell reported he reviewed the three bids that were submitted and there were a few difference in the scope of work that was bid on. Jackson would like to know where the money is coming from to pay for the new roof before an approval is made on one of the bids.
- New Generators Update: Harrell reported the two generators for the lift stations were ordered.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department report and reminded everyone about the Music BINGO fundraiser scheduled at the Outpost on November 2nd, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

- EMS calls: Pay or no Pay

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly written report and shared information regarding some concerns about soliciting in Village Limits.

Treasurer’s Report Update/Approval: Melanie Sherer shared three months of Treasurer’s reports for the board to review. The audit should be done in November.

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. A list of all bills paid was provided and there was nothing out of the ordinary. **Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito’s Report:

- County Animal Control Municipal Contract for Services. Attorney Granito said the municipal contract was discussed at the Mayor’s Meeting that was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. There are a couple of concerns that need to be addressed at the next Mayors meeting in January.
- Ordinance #659, Grocery Sales Tax: Attorney Granito explained the legislation that passed regarding the Grocery Sales tax and General Sale’s tax and will draft an Ordinance for November’s meeting.
- Ordinance #65 – Village Annual Levy Ordinance Update/Approval: There will not be a need for a Truth and Taxation meeting as the levy is within the 5%. **Motion by Rufus and second by Delong to approve Ordinance #657, The Village Annual Levy Ordinance for 2025. All in favor, motion carried.**

President’s Report, Update and Approvals: – Jackson stated we need to authorize and add Accountant Gary Wemple to Village IMRF Account in order to report employee wages and make automatic payments on the IMRF portal. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to authorize and add Gary Wemple to the Village IMRF account to enter wages and make payments in the IMRF portal. All in favor, motion carried.**

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels reported the County hasn’t received an application for the Montgomery Solar Project on Dorothy Race’s property south of the Outpost. The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for the ten Warning Sirens was due on September 13th, 2024 and if awarded, Taylor Springs would get a new siren. Daniels reminded everyone about the Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Saturday, October 26th, 2024 from 2 pm to 5 pm at the park. Trick or Treat will be held on October 30th and 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm. Daniels also reported we are waiting on a contract to sign from DCEO for the Energy Transition grant awarded for Park upgrades in the amount of \$55,346.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- Electric Supplier: The contract expires in October and the committee reviewed the proposal and decided to go with the three year rates and renewals. Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the three year contract with
- Unkept Properties: Discussion took place on the ongoing issue of a couple of unkept derelict properties in the Village. Attorney Granito said there has been some communication with the owners and one property may be put up for sale and another will be working on the issues.

New Business – Update/Approvals: Lease on Page Trailer in the community building parking lot. Marsh asked the lease should be increased since there are two trailers there now. Further discussion will take place in November.

Executive Session: None

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: The ARPA balance is \$28,000.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Delong shared the following input after talking with some Village Residents. Delong stated that residents told him they are not wanting the fire department relocated to the community building property and the public is pleased with the fire department. The Outpost is not very rentable due to not having a kitchen with a stove, refrigerator and freezer. Delong also stated the work being done at the former Moonlight Y is going good.

Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Marsh and second by Seward. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 6:41 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Regular Meeting Minutes
T.S. Community Building
613 E. Main St. Taylor Springs, IL 62089
For Tuesday, November 18th, 2024 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 18, 2024 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Wally Delong, Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus and Joann Seward.

Absent: Elwin Saathoff

Others Present: Alicia Granito Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, Melanie Sherer and Warren Hall.

Guests: Steve Hanner.

Public Comments: Steve Hanner gave an update on his family's use of the Outpost for his daughter's wedding. He said overall it was a very good experience however he said a freezer, fridge and stove were needed to make it easier to have events there. An issue of some mold in a bathroom was addressed by Kane and Johnny.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES of October 22nd, 2024– Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the minutes from August 20th, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

The Civility Pledge was read.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: The board discussed the issues of the items needed that Steve Hanner brought up.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell shared his monthly written report and stated there are no updates on Phase IV of the water project until March.

