REGULAR MEETING MINUTES VILLAGE OF GOREVILLE October 7, 2024

On October 7, 2024, at 6:03 PM, Mayor Vaughn called the regular board meeting to order, and the room at large said the Pledge of Allegiance. The village clerk conducted roll call, and the following trustees were present: Trustee Beckmann, Trustee Billingsley, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Sullivan, and Trustee Trovillion. Trustee Benard was absent.

Others present at the meeting were Kyle Schubert, Ryne McNally, Sam Mighell, Pam Perry, Elle Basler, Alice Loucks, Kevin Loucks, Jim Anderson, Jessical Kiel, and Joseph Barnaby.

Trustee Beckmann motioned to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, regular meeting and executive session, the treasurer report for August 2024, and the paid bills for **September 2024**

totaling: **Total**: \$113,964.19

 General Fund:
 \$100,375.97
 TIF #3:
 \$0.00

 TIF #1:
 \$13,588.22
 MFT:
 \$0.00

TIF #2: \$0.00

Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed monthly reports submitted by the fire and police departments as well as the water, sewer, and street departments. All the reports are attached and filed with these minutes.

The Board also reviewed the September 30, 2024, Finance Committee agenda and meeting minutes. Both documents are attached and filed with these minutes. The next meeting will be on November 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Old business: No applications were submitted to manage the Village Park concession stand. The opportunity will be extended again with a bid closing date to be determined. It will be shared via Facebook, the Village website, and the Newspaper. Trustee Johnson recommended a Park/Concession Stand Ad Hoc Committee. No action was taken.

New business: Joseph Barnaby from Sarah Gibbens, CPA & Associates presented the FY 2024 audit report. Per the report, the financial statements presented fairly and ended in conformity with the basis of accounting. The full report is attached and filed with these minutes.

Village members Alice Loucks and Kevin Loucks voiced concern regarding property at the end of Michael Lane. They suggested the condition of the property and the property maintenance standards of the owner are resulting in environmental and safety concerns. Examples included

using a residential lot to burn brush, prolonged burning for 20+ days at a time, and the presence of "junk," guardrails, tires, and other non-organic materials, which are dangerous and create a mosquito breeding habitat. Also, the property owner's use of the cul-de-sac prohibits clear access for safety and emergency vehicles. Mr. and Mrs. Loucks, Crissy Trovillion, and nearby property owners are concerned about the potential decrease in property value as well.

Trustee Beckmann mentioned that he drove by the lots and agreed they look terrible. Trustee Billingsley recommended the surrounding property owners come to a meeting next year to file a complaint regarding the lack of mowing and maintenance. Sam Mighell suggested the Village bury any open lines to prevent water/trench issues and said he would address it with the other maintenance employees.

Fire Chief McNally presented an updated burn ordinance proposal. The Trustees recommended passing the ordinance with the understanding that an exemption for the Village of Goreville would be added. Trustee Sullivan made a motion to approve Ordinance #2025-4, and Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion carried. The proposed ordinance document is attached and filed with these minutes. Upon approval by Johnson County, the ordinance will be posted on Facebook, the Village website, and be sent with the water bills.

Trustee Trovillion made a motion to approve the replat of Egypt Isle Lots 70 and 71 as well as the replat of Egypt Isle Lots 196 and 197. Trustee Beckmann seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion carried.

Juanita Broyles, a Village member (not present), submitted a request for a "No motorbikes on sidewalk/walk track" sign at the sidewalk crossing from the school to the park and at the Village Park track. After discussion, the Trustees decided to have the police monitor the area more and talk with individuals causing issues.

Trustee Beckmann presented two versions of the new Village flag – one with a blue background and one with a white background. White was the consensus, and Trustee Beckmann will order three flags.

Sam Mighell, a Village employee, voiced his opinion regarding the "Village of Goreville Equipment Use" agreement (attached and filed with these minutes). He felt strongly that Village employees should be able to use the Village equipment, tools, trailers, vehicles, etc. for personal purposes and declined to sign the document. Mr. Mighell asked the Trustees why this document was introduced and who introduced it. Trustee Sullivan stated there had been two complaints of Village employees using equipment for personal purposes, which is a liability concern. He indicated insurance was an issue as well. There was discussion regarding a liability waiver form, which resulted in a recommendation by the Village attorney to seek

further guidance through the insurance company. The consensus was that Village employees will not be allowed to use Village equipment for personal use.

At 7:08 PM Trustee Beckmann motioned to enter the executive session. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the meeting moved to closed session.

At 8:15 PM Trustee Beckmann motioned to exit the executive session. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the meeting returned to regular session.

At 8:17 PM, Trustee Billingsley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Trovillion seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the meeting adjourned.

Heather M. Goelz

Village Clerk

Larry L. Vaughn

Mayor