

State of Illinois

May 20, 2025

County of Monroe

Village of Valmeyer

### REGULAR MEETING

Roll Call: Howard Heavner, Kyle Duffy, Rob Nowlan, Tim Valentine, Kaylee Dependahl, Adam Tyberendt and Butch Ford were all present. Also in attendance were Dennis Knobloch, Larry Andres, Marty Seitz, Terry Marquardt and Tim Richards. There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Village President Heavner, at the Village Hall.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Valentine, second by Nowlan, all aye, motion carried.

The monthly expenditures were read as follows: General \$66,998.79, Sewer \$3,149.21 and Water \$1,816.00. A motion to approve was made by Duffy, second by Dependahl, all aye, motion carried.

#### Committee Report:

- Economic Development: Nothing to report
- Planning: Nothing to report
- Infrastructure: Nothing to report
- Recreation: Ford reported that Mike McCarthy is working with Brad Juelfs on getting the banner made for Midwest Block & Brick for the block donation. The banner will be 5ft x 3ft and will likely go on the fence.
- Emergency Services: A Special Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to discuss upcoming business with Chief Seitz's resignation. Seitz informed the Board that we will be receiving the check for the taser grant within a couple of months. Cameras will be up and running at Borsch by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Finance: Nothing to report

#### Old Business:

Richards provided the Board with warranty information on the sirens. The rehabbed sirens come with a 1-year warranty on the parts, 90 days on the labor. The brand-new siren comes with 5-year warranty-2 years on the parts and labor and 3 years on the parts. Discussion was made on whether we should go with the 2 rehabbed sirens or purchase one brand new siren. A motion to purchase one brand new siren was made by Tyberendt, second by Nowlan, all aye, motion passed.

Knobloch gave an update on the insurance claims from the tornado. We are being reimbursed \$24,000 for tree removal and cleanup, \$800 for the new Welcome sign and \$6,243 for the first base dugout. We are lacking reimbursement from the dugout being that it was a structure from 1959 and concrete is excluded from our policy. We are currently at about \$24,000 in expenses for the rebuild of both dugouts. We are still waiting for bills for the concrete flooring and the roof of the dugouts. Knobloch would suggest either reaching out to the Lakers for some help with the cost of the rebuild or holding off on putting up a new fence until next year.

Our permanent Laurie Brown sign was delivered and looks great. A motion to put the sign on the Northwest corner of Village Hall was made by Ford, second by Duffy, all aye, motion passed.

Richards informed the Board that there was a High School baseball tournament held at Borsch over the weekend. He found out about the tournament by reading about it in the paper. He was also informed that teams have been practicing down there and have had the lights on, without us knowing. We need to tighten up communication when it comes to the use of the ball field and lights and we need to get better control of the situation. Knobloch suggested that the Board develops some sort of policy. Richards is going to meet with Mike McCarthy and inform him that if anybody would like to use the ball fields at Borsch Park, they need to contact Village Hall and fill out all the proper paperwork and pay any fees that are required.

#### New Business:

Richards attended a class on the Illinois Energy Code, on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>. The 2024 Illinois Energy Code was passed through legislation on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and goes into effect on December 1, 2025. Illinois passed a law that you can not be working with a building code older than 10years. We are currently working with the 2006 building code. By the next meeting we will need to have an ordinance on adopting the 2021 building code, which is what Monroe County and Columbia are adopting. In the Ordinance, we will put the statement that 'you are required to use the current year Illinois energy code' and that will make us compliant.

Richards has been working with Don Dillenberger with STL LED, LLC, on a LED Lighting Program offered through Ameren. To replace the lighting at Village Hall with LED lights would be \$0. To replace all the lighting at the Firehouse/Police Station would be \$6,387.59. The Fire Department Board of Trustees approved splitting the cost with the village 50/50. A motion to update the lighting at Village Hall and the Firehouse was made by Valentine, second by Nowlan, all aye, motion passed.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. was made by Ford, second by Duffy, all aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ashley Stuckmeyer, Village Clerk