

Regular Meeting

August 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by President Wise. Trustees present included Barry, Alexander, Kirby, Dace, Taflinger and McCullough. Also in attendance were Water superintendent Tony Carlson, Treasurer Cindy Adkisson, Attorney Andrew Youngquist, Robert Carlson, Auditor Andrew Ryon and animal control officer Rabecka Livingston.

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Taflinger, 2nd by McCullough, motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024 minutes was made by Barry, 2nd by Alexander, motion carried.

A motion to renew a CD at Security Savings for 11 months at 4.25% was made by Taflinger, 2nd by McCullough. Call vote: Taflinger -yes, McCullough-yes, Alexander-yes, Barry-yes, Kirby-yes, Dace-yes. Motion carried. A motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented was made by Barry, 2nd by Alexander, motion carried.

There was no public forum.

Old Business:

Auditor Andrew Ryon of Gordon, Stockman & Waugh, PC, Certified Public Accountants & Consultants, spoke to the board about the FYE 20234 audit. He stated the village is in good standing in financial status and went over key points in the audit he felt were beneficial to mention.

Resident Liz Pagel presented her concerns with the current animal control Ordinance 4-3A-6, regarding owning chickens within the village limits. She reported on the research of other towns that allow chickens within the town limits. She then requested the board amend the ordinance to allow chickens or eliminate the current ordinance completely. She suggested adopting a no nuisance ordinance. President Wise requested copies of the signature petition so the names and addresses can be verified. Wise also reported on the issues concerning the chickens. Wise reported the board is showing no bias with chicken owners and all residents reported to have chickens were cited for violation of the ordinance. Pagel requested the ordinances be more accessible for residents to review. Several other residents joined the discussion with questions and comments. Taflinger moved to table a decision and for further discussion until the September meeting and delay the fines until October 1, 2024. 2nd by McCullough. Motion carried. This will give the board time to review the Quincy ordinance to help make a decision about the ordinance.

Taflinger reported on the meeting held with Water Superintendent Carlson, Geoffrey Thompson from Klingner's and Lynn Armstrong from the USDA RA. Thompson and Armstrong are working on gathering the required information for the grant to help with the water tower project. This grant has a potential of funding up to 75% of the project cost. They recommended adding water projects to increase the amount needed for the best return on the grant. Carlson and Taflinger are researching to determine additional projects.

Taflinger is continuing talks with the real property owner to find a dollar amount to proceed with the possible purchase process.