

Village of Iola Board of Trustees Meeting
September 11, 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, Dave Harper, Rick Meyers, Missy Fenn, Shannon Dane, and Mark McCoy. Others present: Laura J. Krogwold, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Pamela Parks, Dean Parks, Steve Shiber, Sherri Miller, Holly Neuman, Larry and Erikka Flowers and their two children.

Motion made by R. Meyers, seconded by J. Rasmussen to approve the minutes from August 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and August 17, 2023 Personnel Committee,

Old Business: Legal council not in attendance therefore, no update on 230 S. Grove Street and mural contracts.

Work has been completed at 100 N Main Street. The ordinance violation fee of \$10 a day was stopped on August 15, 2023 when the work on the repairs began.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen, seconded by D. Harper to appoint Melissa Fenn Deputy Clerk/Treasurer at a rate of \$17.50 an hour, retroactive to September 3rd. Motion carries

Motion was made by S. Dane to move the monthly Board of Trustees meeting to the second Tuesday of each month. She then amended the motion to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. effective October 10, 2023. Motion seconded by D. Harper. Motion passed.

Discussion on adding an administrative fee of 5% to violation invoices under \$100 and 3% to violation invoices over \$100, was tabled because legal council was not present.

Motion made by J. Rasmussen to ratify the purchase of a 2007 Volvo dump truck for \$68,900.00. seconded by M. Fenn. Motion carried.

Motion made by D. Harper to approve the 2022 audit. Seconded by S. Dane.
Motion carried.

2022 Budget carry over amounts for Public Works, Library and Police, will be ready in October 2023.

Motion made by D. Harper to adopt Resolution 2023-08: “Be it resolved that that motion made in the October 10th, 2022, meeting of the Iola Board of Trustees: *“Trustee Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Police to be allowed to keep the funds from 2021 sale of the Explorer in the amount of \$8,701.16 to be used towards the new radios. Any remaining funds from this be placed in the police vehicle replacement fund after the radios are paid for. Trustee Fenn seconded the motion. Motion carried.”* Be amended to reflect the sale of the 2021 Ford Explorer as \$4,500.00 and not \$8,701.16. Motion seconded by S. Dane. Roll call vote was taken by the village clerk: Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-0. Resolution adopted.

Motion made by M. Fenn to adopt Resolution No. 2023-09: That the closing balance of the Iola Police department checking account from 11/18/2020, in the amount of \$2,144.38, and the closing amount of the Squad Car Replacement-CD from 5/3/2021, in the amount of \$8701.16, be placed in the Vehicle Replacement Fund-Police Squad Car for a future purchase. Seconded by R. Meyers. Roll call vote was taken by the village clerk: Yes-7, No-0, Abstain -0. Resolution adopted.

Motion made by S. Dane to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10: That the closing balance for the “Village Garden Acct” checking account, in the amount of \$2,269.39 be placed in the Village of Iola, General Account, Community Garden Fund for the use of the Community Garden. Seconded by M. Fenn. Roll call vote was taken by the village clerk: Yes-7, No-0, Abstain -0. Resolution adopted.

Motion made by M. Fenn to hold Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

Motion made by S. Dane to Rename alley behind library “Library Lane.”
Seconded by J. Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Discussion was held that there were two appointments not made in the April 2023 re-organization committee meeting, Village Forester and Weed Commissioner.

Motion made by R. Meyers to appoint Glenn Tetzlaff as Village Forester and Weed Commissioner. Seconded by J. Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Dane to establish a five-person Downtown Revitalization Committee. Seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

The Village president envision committee comprised of two trustees and three members of the public. She will bring forward their names at a future meeting.

The Village Board reviewed Ordinance 123 Entertainment, Musical. The number of complaints was low. R. Meyers felt like overall it went well. S. Dane also thinks it went well and maybe a 10:00 PM end time could be considered if the complaint numbers rise next year. No action was taken to change Ordinance 123 Entertainment, Musical. Larry and Erikka Flowers expressed dissatisfaction about keeping the ordinance in its present form.

Mural contract discussion postponed until legal counsel has been consulted.

