

Village of Sheffield
Village Board Mtg
September 9, 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, Pratt, Price, Yepsen, Lanham

ABSENT: DeVoss

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No Public Comment

Board Reports: Trustees reviewed office reports in the board packet - No questions

Discussion/Action Items:

Yepsen, seconded by Corwin, made a motion to **approve the August 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes and August 29, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.** Motion Carried 5-0.

Pratt, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **approve the August 12, 2024 revised check numbers for the sewer fund regular bills.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Pratt, seconded by Yepsen, made a motion to **approve the September 9, 2024 Regular Bills & Payroll.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Lanham continued discussion from the August 2024 meeting with an opportunity to Co-op with Buda and Neponset to hire a Sheriff's Deputy and share the costs of the officer. The other two towns currently have no policing. The Villages would want one officer, not several on a rotation. Each year's costs would be split between the interested communities and increase each year. The trustees felt although the extra County coverage would be nice, the additional expense was not appealing, especially when ordinance enforcement would not be part of the duties. The trustees hope in future months the current Police Department can be enhanced. Pratt, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **not accept the Co-op (with Buda & Neponset) Policing opportunity with Bureau County.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Lanham opened discussion where it stopped at the August meeting regarding a new option for Village Attorney. Pratt, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **accept the provided Representation Retainer Service agreement with Jacob Frost, Attorney, Spring Valley IL and resolution R2024-09-09-01 with Frost, all services to take effect October 1, 2024.**

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 6-0

The 2025 Meeting schedule was reviewed. Due to new attorney Frost conflict, beginning in 2025 the regular meeting time will be moved to the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at the Sheffield Community Center. Pratt, seconded by Adams, made a motion to **accept the presented 2025 Meeting schedule with the new day as the second Tuesday of each month and the new time of 6 pm.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Pratt, seconded by Yepsen, made a motion to **approve moving the November 11, 2024 meeting (already scheduled for Tuesday due to Veteran's Day) time to 6 pm in order for new Attorney Frost to attend.**

Roll Call:

AYES: Adams, Corwin, Pratt, Price, Yepsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVoss MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Lanham presented a zoning variance request for 239 S Church St for a 21' 'variance to construct a covered porch. The Sheffield trustees agreed to revert to the Bureau County board as they have jurisdiction over Sheffield zoning. No action taken.

Discussion regarding Halloween date. The trustees agreed to keep Halloween on the actual day, October 31st from 4 -7 pm. Trustees confirmed this will work for the Sheffield Fire Department and the costume judging as well.

Adjournment: Adams, seconded by Corwin made a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.** MOTION CARRIED 5-0.