

2023

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: Patty Rufus

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Warren Hall, Attorney Granito, David Jenkins, Brian Redman, Kate Fox and Barb Cass

Guests: Joanne Seward came to observe the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 21st, 2022.

Motion by Marsh and second by Saathoff approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on December 21st, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: No report.

Public Works Department Report: Kane Harrell reported the Kubota tractor is in the shop with a hydraulic leak and this is probably going to be an expensive fix.

Loan Ordinance #629 for Phase II Water Project Documents: Motion by Marsh and second by Saathoff to approve Ordinance #629 – Authorizing the Village of Taylor Springs to Borrow Funds from the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Public Water Supply Loan Program. All in favor, motion carried.

Map Presented by Brown and Roberts Engineers for Phase II. Motion by Marsh and second by Saathoff to approve the Phase II water project map as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Redman reported they had 94 calls in 2022. Medical calls were 67, Fire calls were 27 and 13 were mutual aid calls. Redman stated there were no house fires in Taylor Springs for 2022 and the fires they responded to were mostly grass fires.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall reported he needs brackets for the speed signs and the cost is \$470 for 8 brackets. Hall stated it makes it easier to put the signs up and Trustee Hanners said to order them. Hall said he would like to meet with the Police Committee when Trustee Reynolds gets back. Hall stated he would like to get a permanent solar operated sign and will get prices for it. Hall stated he purchases uniform shirts and pants at \$100 each and he can get Carhart pants and shirts for \$35.00 each. A tax exempt account would need to be set up. Hall said he gets \$200 for clothing allowance and this would save money. Hall reported he was called out to a residence with issues and the County Health Department Mental Crisis team showed up. Hall explained the situation and hopes the program will help the resident.

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: none

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Warren Hall, Attorney Granito, David Jenkins, Brian Redman, Kate Fox and Barb Cass – Emily Gerl

Guests: Bill Baran came to discuss putting up a memory wall with old pictures of Taylor Springs. He would like to work on this project and discussion took place and where to put the memory wall.

Emily Gerl shared a copy of the municipal animal control contract. Reynolds and Granito brought up concerns on the length of the contract and asked for different opt out options. Hall said that Kate gets pics of the animal control dogs for his face book page and posts them on her own time and that the adoption rates have gone through the roof since she has been doing this.

Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 17th, 2023.

Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on January 17th, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval:

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell reported

- Lagoon Parcel – Rufus stated he had worked on this for years and will not work on it anymore.
- Water Survey With Consultant Clark Cameron – Rufus said she didn't call Cameron and that he was needing financial information of Treasurer Jenkins on this.
- EPA Application for Construction Permit – **Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to approve EPA Application for Construction Permit. All in favor, motion carried.**
- IEPA Loan Plans & Spec Certification – **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to approve IEPA Loan Plan & Spec Certification. All in favor, motion carried.**
- IEPA form Schedule A – **Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to approve IEPA form Schedule A. All in favor, motion carried.**
- IEPA form Schedule B - **Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to approve IEPA form Schedule B. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Redman reported everything is going ok and there is nothing new to report at this time.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall said he was dealing with a resident and had to call the crisis team again.

Review and Approval of Village Bills: Treasurer Jenkins reported there were no bills out of the ordinary. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner to approve the payment of the bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Saturday, March 4th, 2023 -- 9:15 am**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 9:15 am on Saturday, 4th, 2023 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 9:15 am.

ROLL CALL: Present: Trustees: Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus, Mike Gonzalez came in late and Elwin Saathoff were at Village Hall.

Absent: Village President Harry Jackson and Steve Hanner.

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Attorney Granito

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 20th, 2022.

Motion by Reynolds and Marsh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on December 20th, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Community Building Report Update and Approval:** Reynolds reported they have worked on the new flooring at the former VFW and the front area is complete. The hall area has been washed and prepared for painting and about \$4,500 is need to complete it. If the concrete floor is not painted, it will need to be sealed every year and it will be easier to mop if it is painted. Discussion took place on replacing ceiling tiles at the community building and Kane said they could help with that. Reynolds also asked about tables and chairs for the former VFW building and it would cost about \$3,500 to have enough for about 125 people. We would need about \$10,000 to finish so we can rent the building out. Reynolds said there is about \$40,000 left of ARPA money. Reynolds also said we could generate some revenue by renting out the little and big hall at the former VFW building. Rufus said she didn't want to put more money in that building and feels that ARPA money was meant for reimbursing some salaries and insurance for the employees during COVID. Marsh said that wedding and graduations are coming up so renting could be an option. Discussion took place on how much other area halls are renting for and how much we want to rent the small and big hall. Prices to charge for cleaning it after the events was suggested at \$125.00. A rental fee suggested was \$375 for Friday evening until Sunday morning and the smaller room could rent for a daily fee of \$100. Marsh asked if the current tables and chairs could be used until we get some rental revenue to purchase new ones. Kane said there are extra tables and chairs at the community building and everyone agreed those should be taken to former VFW for use. Reynolds suggested getting rid of the dumpster and getting trash toters to help prevent illegal dumping. **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to charge \$350 for the large hall and \$125 clean up fee for a 24 hour period. The small room rental would be \$25 per hour for 4 hours and \$50 for cleaning. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 2. Public Works Department Report.** Marsh stated the Street department doesn't have the proper tools and they have been using their own. The fire department has tools that maybe they can borrow. Rufus said that the Village bought tools in the past but they have walked off. Discussion took place to have Kane make a list of tools they need and present it at the next meeting.
- 3. Approval of IEPA Certification of Engineering for Loan Funded Projects:** Discussion took place on the email from Brown and Roberts Engineers to approve the IEPA Certification of Engineering for Loan Funded Projects for Phase II. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the IEPA Certification of Engineering for Loan Funded Projects. All in favor, motion carried.**

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The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 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, Patty Rufus and Elwin Saathoff.

Absent: Sheri Reynolds

Others Present: Kane Harrell, John Michaelis, Brian Redman, Warren Hall, Attorney Granito, Kate Fox and Barb Cass
Guests: Bill Baran came to discuss putting up a memory wall with old pictures of Taylor Springs. He would like to work on this project and discussion took place and where to put the memory wall.

Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 21st, 2023. Motion by Marsh and second by Gonzales to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 21st, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gonzales and second by Marsh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting held on March 4th, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval:

- Purchase of tables and chairs for former VFW building: The board discussed purchasing tables and chairs and that there are extra at the community building. The board asked Kane to get a number of each and report to the next meeting.
- Rental of the former VFW Hall – Approval: Attorney Granito shared a rental lease agreement for the former VFW Hall. Discussion: If the hall is not rented on Friday night, then it is OK for renters to go in and decorate and decorating times will be done on a case by case basis. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Marsh to approve the hall lease agreement. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Former VFW Floor: Reynolds reported it will cost \$4,500 to paint the former VFW floor. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hanner to approve funds in the amount of \$4,500 to paint the former VFW floor.**

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell reported they need some tools as they have been borrowing them from the Fire Department and Harry Jackson. Kane got some prices and it is about \$1,000 for new tools for the maintenance department. **Motion by Rufus and second by Marsh to purchase up to \$1,000 for new tools. All in favor, motion carried.**

Water Project Engineer Documents Update/Approval:

Notice of Intent to Award – Base Bid - \$767,820. Matt Tosh from Brown and Roberts Engineers called in to explain the Notice of Intent to Award. Motion by Marsh and second by Gonzalez to approve the Notice of Intent to Award – Base Bid of 767,820. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Chief Redman reported they received a grant to purchase a commercial washer and dryer (extractor) to clean their fire gear. He received a bid for \$10,232.95 and the grant was for \$9020. Redman is seeking a few more bids. Paperwork has been sent in to the Village insurance for the storm damage to the Fire Department roof and the appraiser report came back with a check for

for the event: BINGO, corn hole, business scavenger hunt, coffee bar, bake sale, music, yard sale, craft vendors, food trucks and games for kids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Easter Egg Hunt – Sat. April 1st, 2023 at 10:00 am. Motion by Gonzalez and second by Marsh to approve the Easter Egg Hung date and time.

New Copier Percentage for water department to pay approval. Discussion took place and what percentage to charge the water department for the use of the new copier and they decided on 75%.

Motion by Gonzalez and second by Hamner to approve charging the water department for 75% of the new copier usage. All in favor, motion carried.

Salaries: Discussion took place on looking at the employee salaries.

Proclamation for Edmond Pesko Day – Hall stated Edmond Pesko was born and raised in Taylor Springs and would like to honor his wife and kids by proclaiming April 15th as Edmond Pesko Day. The celebration will take place on Sunday, April 16th, 2023 at the Community Building. **Motion by Gonzalez and second by Marsh to approve the Proclamation for Edmond Pesko Day. All in favor, motion carried.**

IMRF for Kate Fox – Kate will be added in 2 weeks.

Trustee Reports: Saathoff stated there will be signs up for the cleanup days at the former VFW. Gonzalez thanks Kane and Johnny for helping residents. Marsh asked about a key to lock the dumpster and said she wants to go see a board meeting in Schram City. Jackson stated he has 3 cameras he can put up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 7:40 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Saturday, April 15th, 2023 -- 9:15 am**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 9:15 am on Saturday, 4th, 2023 at the Village Hall. The meeting started at 9:15 am.

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

Absent: Michael Gonzalez and Steve Hanner.

Others Present: Warren Hall

Guests: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Community Building Report Update and Approval:** Reynolds reported there are 4 tables and 48 chairs in excess at the community building and they were not moved to the former VFW building. We will probably need 150 more chairs and 20-24 more tables for the new building for an estimated cost of \$6,250. The racks would be extra. Reynolds stated 72 chairs fit on a rack and there are 2 full racks at the community building holding 144 chairs. There is also an extra chair rack. The VFW hall can hold about 200 people and the Community Building can hold up to 150 people. Rufus asked if someone would purchase the former VFW and we could put it up for sale. Reynolds replied that the building was purchased so we could get a business in there for revenue. Rufus stated a realtor would seek out a business and would go out and talk to businesses and promote the building. Discussion took place on the Visionary group that expressed they would like to see the building leased out. Jackson said if we get a business in there it would generate sales tax. Rufus suggested looking into buying the 3 acres that she found out was available on the other side of the former VFW building and offered to go and talk to Brandi Lentz about it. Rufus and Reynolds could meet with Lentz to discuss. Jackson stated we need to figure out what to do with the old tables and chairs in the shed and this will be put on the next agenda. Reynolds said she has had several questions about the rental of the former VFW building. Marsh said that Charlie Page is interested in renting part of the parking lot for selling fireworks. Reynolds stated they are looking at colors and working on dates to paint the floors so we could advertise in May for rental of the building.
 - a. **Memory Wall:** Discussion took place on Bill Baran getting his group together to get pictures for a memory wall. They need to ask for a location to put the items.
- 2. Police Department Report:** Discussion took place on Hall requesting the purchase of a solar speed sign for \$6,000. President Jackson stated he would like to wait on grant availability. Reynolds stated that we could ask the Fire Department to help out with the cost as this is a health and safety issue. Hall stated the sign cost would be \$600 more after 4/18/23. Rufus said we could look at the budget in July and the \$600 is not much to put off for a while. Rufus said the fire department will not give money for the signs and that there are sour grapes because the fire department got money from the general fund for years and Warren didn't get anything. Marsh said that Warren gets \$1,200 revenue for ATV licenses and asked about ticket money. Rufus replied the State gets that money. Warren said there is a board member coming on that doesn't agree with an unmarked squad. He said that when residents see any black pickup truck they slow down. Jackson said we need grants and will talk to Fire Chief Redman about helping with funds.

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

Absent:

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Brian Redman, Warren Hall, and Barb Cass/ Attorney Granito called in.

Guests: Bill Baran came to discuss putting up a memory wall with old pictures of Taylor Springs. He was told to get a committee of 5 put together and report back. Charlie Page addressed the board regarding moving his fireworks container/trailer to the Village. He sells fireworks for 10 days before the 4th of July each year, pays \$1,000 per year rent and generates sales tax. Page stated he has insurance and is open from the 29th, to July 4th. He will need the container to stay at the location because it costs \$1,000 to move it. Kane Harrell said they can make room in the parking lot by the community building and cameras are available. Reynolds suggested checking with Attorney Granito. Granito said a lease ordinance will need to be prepared with an indemnification clause. Page will check with the State and let us know how quickly he needs this. Page submitted his contact information. Barb Cass stated she is working on her property.

Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 21st, 2023. Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 21st, 2023. Rufus votes no, all other vote yes, motion carried.

Others in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 15th, 2023. Motion by Marsh and second by Hanner to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes from April 15th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval:

The former VFW building will be used for the Cleanup days dumpsters and the Spring Fling event on Saturday.

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell reported they worked on a break on Williams Street and he had to get a new flow sensor for the lagoon in the amount of \$1,050.

Fire Department Report: Chief Redman asked for more info in the roof damage and Kane replied we got a bid from Pro Bilt for the repairs and Redman will get another phone number to Kane for another bid. Hanner discussed the Decontamination washer and dryer that the Fire Department received grant money for. Discussion took place on putting the washer and dryer in the lean to and there will be a cost of \$850 to \$1,000 for wiring, insulation and drywall. They wondered if the Village will pay for the material and the Fire Department will do the labor. The Fire Department is a Village Building. Warren Hall said that OSEA has visited Hillsboro and Coffeen Fire Departments and the reports were not good. Redman reported the State Fire Marshal is reviewing paperwork.

**Village of Taylor Springs
SPECIAL Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at 4:00 pm**

The following are minutes of a Special meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 4:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Harry Jackson, Michael Gonzalez, Elwin Sathoff, Sheri Reynolds, Linda Marsh, Steve Hanner.

Absent:

Others Present:

New Business: Interviews for Village Treasurer

The Village received two applications for Village Treasurer and each were interviewed.

The trustees discussed the Meeting Norms that was compiled by Marsh. The Rules to follow to conduct meeting would limit conflict and concerns of Lack of Professionalism.

There are currently 7 committees and a proposal was discussed to go to 3 committees to stream line village business and meetings.

Finance and Personnel Committee: Sheri Reynolds and Linda Marsh

Fire, Police and Safety Committee: Patty Rufus and Wally Delong

Street, Water & Sewer, Parks and Building & Grounds Committee: Joann and Elwin

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 5:45 pm.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Laura Moroney, Warren Hall, Kate Fox and Barb Cass.

Appointment of Village Treasurer: Interviews were conducted at a special meeting today at 4:00 pm to select a new Treasurer: **Motion by Reynolds and second by Hanner to hire Melanie Sherer as the new Village Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.**

Appointment of New Trustee: President Jackson stated that he would like to appoint Joanne Seward as a trustee to the Village Board. **Motion by Rufus and second by Reynolds to appoint Joann Seward as a trustee to the Village Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

Oath of Office for Elected and Appointed Trustees: Village Clerk Daniels administered the oath of office to elected trustees Sheri Reynolds and Wally Delong and to appointed trustee Joann Seward.

Roll Call: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus, Wally Delong, Joann Seward and Elwin Saathoff.

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 18th, 2023. Motion by Marsh and second by Saathoff to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes from April 18th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: --Laura Moroney reported the back door of the community building leaks and needs seals. She shared one rental agreement and a receipt for Sam's Club.

- Old Tables and Chairs for former VFW building. Reynolds reported they used all the old tables and purchased 5 new tables for the new building and they will be paid for from ARPA money.

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell reported he talked with Hillsboro Mayor Downs regarding the minimum water bill. Taylor Springs is \$37.00 and Hillsboro had a 15% increase and is going to \$42.00. Rufus said that Clark Cameron needed a couple more things to finish his report. Reynolds stated that EPA sent a letter saying we are OK for now on the water rates.

- Water late fees: Discussion took place on the late fees of about \$5 per month. The turn on fee is \$30 and should be increased to maybe \$50. Turn off would happen after 2 months of non-payment.
- Water Project Engineer Documents Update/Approval: Matt Tosh called in to discuss the bid opening for Phase III. Tosh explained there were three bidders and Korte Luitjohn was the low bidder at \$1,025,623 which was \$53,000 above the pre-bid estimate. This is a 50% loan and 50% grant. We are waiting on loan agreement paperwork from IL EPA for Phase III. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Saathoff to approve the low bid from Korte-Luitjohn contingent on ILEPA loan agreement.**

Animal Control – Village Ordinance Enforcement discussion is tabled.

Meeting Norms Approval: Trustees reviewed and discussed the draft of the Meeting Norm document that Linda Marsh drafted. Motion by Linda Marsh and second by Joann Seward to approve the Meeting Norms. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Reports:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 8:40 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

Village of Taylor Springs
SPECIAL Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 -- 6:15 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:15 pm.

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

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Warren Hall, Melanie Sherer and Chief Redman came in at the end of the meeting due to a structure fire in town.

Guests: Mark Hughes came to answer questions on animal control. Hall said the Village Board needs to approve the municipal contract so the County can do the work on dog calls and handle everything. Hall said there have been several running loose in town lately and if he writes a ticket he has nowhere to take the animal. Hall said there are problems with vicious dogs in town and chronic dog owners letting their animals run at large. He said he tries to find the owner of the dog. Jackson asked who was going to reimburse the fee the village is being charged by the county for the call. Discussion took place on the village ordinance that has fees for running at large etc. Mark Hughes said the county state's attorney said the county can't write tickets on town ordinances. The ordinance that Clerk Daniels received from Warden Emily Gerl didn't have the language that our Attorney Granito wanted addressed so the Village could not take action on the municipal contract. Rufus said that the City of Hillsboro has signed the contract for county animal control services. Jackson went outside the building and called Hillsboro Mayor Downs who stated Hillsboro didn't sign the contract and is waiting for the Mayor's meeting to take place on June 28th before they do anything. Downs is going to suggest they re-visit the whole contract due to a few concerns including the charges to the municipalities. Rufus stated the Village should re-visit the town animal control ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: None

Public Works Department Report. Harrell reported there are three dead trees by the park to cut down.

Fire Department Report: Chief Redman came to the meeting late due to a structure fire on Water Street they were working on. Redman reported there were 26 fire fighters that showed up and 9 were from the Village. Redman said the Village fire fighters had the fire extinguished before the other showed up. Redman reported the home owner confessed to a County Deputy that he set the fire so he was taken to jail by the County Deputy. The City of Hillsboro police was directing traffic. Redman reported they had a new members join and two others may come on as well. There are four other applications out.

Police Department Report: Chief Hall said he scheduled an Armed Robbery Seminar for Monday, June 12th, 2023 and wanted to know if they could use the Community Building. He asked the Sheriff's department to conduct the training and all the town businesses were invited. Sheriff Rick Robbins, Deputy Sheriff Tyson Holhouser, and 911 Coordinator Ed Boyd were be conducting the training. Hall said that he spoke with the States Attorney and he is willing to come done and he supports it. Hall stated that all the businesses had an interest in participating and some were going to bring send some of their employees. Hall said there was some interest from some Litchfield businesses as well. Hall said that

Kate Fox was working with him on this project and wanted to know if she could get paid for a few hours for setting up and participating in the training as a bartender. Discussion took place regarding the liability of the Village for this event. Jackson just learned that Attorney Granito had been in an accident and we couldn't confer with her at this time on this matter. Discussion then took place on if there was no liability on the Village if Kate didn't get paid and Warren wasn't in uniform. Hall stated he was sorry he wasted the Village's time and left the building. Board members continue to discuss their concerns on the liability issues for the Village and wanting to get direction for attorney Granito in the next few days. This is a very close time frame as today is Tuesday and the seminar is scheduled for the next Monday. Hall returns to the meeting after about 15 minutes and asks board members why they think he is completely incompetent after 31 years of being on the job. Hall explains again that the States Attorney supports this and has no issues with the seminar. The Trustees agree this would be a good idea and Rufus suggested checking with Alan Pretnar if Alicia is busy. Jackson said he would call him. Jackson and Reynolds instructed Hall to wait to do anything until Friday Morning so they can get some answers from Attorney Granito regarding liability. Reynolds said pay means liability and Hall doesn't want Kate to not get paid. Rufus told Hall he will get his answer by Friday regarding the seminar.

Donation Jars for Park Update/Approval: Discussion took place on placing donation jars out at community businesses for collect money for the park upgrades. **Motion by Sheri Reynolds and second by Joann Seward to approve placing donations jars out at local business and proceeds will go towards the park upgrades. All in favor, motion carried.**

Design Engineer Bill #1 per Matt Tosh Approval: The board reviewed the Design Engineer Bill #1 document. **Motion by Joann Seward and second by Sheri Reynolds to approve Design Engineer Bill #1 so President Jackson can sign it. All in favor, motion carried.**

Pre-Construction Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at Village Hall Update: Jackson and Harrell reported the meeting with the pre-construction meeting held with the water engineer and contractor went well.

