

Village of Iola Board of Trustees Meeting
April 9th, 2024, held at 5:30 PM
Iola Village Hall, Community Room

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

Roll Call. Members present: Jennifer Schustek, Jim Rasmussen, Dave Harper, Rick Meyers, Mark McCoy, Pamela Parks and Alan Bauer. Others present: Laura J. Krogwold, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Missy Fenn, Village of Iola Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Rick Ertl, and Jasmin Steimer.

Greg Pitel, CPA from Kerber Rose, presented the 2023 Audit for the Village of Iola, via phone.

D. Harper made a motion to accept the 2023 Audit as presented by Kerber Rose to the Board of Trustees. P. Parks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

No public comments.

Motion made by D. Harper to accept amended minutes from the March 12, 2024, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting; March 12, 2024, Public Hearing; March 26, 2024, Ordinance Committee Meeting; March 26, 2024, Iola Community Development Authority Committee Meeting and March 28, 2024, Zoning Commission Meeting. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

Motion was made by D. Harper to approved Operator's license for Jenna Morgan, Maci Heschke, Myah Heschke, Halie Contreras and Kylie Knutson, pending background check by the Iola Police Department. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

The Community Development Authority Board made a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, for an update to the "Welcome to Iola" sign located on the intersection of Adams Street and State Street. This land is owned by the Community Development Authority of the Village of Iola. The current frame will be fixed, concrete work will be done around the sign and a truck will be placed on the location for decoration. D. Harper made the motion to accept the Community Development Authority recommendation to make changes to the Welcome to Iola Sign area. Motion seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed.

R. Meyers made a motion to waive the permit fees for the updates to the "Welcome to Iola" sign owned by the Community Development Authority of the Village of Iola. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Discussion from M. McCoy was we should stop waving fees for non-profits signage fees. The board is favoring non-profits over businesses. J. Schustek remarked that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Iola are asking for the fees to be waived for this project since the property and funding for this project are coming from the Community Development Authority, which is a part of the Village of Iola government. D. Harper stated that charging a fee would be taking money out of one fund of the Village and transferring it to another fund of the Village, with no net gain. Motion passed 6-Yes, 1-No.

Motion was made by D. Harper to approve the recommendation from the Community Development Authority to approve up to \$7,500 from the CDA account for decorative concrete around the Welcome to Iola sign. Seconded by J. Rasmussen. Motion passed.

J. Rasmussen made a motion to set the Board of Review date for May 7th, 2024, at 11:00 AM. D. Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iola Community Development: Riverwalk repairs are being investigated. Jim Rasmussen, Glenn Tetzlaff and Scott Bestul will be looking at a river walk in the area that had a similar issue and how it was fixed. The next meeting for the CDA board is April 24, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

Zoning: The Zoning Committee is looking into a survey to send out to business downtown that do not have an active store front and ask what could be done to possibly rent out their property to businesses that are looking for a place to do business in Iola. Their next zoning meeting will be April 25th, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Personnel: Nothing to report at this time. Their next meeting will be April 16th, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Library: Circulation reports for March 2024 were shared with the village board: CIRCULATION: Circulation 1724, Renewals 451, Total Circulation 2,175; INTERLIBRARY LOAN: Total Loaned 1,135, Total Borrowed 991, Net 144; WISCAT ILL – Requested 19, Sent 20; OVERDRIVE: E-Book 98, Audio Books 138, Magazines 148, Hoopla 133; MY PC: Total Minutes 11,548, Total Sessions 144, Wireless Unique Devices 210, Avg Devices Connected Per Day 22; Items Checked in: 3,429; Monthly Patron Count: 1,610; PROGRAMMING: Total Programs 26 with a total attendance of 353, 1 Adult Program with Attendance of 13, 9 Children's Programs Story Hour with Attendance of 309, 4 Family Programs/STEAM with Attendance of 12; 12 Passive/Drop In with attendance of 19; Make & Take Bags 0; Curbside/Living Oaks/Cap Services 3; New Patrons 13. Motion was made by J. Rasmussen to accept the 2024 March Library report as presented. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion carried.

Protection of Persons and Property: March 2024 Iola Police Department call for service summary submitted by Chief Zierler. There were 122 Total calls handled by the department: 3-911 Misdials; 2-Animal Problem; 3-Alarm, 10-Assist other Agency (6 EMS); 14-Building Checks; 12-Citizens/Motorist Assist; 45-Designated Patrol; 3-Disorderly Conduct; 1-Fraud; 1-Harrassment; 1-Juvenile Problem; 1-Neighbors Complaint; 3-Motor Vehicle Crashes; 1-Ordinance Violation; 1-Property Damage; 1-School Threat; 5-Suspicious Circumstances; 7-Traffic Enforcement; 1-Theft Auto; 1-Warrant Pick up; 4-Welfare Check. Motion made by P. Parks to accept the March 2024 Iola Police Department Call for Service Summary. Seconded by D. Harper. Motion carried.

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

Next meeting will be May 6th at 4:00 PM. Agenda items will be reviewing the rate mechanism for water and sewer, rental of part of old shop, sale of village property and delinquent account review.

Ordinance:

Next meeting will be April 16, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

Park & Garden:

Nothing to report at the time of the meeting.

Finance:

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

Motion made by D. Harper to accept the March 2024 financial statement. Seconded by J. Rasmussen. Motion passed.

Revitalization:

Meeting will be set soon.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No board correspondence.

Motion by J. Rasmussen to adjourn. Second by R. Meyers. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned by President J. Schustek at 6:13 PM.

Laura J. Krogwold, Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Iola