- Roof Bids at Village Hall: Harrell reported he reviewed the three bids that were submitted and recommended going with Five Star Roofing as they offered a 20-year warranty, and the bid price was \$24,820. **Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to approve the bid from Five Star in the amount of \$24,820 for the Village Hall roof and to use ARPA money. All in favor motion carried.**
- New Generators Update: Harrell reported the two generators for the lift stations were ordered and they are on back order. Payment will come out of the water and sewer fund and once the proof of payment is sent to the County, they will reimburse the \$55,250 of their ARPA funds they approved previously.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman shared his monthly written fire department report and said they continue to work on the grant for a new fire house. The small equipment grant is for \$26,000 which is for five sets of turn out gear. Redman said they paid the grant writer fee to Dan Rogers. Discussion took place about possibly adding on to the Outpost for the new Fire Department. The annual pump test will take place this Friday and there is one tire on the Engine getting fixed at Rt. 66. Redman reported they had a good turnout for the Music BINGO fundraiser and will most likely have another one. Rufus stated she has been checking into the new OSHA laws for fire departments and wants more information before proceeding to accept a grant for the new building. Redman stated they had a good turnout for Halloween trick or treating and had about 160 kids.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Police Chief Hall emailed his monthly written report and said he had nothing further to report.

Treasurer’s Report Update/Approval: Melanie Sherer shared Treasurer’s reports for previous month. Reynolds reported that the audit is being worked on by the auditor in Taylorville and the audit deadline was extended. President Jackson asked if they would come and give a presentation of the completed audit. **Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to approve the Treasurer’s report. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: The board discussed and approved the regular monthly bills. A list of all bills paid was provided and there was nothing out of the ordinary. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the payment of the regular bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Attorney Granito’s Report:

- County Animal Control Municipal Contract for Services. Attorney Granito said the municipal contract was discussed at the Mayor’s Meeting that was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 and we are waiting for the next Mayor’s meeting scheduled in January to address some concerns.
- Ordinance #659, Grocery Sales Tax: Attorney Granito explained the legislation that passed regarding the Grocery Sales tax and General Sale’s tax and it was presented to the board for review. **Motion by Marsh and second by Rufus to approve Ordinance #659 for the Grocery Sales Tax. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Montgomery Solar Project Agreement:** Apex Energy, developer of Montgomery Spring Solar LLC drafted a Compensation and waiver of siting authority for the solar project being located just south of the Outpost on Dorothy Race’s property. Attorney Granito stated a public hearing would need to be held. After some discussion, Reynolds asked if the regular December meeting could be moved up a week due to the Christmas Holidays. **Motion by Delong and second by Seward to move the meeting to December 10th, 2024 at 5:45 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Attorney Granito stated she is researching legislation where the Village can tax for Streaming services.

President’s Report, Update and Approvals: – Jackson stated the lots on Brown Street and Division Streets were once put out for bid as surplus property but we didn’t get any bids. Discussion took place on putting those lots up for sale.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels reported that since she was elected to the Montgomery County Board on November 5th, an issue of it being a conflict with also being the Village Clerk. Daniels submitted a letter of resignation as Village Clerk effective November 30th. A job classification was put in last week’s paper and interviews will be done at a special meeting on November 26th, 2024. Both Attorney Granito and Daniels researched the state statutes because initially the state compatibility of offices report says the two positions are compatible as the Village Clerk has no voting rights for the Village. There is a footnote regarding the compatibility which once we looked into it, the statute says the two are not compatible.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- Unkept Properties: Discussion took place on the ongoing issue of a couple of unkept derelict properties in the Village. Attorney Granito said there has been some communication with the owners and the properties on Hamilton and Water Streets will be put up for sale.
- Taylor Springs Lagoon: Jackson met with Pretnar regarding the Elam property and the lagoon. Rufus suggested that Attorney Granito attend any future meetings.

New Business – Update/Approvals: Lease on Page Trailer in the community building parking lot. Marsh asked if the lease should be increased since there are two trailers there now and his original lease was for \$1,000 for one trailer.

Regarding the property dispute between the Richardsons and Mr. Hamby, Granito stated this is a civil case and we are out of it. The Village has no authority in this issue.

Executive Session: Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to enter into executive session for Personnel and lease negotiations. All in favor, motion carried. Time 7:07 pm.

Motion to come out of Executive session by Marsh and second by Seward. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:35 pm.

The employee sections of the Ordinance will be looked at and possibly amended at the next meeting.

Motion by Marsh and second by DeLong to raise the lease amount to \$1,450 per year for the two trailers. All in favor, motion carried. A letter will be sent to Mr. Page regarding the amended lease amount.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: The ARPA balance is about \$28,000.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Nothing further
Streets/Alleys, Parks, Water & Seward, Building & Grounds Committee Report Update and Approvals:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Seward and second by Reynolds. All in favor, motion carried.

TIME: 7:45 PM.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th, 2024.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**NO RECORD OF
MINUTES FOR
DECEMBER 17TH,
2024 MINUTES TO
BE FOUND ON FILE**