Meeting Norms – Update: Discussion took place on the Meeting Norms that were adopted last month and whether or not there were any updates. Clerk Daniels shared documents from the Illinois Municipal League for everyone to take home and review regarding a “Civility Pledge” and other recommended rules for proper meetings.

Volunteer Waiver Forms Update/Approval: Kane Harrell said he reviewed the draft of the Volunteer Waiver form that Clerk Daniels sent out to everyone. Kane said this is good to have for volunteers to fill out. Attorney Granito needs to review and recommend the form so the board can approve at the next meeting.

Village Attorney's Report Update/Approval: Attorney Granito was absent so there was no report.

Finance Committee Report: Board discussed the need for a line item on the budget for Parks and Recreation. This will be looked at further for next month. We also need an Ordinance to transfer ARPA money for the tables that were purchased for the former VFW building for \$600. Reynolds reported the Taylor Springs Event weekend earned about \$3,000 and yard sale money helped pay for the food sold in the amount of \$156.38.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 7:25 pm.

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ROLL CALL: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Linda Marsh, Michael Gonzalez, Steve Hanner and Elwin Saathoff.

Absent: Sheri Reynolds and Patty Rufus

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Warren Hall, Melanie Sherer and Barb Cass.

Oath of Office for Treasurer: Village Clerk Daniels administered the oath of office to appointed Treasurer Melanie Sherer.

Roll Call: Present: Village President Harry Jackson. Trustees: Linda Marsh, Sheri Reynolds, Patty Rufus, Wally Delong, Joann Seward and Elwin Saathoff.

Absent: None

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes – May 16th, 2023 at 4:00 pm: Motion by Marsh and second by Saathoff to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on May 16th, 2023 at 4:00 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – May 16th, 2023: Motion by Linda and second by Joann to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 16th, 2023 at 6:00 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes – June 6th, 2023: Motion by Delong and second by Saathoff to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 6th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell recommended increasing the water rates due to the City of Hillsboro raising theirs by 15%. The City of Hillsboro will be raising our rates in 2025. **Motion by Delong and second by Marsh to raise our rates with the minimum being \$42.00 and to amend our ordinance to reflect the increase. All in favor, motion carried.**

- **Approval of Change Order #23-081-01:** Brown and Roberts sent the Change order #1 for Phase II to be signed by Jackson. **Motion by Delong and second by Saathoff to approve signing Change Order #1. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Brian Redman reported they had one structure fire on the evening of the last board meeting. Trustee Delong asked if there was a tracking device on the fire trucks. Redman responded that wifi and hot spots would be needed and cost money. Delong stated that a \$25 GPS unit could be purchased to show the vehicle locations. There are three city vehicles, one police truck and five fire department vehicles for a total of nine GPS units that would be needed. Harrell reported work will begin soon on the Fire Department roof. Redman stated the washer and dryer purchased with funds from a Fire Marshal grant are here and ready to be hooked up. They also purchased \$4,000 in turnout gear, two new radios, tools and a hose testing machine for \$3,000. Delong asked if we had occupancy criteria on our Village Buildings and Redman responded that the Fire Marshal leaves that up to the Village.

Village Attorney's Report Update and Approvals: – Alicia Granito was absent and the following items are tabled:

- Cobetto's Bank Alarm Documents
- Animal Control Municipal Contract - Clerk Daniels reported she received an email from Attorney Granito earlier in the day stating that the revised animal control municipal contract had not been amended to include language regarding who can authorize pick up of animals. This will be tabled until that is addressed.
- Amending Article II – Village Officials, Division I – Village Board of Trustees, Section 1-2-4 Committees. Changing the current 7 committee structure to 3 committees. 1. Finance & Personnel, 2. Street, Parks, Water & Sewer, Building & Grounds – 3. Fire, Police, Public Safety (Health & Welfare).
- Lease Ordinance for Charlie Page's Fireworks Trailer approval.
- **Volunteer Waiver/Release Forms Approval:** Clerk Daniels drafted and shared a volunteer waiver/release form at the last meeting and Attorney Granito sent an email earlier today saying it was OK. **Motion by Delong and second by Seward to approve the Volunteer Waiver/Release Form as reviewed by Attorney Granito. All in favor, motion carried.**

President's Report, Update and Approvals: – Harry Jackson stated he talked with Scott Hunt and the ICC has agreed to install crossing gates on the two rail road crossings in town next year.

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

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

Meeting Norms were approved at the last meeting.

Adopt Civility Pledge: Trustees reviewed the Civility Pledge from the Illinois Municipal League. Everyone read it out loud and discussion took place on reading this at every meeting. **Motion by Delong and second by Marsh to adopt the Civility Pledge and read it after the Pledge of Allegiance at every meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

Executive Session Approval: Not Needed.

New Business – Update/Approvals:

- **Approval of Resignation of Deputy Clerk Kate Fox:** President Jackson reported he received a resignation letter from Deputy Clerk Kate Fox effective August 31st, 2023. **Motion by Delong and second by Marsh to accept the resignation of Kate Fox. All in favor, motion carried.** Discussion took place on advertising for a new deputy clerk. Trustee Delong suggested the possibility of having two part time employees so that we could offer Saturday hours and then we would have two employees trained for back up. Treasurer Sherer and Karli Hanner know how to do the water billing if needed. A special meeting was scheduled to discuss hiring for the position on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 at 10:30 am. Warren Hall stated that Kate did the following work for him that was approved by Attorney Granito: computer work for the body camera, security cameras, downloads pictures on the computer and sends info to the States Attorney's Office.

Trustee Reports:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 7:26 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th, 2023.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, July 18th, 2023, 2023 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 18th, 2023 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, Joann Seward
Absent: Elwin Saathoff.
Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Melanie Sherer and Barb Cass.

Attorney Alicia Granito read the Civility Pledge.

Guests: Owner of Whiskey Throttle Alex Wentzel addressed the board regarding the sale of his business and LLC to Alicia Roller and Trever Klump. They will need to get a new Liquor License application for the LLC.

Barb Coss said a neighbor wants a couple of big chunks of concrete removed from her ditch and Jackson said he talked with her and it will be taken care of.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – June 20th, 2023: Motion by Reynolds and second by Seward to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 20th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Sheri Reynolds reported that as soon as the floor is finished at the former VFW they will try and rent it. Marsh asked about painting the doors, walls and ceilings and Harrell replied he is checking for prices.

