

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE**  
**August 7, 2023**

On August 7, 2023, at 6:04 PM, Mayor Vaughn called the regular board meeting to order. The Village Clerk, Agnes Paul conducted roll call. The following trustees were present: Trustee Trovillion, Trustee Beckmann, Trustee Scott, Trustee Sullivan, Trustee Billingsley, and Trustee Johnson.

Others present at the meeting were: Treasurer, Michell Maze, Police Chief Eddie Holland, Pam Perry, Sam Mighell, Mike Green, Matt Russell, Jim Anderson, John Hanson, Seth Tripp, Barry Matthews, Wayne Allen, Brad Trovillion, and Lottie Lindsey.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2023 regular meeting and executive session, the treasurer report for June 2023, and the paid bills for July 2023 totaling: \$72,960.51. General Fund = \$56,823.76, TIF #1= \$7,057.50, TIF # 2 = \$6,860.50 TIF #3 = \$1,857.25 MFT = \$361.50. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

There were no reports received from the police, fire, park, water, or sewer departments. The board reviewed the minutes from the public works committee meeting on July 10, 2023, the park and beautification committee meeting on July 11, 2023, and the community & economic development committee meeting on July 24, 2023. The committee meeting minutes are filed with these minutes.

The mayor briefed the board on negotiations with the Masonic Lodge regarding the new water tower site. This is still in progress.

The board briefly discussed possibilities of a 50/50 OSLAD grant for the park, and the possibility of including a splash park.

Tammy Campbell was not able to attend the meeting, so discussion on the DCEO Housing Rehabilitation grant was tabled until next month when she can attend. Chief Holland stated that he knows of at least houses that would qualify.

Fire department billing rates and amendments to the burn ordinance were tabled.

Trustee Johnson highlighted some of the ideas discussed at the community and economic development committee meeting, including ways to communicate to the public about incentives to build in Goreville, and ensure this information is available to local real estate agents.

Lottie Lindsey briefed the board on an emergency issue she had with a family member and the slow response time of emergency personnel. Unfortunately, currently it is difficult to get volunteers and those that we have are working at regular jobs during the day.

Seth Tripp spoke to the board about his plans to possibly develop his lot at the end of Micheal Lane. He is thinking of building a duplex, but it would require a grinding pump station due to the location. He asked what the village could do to help with his project. The board instructed him to pick up a TIF application from the Village Clerk and present his completed final plan to the board for approval of a possible TIF project.

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Brad Trovillion expressed his concern over bad road conditions on West Ferne Clyffe Street and S. Fly Street. Much of this is due to running water not draining properly when it rains. He also mentioned that there are trash cans on S. Fly Street that are impeding traffic on S. Fly Street. Sam Mighell assured him that those areas are on the plan for this year's maintenance. He was waiting for the new dump truck that we have now.

Trustee Beckmann motioned to approve Ordinance #2024-5 renewing the Residential Improvement Program for FY 2024 and FY 2025. Trustee Billinsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The board decided to table an amendment to the Employee Handbook until the August meeting so that members would have time to thoroughly review the handbook so that any changes could be made all at once in one amendment.

Trustee Scott brought the board's attention to several issues at the park. He addressed limited parking at the park, and the need for scheduling events through Pam Perry so that there are no conflicts for space and facilities and that the concession stand can be open at the right times. He also suggested that the park hours be adjusted. Another item was the need for anyone to go through the park supervisor, Matt Russell and the village board before making any kind of changes at the park.

The idea of a "pickleball court" at the park was briefly discussed again. Matt Russell stated that there was room at the end of the basketball court to set up a temporary court. Trustee Johnson suggested that this project could be added to the OSLAD Grant application.

The public works committee was asked to discuss issues with the brush pile at their next meeting and come up with ideas for resolution.

The board reviewed a quote from Bonner's Commercial Display Company detailing new Christmas decorations for downtown. After review, Trustee Sullivan motioned to allow the purchase of ten large lighted decorations for the downtown at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The board discussed the practice of approving any retroactive applications for TIF projects. After discussion, the board decided to continue their policy of approving applications prior to the beginning of the project.

There was a discussion of the road conditions at the Peninsula Subdivision. No new action was taken at this time.

Trustee Beckmann motioned to approve the Residential Improvement Program Application from Terry Johnson. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Sullivan motioned to disapprove the Residential Improvement Program application from Jim Anderson as it is retroactive, Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Sullivan motioned to disapproved The TIF application from David and Connie Wilson as it is retroactive. Trustee Billinsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

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Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve Ordinance # 2024-6, an agreement with Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative (SEIEC) allowing them to enter the village limits to operate and maintain utilities at the Peninsula Subdivision. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The village clerk presented the board with information on SIEC Operation Round -Up. No action was taken.

Mayor Vaughn stated that he has been investigating the possibility of using solar power to power part of the village. The Village Hall and possibly the park would be good locations for solar power. He asked that the public works committee discuss this at their next meeting.

Trustee Sullivan relayed a concern from the Johnson County Sheriff about the no parking sign on Route 37 in front of the Village Hall. Cars parking too close to the corner cause a safety hazard due to lack of visibility. There have been several incidents at the intersection. Village workers were asked to move the sign one car length to the South.

The updating of the village website and domain name was tabled.

Jim Anderson introduced John Hanson to the board. He is a Captain with the Chicago Fire Department but will soon be moving to the Peninsula and offered to assist the fire department here.

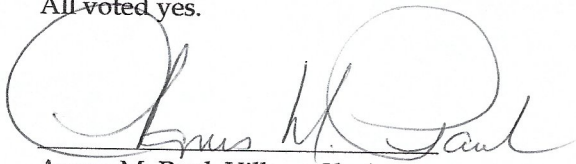
After reviewing three bids from local construction companies the board agreed to accept a bid from Dunn Enterprises, LLC. to repair the ceilings at the park concession stand and the pavilions for \$3,000.00. Trustee Trovillion motioned to accept the bid. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. All voted yes.

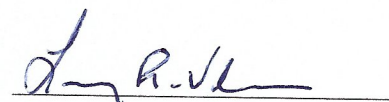
At 8:10 PM, Trustee Trovillion motioned to enter executive session. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 8:35 PM, Trustee Trovillion motioned to exit the executive session. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Sullivan motioned to increase the petty cash fund for water/sewer to \$1,000.00, the police petty cash fund to \$200.00 and require that any non-emergency purchases over \$2,000.00 will require prior approval of the board. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 8:40 PM, Trustee Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

  
Agnes M. Paul, Village Clerk

  
Larry L. Vaughn, Mayor