

Village of Iola Board of Trustees Meeting
November 12th, 2024, at 5:30 PM
Iola Village Hall, Community Room, 180 South Main Street, Iola WI 54945

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by President Jennifer Schustek. The open meeting 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: Emily Conroy, Laura J. Krogwold, Village Clerk/Treasurer; and Missy Fenn, Village of Iola Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

D. Harper made a motion to go into the Public Hearing for the water rate and administrative fee for garbage increase. Second, by P. Parks. Motion passed. The Iola Village Board of Trustees went into the public hearing.

It was noted that the Public Service Commission of the State of Wisconsin did not approve a water rate increase for January 1, 2025. Discussion on the raising of the administrative fee for garbage and recycling from 5% to 7%.

Motion made by D. Harper to adjourn out of the public hearing, and back into the regular board meeting. Second, by P. Parks. Motion passed. The Iola Village Board of Trustees adjourned the public hearing for the water rate and administrative fee for garbage increase at 5:36 PM.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

No Public Presentation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

D. Harper made a motion to approve the minutes for October 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting; October 9, 2024, Community Development Authority; October 16, 2024, Revitalization Committee; October 21, 2024, Public Works Committee; October 22, 2024, Working Board; October 29, 2024, Finance Committee; October 29, 2024, Personnel Committee; October 29, 2024, Protection of Persons and Property Committee and November 4, 2024, Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Schustek informed the Board of Trustee's that the Community Development Authority will be spending no more than \$4,000 for a Welcome to Iola sign from Weiser Graphics to feature golfing,

cross-country skiing, the mill and hunting/deer. On behalf of the Iola Village Board of Trustees D. Harper offered a grateful thank-you to the CDA.

J. Schustek informed the Board of Trustee's that the Community Development Authority approved up to \$20,000 for an Outdoor Recreational Plan for the Village of Iola. On behalf of the Iola Village Board of Trustees D. Harper offered a grateful thank-you to the CDA.

Employee handbook will be tabled until December.

D. Harper made a motion to raise the Garbage Administration Fee from 5% to 7% effective January 1, 2025. Motion seconded by J. Rasmussen. Motion passed.

D. Harper made a motion to set the 2025 cost of living increase for Village Employee wages at 3.2%, effective January 1, 2025. Motion seconded by A. Bauer. Motion passed.

Motion made by D. Harper to increase health care contributions from employees from 25% to 28% effective January 1, 2025. Motion seconded by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

Motion made by R. Meyers to increase the Deputy Clerk wages \$1.00 per hour effective November 1, 2024. Motion seconded by J. Rasmussen. Motion passed.

D. Harper made a motion to set the 2025 levy at \$714,799.00. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

D. Harper made a motion to adopt the 2025 budget of \$1,507,617. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

Motion made by R. Meyers to approve an Operator's License for Matthew Stephen Brown, pending background check by the Iola Police Department. Motion seconded by P. Parks. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CDA: Next meeting is Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Personnel Committee: Next meeting is Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at 3:30 PM.

Library: October 2024 submitted by Library Director Robyn Grove was shared with the village board: Circulation 1773, Renewals 485, Total Circulation 2,258; INTERLIBRARY LOAN: Total Loaned 1,090, Total Borrowed 928, Net 162; WISCAT ILL – Requested 3, Sent 29; OVERDRIVE: E-Book 97, Audio Books 156, Magazines 11, Hoopla 150; MY PC: Total Minutes 7,631 Total Sessions 107, Wireless Unique Devices 218, Avg Devices Connected Per Day 25; Items Checked in: 3,563; Monthly

Patron Count: 1,812; PROGRAMMING: Total Programs 16 with a total attendance of 385, 1 Adult Program with Attendance of 9, 9 Children's Programs Story Hour with Attendance of 207, 3 Family Programs/STEAM with Attendance of 161; 3 Passive/Drop In with attendance of 8; Make & Take Bags 26; Curbside/Living Oaks/Cap Services 5; New Patrons 9.

Protection of Persons and Property:

P. Parks made a motion to accept the October 2024 Monthly service report of 186 total Calls:

1	911 Misdials	2	Paper Service
5	Alarm	2	Property Damage
4	Animal Complaints	1	Parking Problem
28	Assist other Agency (23 EMS)	14	Radar Enforcement
6	Citizens/Motorist Assist	5	Suspicious Circumstance
75	Designated Patrol *	2	Traffic Control
1	Disorderly Conduct	1	Traffic Hazard
1	Fraud	22	Traffic Enforcement
1	Juvenile Problem	1	Trespassing
1	Lost Property	3	Warrant Pick Up
2	Motor Vehicle Crash	1	Weapon Offense
3	Open Door	4	Welfare Checks

Motion seconded by D. Harper. Motion passed.

Next committee meeting Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

Public Works (Public Property, Streets, Sewer, Water): The paving and shouldering of King Olav Lane has been completed. The new snowplow is being built and the old plow has been put up for auction. Next Meeting will be December 9th at 9:00 AM.

Ordinance: At the next working committee meeting they will be working on Chapter 32 Nuisance.

Park & Garden: The replacement parts to repair the playground equipment will be more costly than expected. The replacement of the entire walkway is the preferred fix, because more problems are imminent due to the age of the structure.

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. Motion passed.

Motion made by D. Harper to accept the October 2024 financial report. Second, by R. Meyers. Motion passed.

Revitalization: Next meeting is January 15th, 2025, at 3:00 PM.

Future monthly Board of Trustees meetings: Working Meeting Tuesday, November 26th, 2024, at 5:00 PM, Clerk's Office. Next Board meeting will be, Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the Community Room at Village Hall.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Rasmussen to adjourn. Second by D. Harper. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned by President J. Schustek at 5:55 PM. Laura J. Krogwold, Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Iola

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