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell reported he has the MFT 2023 paperwork from Engineer Scott Hunt to oil and chip the roads. The amount is \$25,000 to come out of MFT funds like each year. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the amount of \$25,000 to oil and chip the roads and for Jackson to sign the MFT documents. All in favor, motion carried.**

Harrell stated he is still working on the bid for the surveillance cameras because the guy was on vacation.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Wally Delong reported we need seven of the locators for the vehicles. Jackson explained this is a safety issue in case someone gets lost in a storm they can be located by phone. The units are \$25.00 to \$30.00 each. Rufus asked if there is someone they are trying to follow and what they are doing. Jackson hits the gavel for order and said the locators are for safety purposes. Jackson said Delong mentioned last money that he went on a weekend night when the bars were closing and that everyone left in an orderly manner because Hall was there. Delong asked Granito if it was a conflict of interest if Rufus serves on the Police and Fire Committee because Rufus and Hall live under the same roof. Granito stated she doesn't know if it is a specific conflict because they are not in a relationship. Rufus asks the board for permission to leave the meeting and then leaves. Delong said he just wanted to make sure there is no undue risk to the Village and Granito replied she has no information except they live separate in the house and doesn't know about the arrangements.

Motion by Delong and second by Marsh to approve the purchase of the seven locators for the vehicles. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – Reynolds said that Hall's body cam had an issue and Hall said that it has been fixed. Wally asked if Hall knew how to transfer information to the devices they need to go to. Hall said that Katie is the only one in the village that knows how to download from the camera to send to the States' Attorney's office or to Attorney Granito. Reynolds said that Harrell and Hall could be trained to transfer the video information. Hall said that Fox was hired to work with this information for him like the secretary's at the States Attorney's Office. Harrell's position as a direct supervisor would cover him to be able to transfer files. Hall's reports were read and reviewed by the Trustees. Attorney Granito said the reports have sensitive information that shouldn't be emailed because it could be subject to a FOIA and could be detrimental to cases. Discussion took place on doing a more generic report with just numbers of different types of cases. Granito said different boards wanted different things from the police department over the years and we need to be careful of what police work is disclosed in reports. Hall said he called State Agencies regarding the home owner living at the home on Water Street that is not livable. The property deed is in the parents' name and they are in a nursing home. Hall said the family doesn't want anything to do with him. Fire was set and house was gutted. Hall said he would not survive the winter in the structure and no agencies will help him. Sherer asked if the house can be condemned. Jackson asked Attorney Granito regarding how we can go after some of the vacant properties home owners that don't cut the grass. Granito said we could update the ordinance so we can go after the property owners, however it may be costly for the Village. It is difficult to find out where some of these homeowners live to send them a bill for mowing. The property owners have to be given notice and they are given time and then they can start being charged for mowing. Need to look at where the tax bills are being mailed.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer submitted the monthly reports for review and there were no bills out of the ordinary. Sherer reported everything was switched over to Quick Books on line and reports will look different for a while until we get used to the different reports. Sherer stated in the packets is a list of bank accounts and Certificate of Deposits. The CD's are not all switched over yet but they are working on the process and the sheet will be updated. Sherer explained that the current account balance reports are in everyone's packet. Sherer reported there was a New Parks and Recreation account set up for the parks department expenditures and the Bringing Back Taylor Springs account has been closed and funds were deposited in the new Parks and Recreation account. There were no questions on the account balances. Sherer said that she and Former treasurer David Jenkins have met on the new reports. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: Treasurer Sherer shared a list of all the ordinary bills for the month and has been paying the bills as they come in. She does follow up with phone calls to department heads if any invoices are in question. Sherer said she has been working to update contact information on a lot of the accounts. Reynolds thanked Scherer for working on updating the contact information. **Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the payment of the bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Village Attorney's Report Update and Approvals: – Alicia Granito

- Cobetto's Bank Alarm Documents – Granito said this is no longer needed because he came and got the bank alarm. This can be taken off the agenda.
- Animal Control Municipal Contract – Granito said the municipal contract was slightly modified for the opt out clause but not the calls regarding an authorized representative. Granito said she asked that plain language be added regarding costs could only be incurred by the authorized representative because she heard that some municipalities received some significant bills. Granito went to the board over the board over a year ago and asked States Attorney Affrunti that the contract be modified with this language. Jackson said he attended a mayor's meeting where the

contract was discussed. Granito said the County has to do the humane investigations and bite cases by state statute. This will be tabled until the issue of authorized representative are address in the contract.

- Amending Article II – Granito stated she needed an explanation of what the board is wanting in regards to changing the ordinance for the change of committee structure. Reynolds explained the new committee structure as follows: The current 7 committee structure will go to 3 committees. 1. Finance & Personnel, 2. Street, Parks, Water & Sewer, Building & Grounds – 3. Fire, Police, Public Safety (Health & Welfare).
- Lease Ordinance for Charlie Page’s Fireworks Trailer approval. Page is leasing to have the trailer there for the year. The lease will be made with the exact dates starting in June.
- Water Rate Increases. Granito will amend the water ordinance for the 15% rate increases to possibly start September 1st. Jackson suggested the notice be put in the newspaper and posted on the next water bills. Reynolds suggested starting the rate increase on October 1st so we can give proper notice to residents.
- Water rate late fee Ordinance. Granito said she will work on amending this for the ordinance so it can also be posted in the newspaper and on water bills.

President’s Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson said the departments are going good as well as the construction on the water project. **Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to purchase a new electric impact.** All in favor, motion carried. Jackson suggests checking with RP as they may give a special price and then check with S & L. Jackson said it is about \$399.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – was absent.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals: Jackson said he checked with Granito regarding the Rules of Order so they can be voted on.

New Business – Update/Approvals:

- **Deputy Clerk Position:** The position will be advertised in Thursday’s newspaper. Reynolds stated the job title was changed to: Administrative Assistant/Water & Sewer Billing. Granito said that the Deputy Clerk position is in the current ordinance and will need to be amended if job title is being changed. Discussion took place on spending privileges for Harrell and Hall and what is in the ordinances. Sherer asked if there is a spending limit and Jackson replied that they usually call him before they go and use the charge for purchases.
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Trustee Reports: Marsh asked which committee the phone tax would report to and Jackson replied it would be the Finance Committee. Granito said that the Department of Revenue would be contacted. Marsh asked how much of the electric bill could be paid by the water and sewer bills. Harrell said the electric bills for the water and sewer lift stations should come out of the water and sewer account and offered to highlight the bills for Sherer. Reynolds wanted to thank Sherer for looking into the CD’s interest and it will bring in \$16,000 per year. Reynolds said we need to be transparent and we are in the detective stage of finding things. As of yesterday our cash flow was \$50,000 and at one point it was down to \$12,000. Reynolds said the goal this year is to get better cash flow and working with Harrell to figure out all the Ameren bills. Reynolds said that at one point Rufus and Jones started working on the ordinances and as of 2014 we hired a company to put these ordinances together. We need input to see what we need to do to put these in order. Sherer suggests researching companies and costs that perform this service. Granito stated it is expensive and is a big undertaking. Clerk Daniels has been scanning in the new ordinances and keeping a list. Marsh asked if there are any liability issues if the Ordinance binder is not up to date. Jackson said that Saathoff said the last time the ordinance book was updated, it cost about \$20,000 to \$30,000 to update it. Granito stated that the ordinances passed since the ordinance book as last updated could be put at the end of the ordinance book with a new index. Discussion took place of Errors and Omissions. Delong asked if we hired a company to do the ordinance book if they

