



Village of Industry  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2024  
Kiwanis Building

The Board of Trustees, Village of Industry, McDonough County, State of Illinois met on September 5, 2024. President Staci Danner called the meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Trustees Jones, Rittenhouse, Wheeler, Thompson, and Murray. Also present were Treasurer Black and Clerk Larson. Trustee Stuckwisch, Attorney Laegeler, and Superintendent Gorsuch were absent.

- I. Public Comments
  - a. NONE
- II. Benton & Associates
  - a. Color and design options were presented for the water tower. A green windmill design with yellow outlines and black "INDUSTRY" text was selected.
- III. Minutes and Bills
  - a. Trustee Thompson made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from the August Meeting and pay the bills for September. The MOTION was SECONDED by Trustee Jones. The vote was unanimous and MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. Village Officials' Reports
  - a. President/Mayor Ad Hoc
    - i. President Danner presented information to the Board regarding an upcoming luncheon that any Board member could attend. The presentation may provide information to help with the use of vacant lots within the Village.
  - b. Clerk
    - i. None
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. Remaining fund balances were discussed. Treasurer Black reports that there is 1.5 months' funds available and that the general CD could be redeemed if necessary.
  - d. Village Superintendent
    - i. Superintendent Gorsuch was absent but provided an estimate to President Danner for repairs to the front steps of the Kiwanis Building. The estimate was from Kelly General Contracting Company at \$14,872.16. There may be another estimate from Smileys and Superintendent Gorsuch asked for another estimate for wood materials instead of concrete.
  - e. Village Attorney
    - i. Absent
- V. Old Business.
  - a. Discuss, consider, and take action on abandoned/nuisance properties.
    - i. The Hickory Street property will be appraised by Jared Royer. A neighbor is interested in purchasing.

- ii. The Millers are continuing to search for more suitable housing. The Health Department has stated that it is up to the Village to condemn properties.
- b. The use of \$31,502.10 in remaining RBI funds was discussed. Scott Hance is waiting on a list from Superintendent Gorsuch of street signs to be replaced. Sidewalks would have to be replaced by calendar year end.
- c. Proposals for the abandonment of the Village's drinking water well were reviewed. This abandonment had originally been part of contract B. The IEPA deadline was 8/30/24. The Village has been granted a 150-day extension to 1/27/25. Doug has received informal proposals to seal the well and the lowest was \$10,080. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to accept the lowest bid and Trustee Murray SECONDED. A roll call VOTE was held and MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Bids for improvements to Pinhook Park were reviewed and discussed. The bids came in much lower than expected. When selecting the base bid with all three alternatives, Laverdiere Construction had the lowest bid. Doug presented his recommendation to accept the base bid plus all 3 alternatives from Laverdiere Construction at \$418,539. Greg contacted IDNR and the Village can add additional items with any remaining funds. Discussion was held on alternatives to a bags court and not awarding alternate 2. Thompson made a MOTION to accept the Laverdiere Construction bid as recommended by Doug. Trustee Wheeler SECONDED. A roll call VOTE was held with 4 ayes and 1 nay. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. New Business

- a. Trustee Murray discussed a water hydrant near Pinhook Park and across the street from the Assembly of God Church that needs to be replaced. There is a \$9100 replacement cost estimate. The balance of the Water Fund is low. The idea was presented by Scott Hance to contact the City of Macomb to see if they could repair at a lower cost.
- b. The procedure and authority to apply for grants was discussed. It was stated that any Board member could apply for grants but it should be presented to Board prior to submittal.

VII. Executive Session was held

VIII. Other

- a. Trustee Murray presented the minutes of the recent Water Committee meeting. The Village's water rates are some of the lowest in the State but will be increasing in increments. Superintendent Gorsuch has requested the Water Committee members witness some of the repairs he has been making to better understand. There are many water meters that are needing replaced. A large portion of those meters will be replaced in the second phase of water improvements. Approximately 50% of the water shut-off valves in the Village are non-functioning. A request will be submitted to the fire department to assist with cleaning culverts.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Trustee Jones made a MOTION to adjourn. Trustee Thompson SECONDED and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Larson, Interim Village Clerk