

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE
December 4, 2023**

On December 4, 2023, at 6:00 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 Scott, Trustee Sullivan, Trustee Billingsley, and Trustee Johnson. Trustee Beckmann was absent.

Others present at the meeting were: Police Chief Eddie Holland, Fire Chief Ryne McNally, Kelli Watson, Jim Anderson, Patti Powell, Robert Powell, and Ellie Basler.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023 regular meeting, the treasurer report for October 2023, and the paid bills for November 2023 totaling: \$105,092.26 **General Fund** = \$74,880.05, **TIF #1**= \$29,287.21, **TIF # 2** = 0, **TIF #3** = 0, **MFT** = \$925.00 Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The board reviewed monthly reports submitted by department heads and reports from committee chairpersons. The Public Safety chairperson, Trustee Sullivan briefed the board on the needs of the fire and police department. He has been reviewing staffing needs and property lists and making note of needed changes. He suggesting selling the fire department SUV.

Trustee Sullivan motioned to approve an estimate from Fleet-Fab in the amount of \$5,237.99 as part of the transition to make the black work truck a brush truck for the fire department. Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The village clerk reminded board members and the village attorney of the information she provided them in November from IML on "paid leave for all employees." Attorney Cameron asked the village clerk to forward him the information again so that he could review it before the next meeting. **TABLED**

Approve state bid for fire chassis. **TABLED**

Approve contract to build fire truck. **TABLED**

Kelli Watson of Watson Kennels, LLC briefed the board on changes to the animal control contract. The board will need to appoint a new liaison in the absence of Eddie Holland. The liaison must be someone available to intervene until she can be on site. She asked that the board designate an "on-site" temporary holding area to hold animals until she arrives. She cannot enter the village without approval by the liaison. This contract is for dogs only and fees will apply. Trustee Johnson motioned to approve the animal control contract. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes. (The new liaison was not named at this time. This will be tabled for that reason) **TABLED**

The village clerk provided the board members with all items regulating animal control and offered to combine them into one new updated ordinance once the board members and attorney have reviewed current laws and regulations and incorporate the newest changes to the animal control contract. **TABLED**

Trustee Sullivan stated that his goal this year is to update the village code book.

The bids for the bleachers at the park were not submitted in time to be added to the agenda, so they will be voted on at the next meeting. **TABLED**

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING, December 4, 2023 (cont)

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve the renewal of the Residential Improvement Agreement for Cynthia Flamm for FY 2024 and FY 2025. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Sullivan briefed the board on a citizen complaint concerning smoke for the burning of the brush pile. Solutions, including timing of the burns and the purchase of a burn curtain were discussed. The Public Works Committee will take this up at their next meeting to discuss solutions. **TABLED**

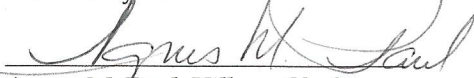
Jim Anderson briefed the board about brush piles at the Peninsula that he considered fire hazards. He stated that he had witnessed fires that residents had extinguished and went undocumented because 911 was not called. He stated that the fire chief should cite them. The village attorney suggested that incidents should be documented when they happen, naming an individual resident or property location. A letter to the resident would be a first step in resolving the situation. They should be reported so that there is a record of who and how to cited them.

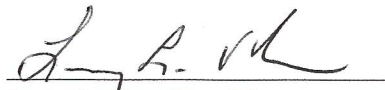
At 7:05 PM, Trustee Trovillion motioned to enter executive session. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

At 7:35 PM, Trustee Trovillion motioned to exit the executive session. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Trovillion motioned to approve holiday monetary gifts for village employees. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Trustee Sullivan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Trustee Billingsley seconded the motion. All voted yes.


Agnes M. Paul, Village Clerk


Larry L. Vaughn, Mayor