would be covered by errors and any omitted. Granito said that she is an attorney and has reviewed and approved any of the new ordinances that have been added. Reynolds said that Granito writes and approves the ordinances that are voted on. Sherer said the company looks at the new ordinances to make sure they are ok. Reynolds said that some of the names on the CD's were changed do to the availability of elected and bonded members. Sherer said some of our bonds are by position and some are elected and will follow up with Clerk Daniels. Reynolds said that this board is who votes that any money goes out of the CD's. Jackson asked who is responsible for the money that the Fire Department raises. Granito stated the Village is responsible. Linda Klotz is the Fire Department Treasurer and Jackson has to sign on each check. Sherer said she doesn't see any of the financial information for the fire department. Granito said this all needs to be cleared by the village board and records need to go through our Village Treasurer. Reynolds said this issue is mentioned in our annual audit and needs to be addressed with the Fire Department. Granito said the Village Board is over the Fire Department because they are not a Fire Protection District. Sherer suggests Attorney Granito be present when discussing this issue with the Fire Department. Nothing to add for Building and Grounds. Delong said that Hall did an excellent job. Hall is going to participate with Old Settlers security.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 7:32 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th, 2023.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 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 and Elwin Saathoff.

Absent: Patty Rufus, Joann Seward

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Melanie Sherer, Barb Cass and several guests.

President Jackson read the Civility Pledge.

Guests: Dean and Jeff Parks, Ed Compton, Brent Chumley, Cassie Ritchie and Tobi O'Donnell are all neighbors that live in the area of Carrie and E. Brown Streets. They shared their concerns regarding property damage that is being done by some juveniles in the neighborhood. Mr. Parks said he has lived there for twenty plus years and there have not been any incidents until recently. Neighbors complained that tires have been sliced and that gas and other property has been stolen. They want something done about this. A report has been filed with the States Attorney's Office and charges will be filed against the two juveniles and their parents will be served. Attorney Granito said she will follow up with the States Attorney's Office for information and restitution.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 18th, 2023: Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 18th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Sheri Reynolds reported renovations are moving ahead. Harrell stated he is checking for prices for painting and tile work as this will be a winter job.

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell reported they have been checking on the water project crew so that existing pipes aren't damaged. The board reviewed the Public Works monthly report submitted by Kane. Harrell checked on some prices for the Modern Surveillance and Security Project and each additional camera will be about \$350. The Wifi bridge will be about \$943. Harrell reported that Phase II of the water project is almost complete and Phase III will start in a couple of weeks.

- Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #1 – Presented for approval from Brown and Roberts Engineering. Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to approve the Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #1. All in favor, motion carried.
- Construction Engineering Bill #1 – Presented for approval from Brown and Roberts Engineering. Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve Construction Engineering Bill #1. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – Fire Chief Brian Redman stated he had the MABAS Ordinance (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) to present for board approval. The Ordinance Authorizes an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in MABAS. Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve Ordinance #639 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for participation in the MABAS system. All in favor, motion carried.

County sent out letters asking the different entities if they are still interested in their previous requests and if they would be able to contribute 40% of the cost. The Trustees wanted to stay with the original request for the generators. It would be a 60%/40% split on the cost with the County. The County portion would be \$50,000.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

New Business – Update/Approvals:

- **Deputy Clerk Position:** Reynolds reported that she and Trustee Marsh went over the applications for the Administrative Assistant/Water & Sewer Billing Clerk.

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Marsh and second by Delong to discuss Personnel. All in favor, motion carried. Roll call was taken.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Marsh and second by Reynolds. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to hire Jessie Witt as the Administrative Assistant/Water & Sewer Billing Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

Kate will type up a letter to advise the candidates.

Trustee Reports: Marsh stated she is working on ideas of putting in a restroom at the park. Marsh also asked about the discussion from a couple of years ago to put a booster on the Cell Tower. This will be put on the next agenda. Delong reported he would like to put out a box for books on his property on Bell Street where people could come and pick up and drop off books. This would be a resting place with possibly a swing. Discussion took place on making it a small kid's park and how to keep the liability down. Granito suggests designing what is desired and then we can check with the liability insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 8:34 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th, 2023.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 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, Elwin Saathoff and Joann Seward.

Absent: Patty Rufus

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Melanie Sherer and Barb Cass

President Jackson read the Civility Pledge.

Guests: Shelly Petty addressed the board regarding the cleanup efforts of her dad's (Joe Petty) property located at 717 Seyborn. Shelly stated that she and her brother Brandon Petty have been spending time on weekends cleaning up the property. The fence was taken down by her brother. Shelly has had some health issues and her brother has been working, so they try and spend as much time clean up as they can. Shelly also reported that they hope to have everything done so they can list and sell the property by spring.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – August 15th, 2023: Motion by Delong and second by Seward to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 15th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Sheri Reynolds reported they are hoping to get the floor done soon so Christmas events can be held there. Harrell stated he is checking for prices for painting and tile work as this will be a winter job.

Public Works Department Report. Kane Harrell reported they continue to check on the water project crew so that existing pipes aren't damaged. The board reviewed the Public Works monthly report submitted by Kane. Harrell reported he checked on some prices for the Modern Surveillance and Security Project. Discussion took place on the security cameras being funded by the Water Department as they would be used to monitor equipment and materials for the water project. Harrell reported that he received a quote from Dan Evans for the security cameras and the WiFi bridge security system and one camera will be about \$1,500. The cost is \$300 for each additional camera and this system is compatible with our current system. Discussion took place on how many cameras would be needed and where they would be placed. Delong asked if we could get something cheaper like a home model and Jackson replied with this system you can look on your phone and it has night vision. Harrell said there is a onetime fee and no monthly payment. Signage would need to be installed to notify everyone that video is on site. **Motion by Seward and second by Marsh to approve the purchase of the camera system for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to be paid for out of the water and sewer fund.**

Delong suggested having a security window in the office where water payments can be made. The block glass window can be removed and replaced with bars or security glass. Marsh suggested putting blank payment envelopes in the hallway so people can put their payment money in them. Harrell reported that Phase III of the water project has started.

trick or treating. **Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to have Trick or Treat held on October 30th and 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All in favor, motion carried.** Fire Chief Redman stated the fire department will do one night and he will check with the volunteers to see which night.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval: Treasurer Sherer submitted the monthly reports for review and there were no bills out of the ordinary. Sherer said the Audit report is being worked on by Patton and Associates **Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: Treasurer Sherer shared a list of all the ordinary bills for the month and has been paying the bills as they come in. **Motion by Delong second by Reynolds to approve the payment of the bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

Quick Books: Treasurer Sherer reported the board previously approved the update to Quick Books Online and that the Desktop version is different than the Online version. Sherer talked with Kyle from Patton's and the Online Version is not good and that Schram City is going back to the desktop version. We paid \$200 for three months. Sherer would like to go back to the Desktop Version as it give better reports. The price is \$549 until October 1st. Three months of work would need to be re-entered for the months of July, August and September. Sherer would then need to give the information to Debbie at the accountant's office to reconcile. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to spend up to \$1,000 to get Quick Books Desktop. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to have Debbie reconcile four months of accounts after everything is re-entered. All in favor, motion carried.**

