

**COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm followed by the pledge.

Attendance: Karen Sue Murphy, Denny Dorsten, Lanny Hammitt, Rick Emans, Bill and Jackie Cox, Chris Wood, Rob Wood, Rudy and Carol McMichael, Matt and Lisa Dorsten, Dennis Adams, Josh Kinney, Cody Coffman, Niel Loll, Lori Huffman, Leslie Gartrell, John Wooster, Lucas Crouch, Bruce Rickard, Bryan Selhorst, Brian Webb, Seth Seibert, Terry Seibert, Pete Van Arsdel, Kristina Boroff

Mayor:

Solicitor:

Minutes: There was a motion by Seth with a second by Bryan Selhorst to waive the reading of the minutes, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea. There was a motion by Brian Webb with a second by Seth to approve the minutes, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea.

Street Commissioner's report:

Josh explained the security camera quote for the shelter house. The quote for 4 cameras was \$3,150.00, 6 cameras \$3,532.00, from Nu Wave. There was a motion by Bryan Selhorst with a second by Seth to approve the purchase of four cameras from Nu Wave at a cost of \$3,150.00, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea. The curbing at the funeral home will cost \$2,600 to remove and repair. There was a motion by Bryan Selhorst with a second by Lucas to approve the curb repair at the funeral home at a cost of \$2,600.00, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - no, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea. Council may want to consider replacing a section of curb throughout the village yearly. The diagonal sidewalk in the park is uneven and needs some work. The estimate was \$5,000 to replace, \$800 to tear out the sidewalk and plant grass, or we can leave it alone. Council will look at it and see what they think. There was a motion by Seth with a second by Brian Webb to approve the report, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea.

Zoning Board:

Concerning the sidewalk in the park, Niel feels that if we replace it with grass, people will still walk it and create a muddy path.

New Business:

Trick or Treat Saturday, October 28 from 4-6pm.

Fall cleanup day set for October 21 at 8am. Bryan Selhorst asked if we could get two dumpsters this time instead of three. Brian Webb feels that we should get three dumpsters. Bryan Selhorst made a motion to get three dumpsters for October 21 seconded by Brian Webb, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea.

Old Business:

Mr. Gray was not able to be reached to attend the meeting tonight.

Council discussed setting a protocol for running the meetings. Everything is running smoothly right now. If council wants to adopt one in the future, they will. Pete suggests a committee to review Celina's and create our own. Brian Webb, Terry Seibert, and Bryan Selhorst will form a committee to review the protocol and report back to council.

There was some discussion about creating a weeding process for any complaints that the village received. Pete stated that the complaint forms will need to be signed to move forward with more official proceedings. Then we will discuss how to move forward. George Moore would review the complaints with Pete to determine if further action, beyond a friendly letter, is needed legally. There was a discussion about people being willing to donate funds to help with funding the zoning enforcement. Terry had people ask him if that was a private citizen putting money towards prosecuting another citizen? Terry can see both sides of this, he feels that the village should not accept money from any individuals. Council will take the appropriate action on any property that is needed, regardless of a donation or not. Niel felt that any money received would be used at council's discretion for prosecuting individuals, Seth agreed. Any money donated would go into the general fund to be used for the betterment of the village. General fund money would be used to take care of the complaints no matter what. Council would like to create a zoning budget.

There was no deadline on the friendly letters, some people have done a great job of addressing the issues, others have not done anything. Are the dumpsters utilized for cleanup day by the properties that received letters? Yes, they are.

Lisa Dorsten stated that Kyle Gray knocks on doors and creates a plan of action with the property owner. Dennis Adams stated that something needs to be done, this problem has been going on and on. Jackie Cox says that nobody does anything about the problem.

Executive Session: There was a motion by Lucas to enter executive session at 7:00pm to discuss legal issues, second by Bryan Selhorst, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea. There was a motion by Lucas and a second by Seth to exit executive session at 7:34pm, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea. The following action was taken.

Council is going to move forward with the violations that are signed. They will check to see if any process has been made first. There was a motion by Bruce to set the protocol that we send a detailed first courtesy letter with a 30 day limit to the people who warrant another letter, you have 30 days to comply and if no progress has been made a second letter will be made with a 30 day additional limit stating that legal action will be taken, then the alleged violation will be sent to the prosecuting attorney, seconded by Bryan Selhorst , roll call: Lucas – no, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -no, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – no. Motion failed.

There was a motion by Bruce to set the protocol that we send a detailed first courtesy letter with a 30 day limit to the people who warrant a letter, you have 30 first letter days to comply, please come to the next regular council meeting if you have trouble adhering to this deadline, and if no progress has been made a second letter will be made with a 30 day limit on second letter additional limit stating that legal action will be taken, then the alleged violation will be sent to the prosecuting attorney, seconded by Bryan Selhorst , roll call: Lucas – no, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yes, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yes. Motion passed. There is no cost to the village to process these complaints.

Lisa Dorsten asked if we could send a letter to the properties that have made progress thanking them for their hard work. Yes, council will send a thank you note. The complaints will need to be signed by the person making the complaint. Anyone can sign the complaint as long as they witness the problem. Matt Dorsten asked is hiring Kyle still on the table? Yes, it is still on the table. Matt Dorsten asked if we plan to change the zoning code to better fit the needs of Mendon? Pete stated that he did an updated

summary to our code to better fit our needs. Council would need to review those changes and accept them if they wish.

Checks and purchase orders:

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Bryan Selhorst to approve the checks and purchase orders, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea. There was a motion by Bryan Selhorst with a second by Brian Webb to approve the financial statements, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea. There was a motion by Lucas with a second by Brian Webb to approve the mileage, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce - yea, Brian Webb -yea, Bryan Selhorst -yea, Seth – yea.

There was a motion by Bryan Selhorst with a second by Seth to adjourn.

Terry Seibert – Mayor

Brian Webb – President

Kristina Boroff – Fiscal Officer