



The Police Report was presented for the month of September to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Callan, that the Police Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Bills against the Village were presented for the approval of the Board. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued no zoning permits in the month of September.

Mayor's Report:

President Dowdy nominated Village resident, Nathan Frisch to fill the vacant board seat. Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Blakeman, to accept President Dowdy's nomination of Nathan Frisch. The motion passed unanimously with all "Yea" votes. Nathan was sworn in by President Dowdy.

President Dowdy welcomed Tammy and Kevin Kater and Scott and Beth Kuntzman to the table to discuss the vacated property at 402 W. Second Street. Mr. Kater wanted to thank the Village employees for their efforts and the nice job they provided when they had a gas leak at their home.

Mr. Kater, on behalf of he and his wife Tammy and Scott and Beth Kuntzman, asked for an update on the issues that they and the Kuntzman's, are having with the vacated property at 402 W. Second Street. There are still lots of cats and wild animals coming and going from the property and the abandoned vehicles that are still on the property.

President Dowdy said that he reached out to the owner of the property and the owner called the Village Hall. He has since contacted the owner twice, left his cell phone number and has not received a return call from the owner. President Dowdy asked Chief of Police Peden to provide copies of all correspondence that has been sent to the owner regarding violations. President Dowdy is going to forward all the correspondence to the attorney to push forward with fines for the violations.

President Dowdy stated that he would try to get a hold of someone with a nuisance license to come and place some traps to try to eliminate the animal issues. He also stated that they would send another letter to the owner, along with a citation, to tell him he has 30-days, then after the 30-days we can seek legal action to clean up the property and remove the abandoned vehicles.

Mr. Kater stated they would be back in December for an update.

President Dowdy stated there was a request to install a stop sign at the corner of First and Spruce Streets. The stop signs requested are to be installed on Spruce Street, the

north and south sides of First and Spruce Streets. Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Blakeman, to install stop signs on Spruce Street, the north and south sides at First and Spruce Streets. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy stated the Fall Garage Sales are schedule for October 21-October 22, 2022.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-686, Entitled Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate and Special Purposes for the Current Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May 2023, and Ending the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of April. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Frisch, to approve Ordinance No. 22-686. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy started the discussion about one of the two gas meters at the gas plant quit working. The Village employees were able to get it working again to read gas.

President Dowdy stated that there have been conversations with Legacy Grain about buying gas on the futures market. To utilize the futures market, the gas meters must be able to be remote read so we have the ability to look at the gas usage, as well as the company we would buy gas from wants to monitor the gas meters on a daily basis.

Superintendent Heberling stated that getting the gas meters does not guarantee that the Village would be able to buy gas on the futures and these meters have increased in price by \$450 per meter since the discussion last fall regarding purchasing them. He also stated there are a couple of stipulations. They are going to need several reads, which is \$15.00 per meter per month. And they will also need solar panels and electricity because the solar panels can only be pinged once, maybe twice a day. The old gas plant had electricity, so everything is there for that. New conduit will have to be ran and Shelby Electric will have to put the meter back in. Shelby Electric's cost will be \$52.00 a month.

Superintendent Heberling said there will be more conversations with Legacy Grain and Missouri Gas after harvest.

Superintendent Heberling presented the quote he received from USDI (Utility Safety & Design, Inc.) Volume and Pressure monitoring in the amount of \$3,450.00 each plus freight. The information will be able to be accessed via internet on the USDI sharepoint site. Alarm capability to email and/or text will notify of high or low pressures. The system will also store pressure and volume information.

The cost of cellular communications will be added to the Village's current plan.

Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, to purchase two gas meters for the gas plant, up to \$7,500.00. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Village Engineer Report: Engineer Bingham reported the water plant is coming along and the chemical feed room is slowly getting finished.

Engineer Bingham requested the following disbursement requests for the water project:

Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. .... \$30,033.00  
Chastain & Associates, LLC ..... \$10,410.69

President Dowdy asked for a motion to pay the requested disbursement of \$30,033.00 to Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. and \$10,410.69 to Chastain & Associates, LLC for engineering costs. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to pay Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. \$30,033.00 and \$10,410.69 to Chastain & Associates, LLC for engineering costs. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The Village received four bids for a generator to be installed at the Village Hall.

