

**Village of Iola Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**August 14, 2023, held at 5:30 PM at the**  
**Iola Village Hall in the Community Room**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Jennifer Schustek. The opening statement was read, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call. Members present: Jennifer Schustek, Jim Rasmussen, Rick Meyers, Missy Fenn, Shannon Dane, and Mark McCoy. Absent: Dave Harper. Others present: Laura J. Krogwold, acting Village Clerk/Treasurer, Pamela Parks, Joe Riley, Alycia Christensen, Larry Thoe and Stephen Ecker.

Motion made by R. Meyers, seconded by M. Fenn to approve the minutes from July 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting; July 21, 2023 Personnel Committee, July 26, 2023 Community Development Authority, July 31, 2023 Personnel Committee, August 2, 2023 Special Board Meeting and August 8, 2023 Parks Committee. Motion carried.

Old Business: Legal council not in attendance therefore, no update on 230 S. Grove Street and mural contracts. 100 N Main Street has not been repaired. A letter with a bill of \$10 every day the building is not repaired will be sent,

Motion made by M. McCoy, seconded by S. Dane to approve Operator's license for Jordan J. Jaeger, Joseph A. Kuhnke, Alyssa L. Higgins, Tyler J. Gloudemans, Tashera L. Catalano Zamorano, and Laura L. Karolus. Motion carried.

Motion made by R. Meyers, seconded by S. Dane to approve a temporary Class B license for September 9, 2023 for the Iola-Scandinavia Kickball tournament and temporary Operator's License for Skye M. Ferg for the Iola-Scandinavia School District Kickball Tournament fundraiser. Motion carried.

Motion made by M. Fenn, seconded by J. Rasmussen to waive fees for the temporary Class B license for September 9, 2023 for the Iola-Scandinavia Kickball tournament and temporary Operator's License for Skye M. Ferg for the Iola-Scandinavia School District Kickball Tournament fundraiser. Motion carried.

Discussion on adding administrative fees to violation invoices postponed until legal counsel has been consulted.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen, seconded by R. Meyers to appoint Laura J. Krogwold as Village of Iola Clerk/Treasurer. Motion passed.

Update about the landscaping for the front of the Village Hall. Removal of old material will take place this fall and in Spring 2024 new plantings will be going in.

No action taken on purchase of 2018 International, tandem axil with a 16-foot aluminum box for \$94,950.

Mural contract discussion postponed until legal counsel has been conferred.

Discussion about past utility billings. Clarification that any property with a sewer hook-up will be charged a quarterly charge, not a yearly charge.

Motion made by S. Dane, seconded by M. McCoy to waive sign fees for Rosie Paw Dog Park. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Personnel:** Meeting will held Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to discuss and review applications for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

**Library:** Circulation reports for July 2023 were shared with the village board:  
CIRCULATION: Circulation 1,628, Renewals 403, Total Circulation 2,031;  
INTERLIBRARY LOAN: Total Loaned 1,095, Total Borrowed 655, Net 440;  
WISCAT ILL – Requested 1, Sent 9; OVERDRIVE: E-Book 127, Audio Books 141, Magazines 32, Hoopla 99; MY PC: Total Minutes 27,723, Total Sessions 227, Wireless Unique Devices 324, Avg Devices Connected Per Day 32; Items Checked In 3,168; Monthly Patron Count 1,814; PROGRAMMING: Total Programs 21 with a total attendance of 286, 1 Adult Program with Attendance of 8, 4 Children's Programs SH with Attendance of 96 Children and 32 Adults, 8 Family Programs/STEAM with Attendance of 56 Children and 36 Adult; 8 Passive/Drop In with attendance of 27 Adult and 31 Children; Make & Take Bags 5; Curbside 0; New Patrons 10

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Motion made by M. Fenn, seconded to accept the July 2023 Iola police Department call for service summary. There were 193 Total calls handled by the department: 47-911 Misdiagnoses; 4-Animal Problem; 2-Alarm, 1-Alcohol Offense, 10-Assist other Agency (6 EMS); 6-Building Checks; 8-Citizens/Motorist Assist; 43-Designated Patrol; 1-Disorderly Conduct; 1-Juvenile Problem; 1-Littering; 4-Lockout; 3-Lost Property; 1-Missing Person; 5-Motor Vehicle Crashes; 2-Open Doors; 1-Neighbors Complaint; 3-Noise; 2-Ordinance Violation; 6-Property Damage; 5-Suspicious Circumstance; 1-Theft; 1-Theft, Automobile; 3-Traffic Hazard;

25-Traffic Enforcement; 1-Utility Problem; 3-Welfare Check. No discussion. Motion passed.

The Cops Rock program is going well. Jerry Kopecky from Shivers donated the free ice cream cones for the kids that find a rock and bring it in. A huge thank you to him for supporting this event.

Cops with Cones will take place on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at Shiver's. The Iola Police Department officers will be there with the squad cars for kids to sit in and they will be handing out stickers and prizes for the kids. Ed from the Public Works Department will be bringing a loader out for the kids to see. The Fire Department will be bringing some equipment down also.

**Public Works (Public Property, Streets, Sewer, Water):**

No update currently.

**Ordinance:**

No update currently.

**Park's & Garden:**

A brat fry at Sentry's will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>. All the fencing is up. There were 15 volunteers that helped on the clean-up day. We picked rocks and filled in holes. Obstacles will go in next week. The soft opening of the Rosie Paw Dog Park will be September 1-15. We are still raising money for water to be put in next year. Any donations can be dropped off at the clerk's office.

**Finance:**

The members of the Finance Committee found the bills to be in order. Motion made by J. Rasmussen, seconded by S. Dane to approve the bills. No discussion. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

Larry Thoe wanted to thank the village for keeping the garbage and recycling center going. He and George Kriewaldt helped start it. Larry stated that it is a nice place to bring our garbage. The discussion followed that the recycling center is a regional center owned not just by us but by other surrounding municipalities and they should also get the thanks for keeping the facility going.

Joe Riley from 130 Pinetree Lane mentioned if there was anything that could be done about his taxes because they doubled since he purchased his home. He was advised to talk with our assessor.

No closed Session

Motion made by J. Rasmussen, seconded by s. Dane to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.