Village Attorney's Report Update and Approvals: – Alicia Granito

- Animal Control Municipal Contract – Granito said the County has not modified the animal control contract yet and that she has emailed States Attorney Affrunti several time on this issue and recommend not approving the contract until the contract has been modified regarding the issue of authorized representatives.
- Lease Ordinance for Charlie Page's Fireworks Trailer approval. Page has requested to lease a portion of the Community Building parking lot for his fireworks trailer. Granito stated this issue will be tabled until next month.
- Annual Appropriation Ordinance #643: Granito stated she drafted an ordinance, however after some of tonight's discussion, it needs updated with additional figures. Granito suggests tabling Ordinance 643 until next month so she can make the necessary changes.
- Tax Levy Ordinance #644: Granito shared a draft of the ordinance, but since changes need made after discussions tonight, it need to be modified and tabled until next month.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson reported a representative from EMS, an independent energy consultant will scheduled to give a presentation on savings for energy bills. Jackson also reported that the high school building trades class will be constructing two new houses in Taylor Springs on Ridge and West Streets. Jackson received a text from Attorney Pretnar regarding him paying Jagosh for the removal a couple of dead trees by the park and planting new ones.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – reported the County has amended their ARPA list and Taylor Springs did not make the cut to get some money for the generators we requested. Daniels said if the current projects that were approved spend less money, there may be a chance to get funded at a later date. Daniels also reported that she will gather information regarding Cybersecurity training for the employees.

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Wednesday, September 27th, 2023 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 27th, 2023 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 by phone, Joann Seward and Elwin Saathoff.

Absent: Patty Rufus

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito and Melanie Sherer.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Liquor License for the new owners of Whiskey Throttle. Trevor Klump and Alicia Roller were present to address the board regarding their request for a new liquor license. They purchased and closed on the property yesterday and need the Village approval so they can get their State License. President Jackson reported that Police Chief Warren Hall did a background check and they were OK. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the liquor license for the new owners of Whiskey Throttle; Trevor Klump and Alicia Roller. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

Public Works Department Report. Matt Tosh from Brown and Roberts Engineers contacted Kane Harrell last Friday and asked for Change Order #1 for Phase III is presented to the board for approval. It is for an addition of approximately 520 feet of new 6 inch PVC water main continuing on West Street from Ridge to Forrest Streets. Street Superintendent Harrell stated Phase II is running under budget by more than the increase noted on this Phase III change order, currently estimating under by approximately \$40,000. The change order is for \$10,000. **Motion Delong and second by Marsh to approve Change Order #1 for Phase III. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – None.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – None.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval:

- Centennial Bank Account – Treasurer Sherer reported that the Auditor wanted copies of the Centennial Bank Account and she had to contact Cindy Laurent. This is a Village account that is now used for the Food and Toy Drive and a Village officer needs to be on the list for signatures. Currently Vicky Murphy and City Laurent are on the account and President Harry Jackson needs to be added. They are using the Village tax ID number for this account. Attorney Granito shared her concern of this account being used to gift and donate to people in the community and she will need to do more research on the state statutes regarding this issue. Granito said a municipality can't give money or donate because of taxpayer's money. A financial report will need to be given. **Motion by Delong and second by Marsh to approve President Jackson is added to the Centennial Bank account as a signatory. All in favor, motion carried.**

Review and Approval of Village Bills: No bill presented at this special meeting.

Village Attorney's Report Update and Approvals: – Alicia Granito – No report.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson – None

Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 -- 6:00 PM

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 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, Elwin Saathoff and Joann Seward.

Absent: Patty Rufus

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Melanie Sherer and Barb Cass

President Jackson read the Civility Pledge.

Guests: Jodi Jackson and Mrs. Jones addressed the board regarding cars speeding on Adams Street near Osage St. They asked the board if a stop sign could be installed to help detour speeders. They also asked if the area could be patrolled more. Discussion took place on if it should be a four way or a two way stop sign. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to install two stop signs on Adams Street, north and south. All in favor, motion carried.** Attorney Granito will draft an ordinance for next month. Barb Cass thanked and recognized the Taylor Springs Fire and Police Departments.

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

Approval of the Special Meeting held on September 27th, 2023 – Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve the special meeting minutes from September 27th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell reported the cameras have been installed at the community building and they are running. There was one put on the west side of the building, one inside and one put in the back.

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 #3 – Phase 2: The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. **Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #3 for Phase 2 document. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Construction Engineering Bill #3 – Phase 2: The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. **Motion by Marsh and second Seward to approve the Construction Engineering Bill #3 for Phase 2. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #2 – Phase 3: The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. **Motion Marsh and second by Seward to approve the Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #2 for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Construction Engineering Bill #2 – Phase 2 The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. **Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the Contraction Engineering Bill #2 for Phase 2. All in favor, motion carried.**

- Annual Appropriation Ordinance #643: Granito reported it was amended for revenue changes. **Motion by Marsh and second by Delong to approve Ordinance #643 the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Tax Levy Ordinance #644: Granito said this ordinance will be voted on next month.
- Park Ordinance (by Wally's House) Granito said this ordinance will need to address the issue of no sex offenders within 500 feet and this will be looked at next month. The area is north of Wally's house on the corner by Bell Street.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson reported everything is good and he will have Josie start looking for grants.

Village Clerk Report Update and Approvals: – Chris Daniels – said we need to schedule some dates for Cybersecurity training for the employees.

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

New Business – Update/Approvals:

- Un-kept properties – Granito stated she is working on an ordinance for next month.
- Raises – Table this until November so that Sherer, Marsh and Reynolds can meet first and look over the budget.

Trustee Reports: March asked if there is a tentative date to shoot for regarding the restroom being installed at the park. They are looking to get prices for a single stall with a sink. Linda Klotz shared that the restroom will be destroyed. Delong shared that the Moonlight Y is for sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 7:20 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st, 2023.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Special Meeting Minutes
For Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 -- 4:30 PM**

The following are minutes of a special meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 4:30 pm.

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

Absent: Joanne Seward

Others Present: Alicia Granito

CONSENT AGENDA:

Guests: New owners of Whiskey Throttle. Trevor Klump and Alicia Roller were present to address the concern brought forward from Police Chief Warren Hall regarding Smoking, Vaping and Marijuana use at Whiskey Throttle. Trevor Klump responded that no one is smoking in the bar and he has ordered "No Smoking" signs.

Community Building Report Update and Approval: None

- Naming the VFW

Motion by Reynolds and second by Marsh to rename the former VFW Hall "The Outpost" Village of Taylor Springs Meeting and Banquet Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Works Department Report. No report

Fire Department Report, Update and Approvals: – None.

Police Department Report Update and Approvals: – None.

Treasurer's Report Update/Approval: No Report

Review and Approval of Village Bills: No bill presented at this special meeting.

