

MINUTES

Village of Iola Board Meeting Monday July 11th, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

Community Center, Senior Room

180 S Main St, Iola, WI 54945

The July 11th, 2022, Village of Iola Board meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Schustek at 5:30 p.m. President Schustek read the opening meeting statement and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, with a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by village clerk, Betty Aanstad. Present: President Jennifer Schustek; Trustees: Jim Rasmussen, Pamela Parks, Missy Fenn, Dave Harper, Rick Meyers, Mark McCoy. Others Present: Police Chief Paul Zierler, Deputy Clerk Laura Krogwold, Village Attorney Bruce Meagher, Clerk Betty Aanstad, Holly Neumann, Sherri Miller, Steve Steeber, Larry Flowers.

Trustee Meyers made a motion to approve the June 13th, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Fenn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Harper made a motion to approve the June 13th, 2022, Public Hearing ATV-UTV minutes. Trustee Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee McCoy made a motion to approve the June 15th, 2022, joint Police & Personnel Committee's minutes. Trustee Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Harper made a motion to approve the June 22nd, 2022, Special Board Meeting minutes. Trustee Fenn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee McCoy made a motion to approve the June 27th, 2022, Public Hearing Liquor License minutes. Trustee Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Harper made a motion to approve the June 27th, 2022, Special Board Meeting minutes. Trustee Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greg Pitel from Kerber Rose, presented to the board the final 2021 audit results, after going through the numbers the board had no questions.

Village Attorney Meagher, explained to the board the purpose of the annexation between the Village of Iola and the Town of Scandinavia and detachment of property for Iola Old Car Show and Randolph T. Stucynski & M. Rass. Attorney Meagher Village of Iola will be releasing to the Town of Scandinavia 0.117 acres; and the Village of Iola will annex Parcel 1: 0.249 acres and Parcel 2: 1.851 acres from the Town of Scandinavia. Attorney Meagher also explained the procedure and how it would work.

Trustee McCoy made a motion to rename the Senior Room the Community Room. Trustee Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Harper made a motion to raise park rental fees from \$25 to \$50 for village residents and \$50.00 to \$75.00 for non-residents. Trustee Fenn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Fees will add a \$25.00 refundable deposit.

Trustee Harper made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 that Declares August 6th, 2022, American Legion Sheveland Taylor Post 14 Day in the Village of Iola. Trustee McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Present: 7; Yes: 7 No: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Protection of Persons and Property Committee

Police Report: Chief Zierler submitted a report for June 2022. The Iola Police Department handled 105 total calls. 911 Misdiagnoses – 9, Assist Other Agency (EMS) - 11, Agency Assists – 0, Alarms – 0, Animal Complaints – 1, ATV/UTV Stops – 2, Assault – 0, Bail Jumping – 0, Burglary – 0, Business/Building Checks – 6, Car vs Deer – 0, Child Abuse/Neglect – 0, Child Custody – 0, Citizens/Motorist Assist – 8, Cyber Tip (Child Porn) – 0, Controlled Burn – 0, Controlled Substance – 0, Death Investigation – 0, Designated Patrol – 11, Disabled Vehicle – 1, Disorderly Conduct – 1, Domestic Disturbance – 0, Drugs – 0, Extra Patrol – 0, Family Complaint – 0, Family Disturbance – 0, Follow up – 0, Fraud – 1, Harassment – 0, Hit and Run – 1, Intoxicated Person – 0, Juvenile Problem – 0, Lock Out – 1, Lost Property – 1, Mental Health – 1, Motor Vehicle Crash – 6, Neighbor Complaint – 0, Noise – 8, Open Door – 1, Ordinance Violation – 1, Paper Service – 0, Parking Problem – 2, Property Damage – 1, Repossession – 0, Sex Offense – 1,

Storm Damage – 0, Suspicious Circumstance – 2, Theft – 0, Threatening – 0, Tobacco Problem – 0, Traffic Control – 0, Traffic Hazard – 0, Traffic Enforcement – 24, Trespassing – 0, TRO Violation – 0, Truancy – 1, Warrant Pick Up – 1, Welfare Check – 2.

Trustee Harper made a motion to approve the June 2022 Police Report. Motion seconded by Trustee Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Trustee Fenn made a motion to raise the starting wage for a full time Officer from \$19.25 to \$22.62 per hour (\$46,300.80 yearly). Trustee Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Fenn stated they are hoping to hire a new full-time officer by August 1st, 2022. Chief Zierler stated they have four (4) candidates to interview.