Report from the Iola Regional Recycling Center operator was skipped. This item was meant for the Iola Area Regional recycling center agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Library: Circulation reports for August 2023 were shared with the village board:
CIRCULATION: Circulation 2,081, Renewals 304, Total Circulation 2,385;
INTERLIBRARY LOAN: Total Loaned 1,217, Total Borrowed 939, Net 278;
WISCAT ILL – Requested 3, Sent 22; OVERDRIVE: E-Book 139, Audio Books 119, Magazines 63, Hoopla 72; MY PC: Total Minutes 36,447, Total Sessions 294, Wireless Unique Devices 281, Avg Devices Connected Per Day 29;
PROGRAMMING: Total Programs 12 with a total attendance of 181, 4 Adult Programs with Attendance of 14, 5 Children's Programs Story Hour with Attendance of 93 Children and 27 Adults, 0 Family Programs/STEAM with Attendance of 0 Children and 0 Adults; 3 Passive/Drop In with attendance of 11 Adults and 26 Children; Make & Take Bags 66; Curbside 0; New Patrons 5

Protection of Persons and Property: Motion made by M. Fenn, seconded by R. Meyers to accept the August 2023 Iola police Department call for service summary. There were 145 Total calls handled by the department: 7-911 Misdiagnoses; 7-Animal Problem; 3-Alarm, 13-Assist other Agency (10 EMS); 1-Assault; 5-Building Checks; 2-Controlled Substance; 3-Citizens/Motorist Assist; 62-Designated Patrol; 2-Disorderly Conduct; 1-Family Complaint; 2-Follow-up; 1-Mental Health; 2-Motor Vehicle Crashes; 1-Neighbor Complaint; 1-Noise; 2-Open Doors; 1-Ordinance Violation; 1-Overdose; 1-Parking Complaint; 6-Suspicious Circumstances; 1-Traffic Hazard; 13-Traffic Enforcement; 2-Trespassing; 1-Vehicle Chase; 4-Welfare Check. No discussion. Motion passed.

The Cops Rock program is going well. There are pictures of some of the winners in the hallway at Village Hall. Special thanks to Shiver's for donating the free ice cream cones for the kids that find a rock and bring it in. For the month of September, the Crystal Café will be giving out free cookies for the kids that bring in the rocks. A huge thank you to Shiver's and the Crystal Café for supporting this event.

Cops with Cones was Thursday, August 24th from 5-7 at Shiver's. A huge thank you to the Iola Police Department, Ed from the Public Works Department and the Iola Fire and Ambulance Department. The kids had a great time. A special thank you to Shiver's for donating the free ice cream cones.

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

The 1997 dump truck was sold for \$16,250. There will be a resolution next month to put the money from the sale of that vehicle into the Vehicle replacement fund-Public Works.

It was brought up that there is an abandoned road entrance, with no road next to 190 W State Street. People are driving across private property by using this entrance, to cut across the block. Is there a sign that can be placed here so people don't use this abandoned road entrance.

Ordinance:

Meeting will be held soon to discuss the process of updating the ordinance book.

Park & Garden:

Rosie Paw Dog Park opened on Saturday September 9th. The Board of Trustees thanked Rick Meyers for all his hard work getting the park planned and opened. “Fantastic job on all your hard work”.

A \$6,500.00 grant was awarded to Rosie Paw Dog Park from Waupaca Area Community Foundation.

The dog park calendar raffle went ok. All winners were paid out. A small profit was made from the raffle but the donation jars that were present when people were selling tickets brought in a decent amount of profit also.

There will be a dedication of the Chester L. Krause Legacy Park on Friday, October 13, 2023. The American legion will do a flag raising, the high school band will play music. A special thank you to Priemer Community Bank for their \$10,000 donation. A thank you to Jerry Kopecky for donating the land for the Chester L. Krause Legacy Park. A motion made by D. Harper to thank all the donors. Seconded by S. Dane. Motion carried.

Trustee J. Rasmussen left the meeting.

Finance:

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

Revitalization:

There is a young man interested in earning his Eagle Scout badge. He is interested in planning and redoing the landscaping in the front of Village Hall. He will work under the direction of the village president.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Pamela Parks congratulated Missy Fenn on her new job as Deputy Clerk. She is happy with the new team in the clerk’s office.

Motion to adjourn into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the

investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations by D. Harper. Seconded by S. Dane. Roll call vote was taken. Yes-6, No-0. Meeting went into closed session at 6:03 PM.

Motion made to adjourn closed session and proceed into open session by D. Harper and R. Meyer. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Harper to adjourn. Second by S. Dane. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.