Closed Session for Personnel: Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel Raises and Christmas Bonuses. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Marsh and second by Delong that John Michaelis and Warren Hall will receive a 6% raise. The Treasurer and Village Clerk will not receive a raise. The Deputy Clerk's raise will be re-visited on April 30th, 2024. The raise for the fire chief will be tabled until after they meet. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to offer five floating days off to Kane Harrell in lieu of a raise and revisit next year. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Delong and second by Reynolds to issue Employee Christmas Bonuses the same as last Year. \$275 for full time employees and \$175 for part time employees. All in favor, motion carried.

Village Attorney's Report Update and Approvals: – Alicia Granito – No report.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: –Jackson – None

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 at the Village Community Building. The meeting started at 6:00 pm.

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

Absent: Wally Delong

Others Present: Kane Harrell, Alicia Granito, Warren Hall, Barb Cass, Ellen Duval and Government Students.

Guests:

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – October 17th, 2023: Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 17th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Special Meeting held on November 8th, 2023 – Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the special meeting minutes from November 8th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: —Laura Moroney was absent. Reynolds reported that The Outpost is ready and decorated for rentals. A short video was posted on facebook.

- Approve ARPA Ordinance #646 for painting the floor at the former VFW building to Brett Seward. Motion by Marsh and second by Saathoff to approve ARPA Ordinance #646 for painting the floor at the former VFW building to Brett Seward in an amount not to exceed \$9,000. Seward abstained and all others were in favor, motion carried.
- Approve ARPA Ordinance #647 for the purchase of tables and chairs for the former VFW building. Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve ARPA Ordinance #647 for the purchase of tables and chairs at the former VFW building in an amount not to exceed \$4,672.46. Reynolds abstained and all others were in favor, motion carried.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell gave a copy of his monthly report for everyone to review. Kane said he was going to bid out the painting and ceiling tile work in December and the cameras have been installed at the community building.

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 #4 – Phase 2: The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. Motion by Rufus and second by Seward to approve the Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #4 for Phase 2 document. All in favor, motion carried.
- Construction Engineering Bill #4 – Phase 2: The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. Motion by Marsh and second Seward to approve the Construction Engineering Bill #4 for Phase 2. All in favor, motion carried.
- Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #3 – Phase 3: The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. Motion Reynolds and second by Seward to approve the Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #3 for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report, Update and Approvals: --Jackson said there are some valves still leaking and we need another water feed to town. EPA contacted Harry to discuss pulling extra funds to get it done. EPA has no news on what Kane sent in about the lagoons.

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

Old BUSINESS – Update/Approvals:

- Booster on Cell Tower: Discussion took place on getting a survey out and maybe put it on facebook.
- Park Restroom Update: Marsh said she gave the park restroom spec paperwork to Seward and are looking to get prices for a single stall with a sink.

New Business – Update/Approvals:

- Fire Chief Pay – This will be tabled until next month since Wally is absent.
- Un-kept properties – Granito stated she is researching information to draft this ordinance.
- Pay for Committee meetings. Issue will be tabled until the budget is reviewed.
- Solicitors: Marsh thanked Hall for running scammers out of town. Discussion took place on ordering ten “No Soliciting” Signs that cost \$23 each.

Trustee Reports: Reynolds gave a two year Re-Cap report on things the Village accomplished in those two years. The report included the top seven ideas residents had at the April 2nd, 2022 Visionary Meeting, the new Village Website and Facebook page. The Spring Fling event was held and a big investment was made by purchasing and renovating the former VFW building which is now the Outpost. Report will be filed with the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

TIME: 8:10 pm.

Until the Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 19th, 2023.

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels

**Village of Taylor Springs
Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 -- 6:00 PM**

The following are minutes of a regular meeting of the Taylor Springs Board held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 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, Elwin Saathoff and Joann Seward.

Absent: Patty Rufus

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

Guests: Jimmy White addressed the board regarding the Former VFW Property. White stated he would be interested in purchasing the property as he would like to start a Pool Table tournament business there with a possible golf simulator. The Village Board said they would discuss his idea and get back to him.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – November 21st, 2023: Motion by Reynolds and second by Seward to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 21st, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Community Building Report Update and Approval: —Laura Moroney was absent. Reynolds stated there is nothing new to report.

Public Works Department Report Kane Harrell gave a copy of his monthly report for everyone to review. Harrell shared pricing for the ceiling tile work for the Community Building. Replacement 2' x 4' tiles at Menards would cost \$1,753 and the 2' x 2' tiles would be \$3,226. This would be for materials only as the installation would be done by Kane and Johnny. **Motion by Reynolds and second by Seward to approve the purchase of the 2' x 4' ceiling tiles for \$1,753 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.

- Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #5 – Phase 2: The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. **Motion by Marsh and second by Seward to approve the Contractor's Partial Pay Estimate #5 for Phase 2 document. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Construction Engineering Bill #4 – Phase 3: The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. **Motion by Seward and second Marsh to approve the Construction Engineering Bill #4 for Phase 3. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Construction Engineering Bill #4 – Phase 3 The board reviewed the documents submitted by the water engineer. **Motion by Seward and second by Reynolds to approve the Contraction Engineering Bill #4 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. They responded to five fire calls and five medical calls last month bringing the total to 83 calls for 2023.

Discussion took place on the rural Taylor Springs fire department subscriptions and the fee of \$40 per year. The City of Hillsboro's fee is \$75 per year. Questions were asked on where this money goes and how it is spent. Linda Klotz stated there are about 60 subscribers and the money is due every March

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

New Business – Update/Approvals:

- Food and Toy Drive Account: Trustee Marsh said this has been taken care of.
- Fire Chief Pay – Board went into closed session to discuss. **Motion by Delong and second by Marsh to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Village Property. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:25 pm.** Roll call was taken. Rufus was absent.
Motion to come out of Executive Session by Marsh and second by Seward. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:30 pm.
Motion by Delong and second by Saathoff to increase the Fire Chief pay from \$75 to \$100 per month. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Marsh and second by Reynolds to approve the leasing of the Outpost Property and notify Mr. White that it is not for Sale. All in favor, motion carried.
- Solicitors: Harrell reported the ten “No Soliciting” Signs at a cost of \$23 each were ordered and received and will be installed by staff. Kane reported the new Village population signs sent in by the State have been installed.
- Un-kept properties – Granito stated she is researching information to draft this ordinance and should have it in the next month or two.
- Pay for Committee meetings. Issue will be tabled until the budget is reviewed.

Trustee Reports:

Finance and Personnel Committee Report Update/Approval: Reynolds stated there is nothing further to report.

Fire, Police, Public Safety & Health and Welfare Committee Report Update/Approval: Delong asked if we can recover money for traffic tickets. Hall said most of the money goes to the State and County; we get about \$5 out of a \$160 ticket. On Ordinance tickets, the judge will only give the Village \$100. Hall reported the Ox Cart permit system has been activated and is up and running so that any truck traveling on Routes 127 and 185 going to TS will have to notify Ox Cart and pay \$100 fee. Every load going in and out will pay the permit fee that will be deposited into the General Fund.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Jackson thanked everyone for their work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Delong and second by Marsh. All in favor, motion carried.
TIME: 8:42 pm.

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

Village President: Harry Jackson

Village Clerk: Christine Daniels