Trustee Fenn made a motion with the new hire to have the following review dates and raise increases, below:

New Hire review dates and pay increases:

Current schedule:	We Propose pay raise change:
6 months-Feb 1, 2023- \$2,000	\$1,000.00
12- month-August 1, 2023-\$3,000	\$2,000.00
18 months-Feb 1, 2024- \$2,000	\$1,000.00

Trustee Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Fenn made the following motion:

With new officer hire being paid \$22.62, our current officer Ben Strojny current wage is \$22.66

A revised pay increase tier was proposed for Officer Strojny:

Current pay increase tier for Officer Strojny is:

\$2,000 pay increase at 6 months which he has already received

\$3,000 pay increase at 12 months which he has already received

\$2,000 pay increase at 18 months would be Nov 2022

revised tier for Officer Strojny to increase pay:

\$2,000 pay increase August 1st, 2022, making hourly wage \$23.22 (\$48,300.00 yr.)

\$2,000 pay increase on November 1st, 2022, hourly wage would be \$24.18 (\$50,300 yr.)

Trustee Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Fenn stated Officer Greg Dey's last day of employment was June 14th, 2022. He is willing to stay on part-time. Chief Zierler asked that Officer Dey keep his current wage and the village continue paying into his retirement.

Trustee Fenn made a motion for Officer Dey to continue with his current wage of \$20.82 per hour and the village continue to pay Officer Dey's retirement with retirement \$23.33. Trustee Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Fenn commented current work schedule has police at 76 hours a pay period, not 80 hours. Beginning of the year they start with a 104-hour deficit. Police make up these hours by going to training, etc. Officer Dey had already made up the 104 hours at the time of departure. Therefore Officer Dey has accrued 52 hours of pay @ \$20.82 per hour for a total of \$1,082.64. Trustee Fenn made a motion to pay Officer Dey his accrued hours in the amount of \$1,082.64. Trustee Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Fenn made a motion to increase Chief Paul Zierler's wages to the following:

Chief Paul Zierler pay increase

current wage: \$27.54 hr. (\$57,283 yr.)

current tier:

scheduled wage increases Nov 1st, 2022, \$2,000 \$28.50 hr. (\$59,283 yr.)

Proposed:

pay increase August 1, 2022, \$2,000, \$28.50 hr. (\$59,283 yr.)

pay increase November 1, 2022, \$2,000, \$29.46 hr. (\$61,283 yr.)
Trustee Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. **Personnel** – None

C. **Public Property and Streets:**

D. **Update condemnation of properties in the village (legal counsel).**

- a. Knuettel property located at 430 S. Main St.; Attorney Meagher stated they have contacted them and are fixing the property.
- b. DeSautels property located at 230 Grove Street, Attorney Meagher stated they are working on the property and that he has been in contact with Bob Viste, Building Inspector. Mr. Viste has placed a time frame on the permit.

E. **Parks**

- **Update on Dog Park** – Trustee Meyers commented the trees are down and we are planning to get started cleaning up the brush.
- **Update on Pickle Ball Court** – Lines have been painted on the court and people are using the court.
- F. **Chet Krause Park** - Trustee Harper commented the next Chet Krause Park meeting is going to be held July 27th, 2022, they are hoping to have the mural up by September.
- G. **Sewer and Water** – Working with PSC on Fire Protection safety fees.

H. **Library** – None

I. **Finance** – Trustee Harper made a motion that once the bills are reviewed on Thursday by the Finance Committee, bills would be approved and paid. Trustees Rasmussen, Harper and Parks will review the bills. Trustee Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications – Sherri Miller, stated she was at the Tavern League meeting, they discussed the letter that was sent out by the Department of Revenue, Office of Criminal Investigation on June 20th, 2022, regarding gambling machines. She wanted to know how the Village of Iola was going to handle this. Attorney Meagher asked to see a copy of the letter, it was provided to him by one of the bar owners. Chief Zierler stated he was going to be attending the Chief's meeting and he was going to ask how other municipalities are going to be overseeing it.

Public presentation to or discuss with the Board –

A letter was received from Iola and Scandinavia Fire Chiefs asking for a donation to help support Fire Safety Friends. Trustee Harper made a motion for the Village of Iola donate to \$100 towards the program. Trustee Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Closed Session – Was not held.

Trustee Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fenn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Schustek announced the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Village Clerk,
Betty Aanstad,
Village of Iola