The bids are as follows:

1. J-May Electric, 1693 N. 1800 East RD, Taylorville, IL 62568.  
  
Estimate #844  
Generac Genset 24KW Air Cooled 3600 RPM with Transfer switch for the amount of \$10,262.87  
  
Estimate #843  
Generac Genset 27KW Liquid Cooled, 1800 RPM with Transfer switch and Precast Pad for the amount of \$17,359.66
2. Morrison Electric, Inc  
916 E. 1320 North Rd.  
Taylorville, IL 62568  
  
Estimate #1480  
Briggs & Stratton Standby Generator w/200 AMP Automatic Transfer Switch for the amount of \$10,343.47
3. Shelby Electric  
  
Estimate  
22KW generator with a 200 amp transfer switch - \$6,363.00  
Group 26 HD battery with 550 CCA - \$85.00  
Concrete leveling pads - \$100.00  
Basic installation – electrical and materials - \$1,800.00  
For a Total of \$8,348.00 (with Village installing gas)

4. Star Electric Service, Inc.  
1321 West Spresser  
Taylorville, IL 62568

Estimate

Generac generator 24 Kw with a 200 Amp automatic transfer switch  
Concrete pad  
Final gas hookup from meter  
Generator has 5-year warranty  
Total - \$9,950.00 (includes labor and materials)

After much discussion, motion was made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to award the bid to J-May Electric for Estimate #844 Generac Genset 24KW Air Cooled 3600 RPM with Transfer switch in the amount of \$10,262.87. This generator is to be funded through TIF funds. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent

WATER – No Water Report was presented.

GAS – No Gas Report was presented.

SEWER – No Sewer Report was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Trustee Ramsey asked for confirmation on the times for Trick-or-Treating.

It was confirmed that Trick-or-Treating will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. with houses with the porch light on.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Trustee Wilson inquired about the Melton resident on S. Pine.

President Dowdy stated the second mortgage company if going through their default paperwork.

Trustee Wilson informed the Board that the garage facing Swim Street looks like it is going to collapse.

Trustee Wilson also inquired about the residence next to Jim Cunningham.

Superintendent Heberling stated that the gas and water has been shut off and it was supposed to have been torn down in July. But he does not know what has happened that it has not been torn down.

Trustee Wilson inquired about getting bids to repair the damage from termites in the Village Hall hallway.

President Dowdy stated that we will have to get bids for the repair. Superintendent Heberling stated he would get bids for the repair for the November Board meeting.

Superintendent Heberling wanted to report that James passed the CDL test and driving test. He also stated that they are waiting for the State to come back with official authorization on the sewer licenses. Rex has had his sewer license submitted for three months and he has water license issued for six months, just waiting on the State.

Wilson also reported that there has been a camper moved in on Livergood Street, next to Nancy Winds house. People are living in the camper and have run an electrical cord to the residence on the property. Their intentions are to live there. The owner of the property said it was fine for them to live in the camper on the property. The owner is not living in the house on the property because it has been condemned. She questioned if there was allowed.

President Dowdy stated he would check the Ordinances.

WATER – Trustee Callan asked about speeding up the process to help with the Kater's and Kuntzman's requests.

President Dowdy said that there was a process to follow, which is two weeks to pay a fine and then proceed from there.

Trustee Callan reported one of his neighbors had a raccoon in her house and also had complaints about properties around not being picked up.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Blakeman reported on the gas prices. On September 3, 2022, the gas prices were \$8.29, \$8.70, to \$8.95 on the spot market. On October 3, 2022, the gas prices were \$4.40, \$4.62, to \$5.63 on the spot market. The futures for September 3, 2022, was \$7.42 and the futures for October 3, 2022, was \$5.59, which is down \$1.83.

Officer Manager Kari Scott reported she sent out two letters to customers. One was for the prediction of higher gas prices this winter and the second letter was for changing our billing for the next two billing cycles.

President Dowdy informed the Board that he has been looking at the employee policy. There are some things that are redundant, and the list of holidays will need to be updated. After he gets the employee policy more fine tunes he will send out it out to the Board to look over and make changes.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the December Regular Meeting as Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Blakeman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

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Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

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Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk