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President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to the Summerfest Committee for use June 16, 17, and 18, 2023. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Callan, to grant the liquor license to the Summerfest Committee for use June 16, 17, and 18, 2023. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote with 1 abstaining.

President Dowdy stated per the interviews for the part-time office position an offer was made and was accepted by Ashley LeVault. Upon approval, Ms. LeVault will start effective after tonight's meeting.

President Dowdy entertained a motion to approve the hire of Ashley LeVault for the part-time office position. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to approve the hire of Ashley LeVault for the part-time office position. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote with 1 abstaining.

President Dowdy stated that the Village has received some of the parts that were ordered for the Maple Street lift station. He stated that that this project is something that needs to move forward to get on someone's schedule before something happens to the lift station.

Superintendent Heberling received the following bids:

Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$45,634.00 and will supply all the parts and they order the bypass pump that is included in Vandevanter Engineering's bid.

Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$55,590.58 which includes the bypass pump and everything is included.

Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC to demo and install new parts in the amount of \$18,526.00.

If the decision is to go with Petersburg Plumbing and Excavating, LLC, the Village will have to purchase roughly \$15,753.00 worth of parts as well as order the bypass pump from the same people that Vandevanter Engineering gets the bypass pump. To get the interior walls lined to help with water leaks, that is an additional \$12,334.00. Bringing the total for the project to \$53,937.18.

Trustee Rusher made the motion, seconded by Wilson, to accept the bid from Petersburg Plumbing and Excavating, LLC to repair the Maple Street lift station including lining the lift station, in the amount of \$53,937.18 using IL ARPA funds. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Wilson "Yea"; Rusher "Yea"; Ramsey "Yea"; Callan "Yea", Graham "Yea", and Grover "Yea". Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

The Village garage sales are May 12-13, 2023, and dumpsters will be brought in the week prior for Village clean-up.

David Blakeman spoke regarding GFL Environmental trash service. He stated he received a new invoice and besides the trash service charge there is also a fuel charge. Mr. Blakeman also inquired about the status of the plaques that were to be ordered in memory of Frank Paulek and Allen Barringer. President Dowdy stated they have not been ordered yet.

Mr. Blakeman inquired if the option to use GoToMeeting to attend the Village meetings will still be available. President Dowdy stated that as long as it is made mandatory by the Governor, the option will be available.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Heberling stated two gas meters were installed at the gas plant and were working fine and they installed lighting in the parking lot. They fixed two water leaks in Sharpsburg and installed one new service in Sharpsburg. He stated with regards to the gas leak he is going to try to grease it a little more and figure out a schedule to get them changed out. The valves were installed in the 1960s and he believes there are 21 of those valves left in the system. As of right now the gas leak is not a hazard and with the new laws they have less than 12 months to change it.

Trustee Rusher asked Superintendent Heberling to acquire quotes to replace the gas valves to be presented at the June meeting.

WATER – The Water Report for March 1 – March 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for March 1 – March 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for March 1 – March 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Trustee Ramsey questioned if businesses within the TIF district were interested, if TIF funds could be used. She also inquired if not-for-profit organizations that fall within the TIF district were allowed to use TIF funds.

President Dowdy stated the TIF funds can be used to remodel buildings that are within the TIF district. TIF funds cannot be used for new construction, except for utilities. TIF funds can be used towards streets and lights and road improvements. He was not sure if not-for-profits organizations were allowed to use TIF funds. He will follow-up with Keith Moran.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Chief of Police Peden reported the railroad will be closing the North crossing tomorrow to tear up the crossing and Wednesday will start replacing the railroad tracks. They hope to have it opened late Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

Chief of Police Peden also reported he received a complaint today that around 3:00-3:30 a.m. a semi-truck traveling from the West into town hammered on the jake-brakes. He contacted the company; the company contacted the driver, and it was suggested to the driver not to allow this to happen again. Chief of Police Peden presented a copy of an Ordinance from another town regarding Engine Braking and Jake-Braking.

Chief of Police Peden reported the property south of town has received a citation for the junk in the yard, paid the citation and nothing has gone any farther. He is going to talk to the attorney to see how to proceed. He also reported a letter has been given to the resident that lives by the Park that he has two weeks to clean up the residence.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

Office Manger Kari Scott gave an update on the storm siren grant. She received an email stating a notice of state award. And she reported she finished the ARPA reporting. She reported that all the ARPA money must be allotted by December 21, 2024, and it has to be paid out by December 31, 2026.

President Dowdy welcomed David Knoblich. Mr. Knoblich wanted to give an update that the Joy Assembly is working on the destruction of the building that is behind the church.

President Dowdy Trustee Ramsey to get more information about the other small town and how they are handling owners of vacant properties.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the June Regular Meeting as Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Callan, seconded by Rusher, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk