

Village of Sheffield  
Village Board Mtg  
March 11, 2024  
6:30 pm

Determining that a quorum was present, President Mary Lanham called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm and directed Ries to call the roll.

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Yepsen, Lanham

ABSENT: Pratt

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Lanham welcomed Mark Cole to address the board during Public Comment. Cole expressed concern of reckless behavior of an individual in his neighborhood-both on ATV and when in the individuals yard at all times of the day and night. Lanham then welcomed James Hurley's public comment. Hurley presented pictures of remnants of disturbed earth and a raised curb stop from a water line repair in Summer 2023 at his property on Reed Street.

Lanham proceeded to board reports. Lanham thanked both residents and told them that their issues would be looked into. Lanham proceeded with board reports.

**Board Reports:** Police Report - no report. Office and Public works reports as presented. Ries reminded the board of last minute Monday additions to the Bill Sheet. DeVoss asked Lanham about a sweeper attachment for Backhoe to sweep streets. Lanham is looking at an attachment for the JD3320, which might be less expensive than the \$15,000 Backhoe sweeper attachment he already has priced.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

Yepsen, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the February 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes.**  
Motion Carried 6-0.

Yepsen, seconded by Pratt, made a motion to **approve the revised February 12, 2024 water fund regular bills.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Price, seconded by Pratt, made a motion to **approve the payment of the March 11, 2024 regular bills and payroll.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

DeVoss, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve payment of TIF Bills for March 11, 2024.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Price, Yepsen, Lanham

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Pratt

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1

President Lanham opened discussion regarding the Village donation of a bench for the American Legion Veterans Memorial located in Veterans/School Park.

Corwin, seconded by Yepsen, made a motion to **approve the purchase and donation of a 6' Aurora Bench to the American Legion as an addition to their Veteran Memorial.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

LRS contract annual increase takes effect April 2024. DeVoss, seconded by Yepsen, made a motion to **approve billing residents for the 3.5% rate increase per contract effective next billing.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Board reviewed Event Application for 3-23-2024 from Parlor Coffee and Cream. Yepsen, seconded by DeVosst, made a motion to **approve the Event Application for March 23, 2024 Parlor Coffee and Cream which includes blocking parking spaces and providing cones.** Board requested Parlor let all neighboring businesses know of the event

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

The board reviewed the Bureau County Zoning Variance request for 242 N Adams St, Sheffield. The board defaults to the county board's decision. No Action Taken.

Lanham asked for a motion to enter into closed session for appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of public employees Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) .and purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5).

Pratt, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **enter into Executive Session at 6:53 pm**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Pratt, seconded by Yepsen made a motion to **close Executive Session at 7:09 pm**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**Roll Call at 7:10 pm in regular session**

PRESENT: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen, Lanham

ABSENT: None

Also present Clerk Ries

DeVoss, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **accept Police Chief Gene DeVaulkenaere resignation effective immediately.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Yepsen, seconded by Price, made a motion to **increase Landon Horrie pay to \$22 effective immediately.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Yepsen, seconded by Price, made a motion to **approve the February 12, 2024 executive meeting minutes.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, DeVoss, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**Adjournment:** Pratt, seconded by DeVoss, made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.** MOTION CARRIED 6-0.