

Tuesday August 15th, 2023
Village of Camp Point Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Camp Point was called to order on August 15th, 2023, at the Village of Camp Point Office at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Daniel Mock. The following Trustees answered roll call by the Village Clerk, Brittney Brokaw: Jason Hetzler, Brad O'Dear, Lindsey Cooley, Duane Ware, Jonah Coggeshall, and Jerelyn Douglas. Also present was Jason Turpin and Mark Bockhold.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America flag.

Gordon Cantrell arrived at 7:06pm and Ciara Jones arrived at 7:07pm.

IMRF voluntary contributions were discussed. Could this affect retirement? Is there a time period when you can and cannot amend returns? Brokaw will check with ABNG. The 2023 federal returns should be corrected. This will be discussed more at the September board meeting.

The Liquid Pony liquor license application was discussed. Liquid Pony can serve anyone from wedding venues to BBQ's. They have dram insurance, state liquor license, and a county liquor license. They offer a dry service or can provide alcohol. Liquid Pony does not want to take business away from any of the brick-and-mortar business in the Village. Liquid Pony has not done many venues in the Village and does not feel that they need the liquor license at the present. Ciara will let the Village know if there is interest in the future. Ciara left at 7:25pm.

A 125-cafeteria plan was discussed. This would allow any Village employees with an HSA account to make personal contributions from their pay tax free. This would require a tax attorney to complete the required documentation. Brokaw will talk with the Village attorney Bier about recommendations for a tax attorney to draw up the necessary paperwork. This will be discussed more at the September board meeting.

A water meter fee ordinance was discussed. The \$5.00 meter fee charged each month for the next five years was approved in 2021. The fee began January of 2022 and will end on December 31st, 2026. A motion was made by Hetzler and seconded by Cooley and carried with O'Dear, Hetzler, Cooley, Coggeshall, and Douglas voting yes and Ware voting no. (ORD. 2-23-24)

Annexation property will be discussed more at the September board meeting.

Community building updates were discussed. The new door for the community building was installed. It was not a steel-clad door as originally ordered. Purchasing a cloud service for the key code system was discussed and it was decided that the Village does not need this service. The Village computer should be able to connect to the key code system since it will be on the same internet system. Hildebrand has ordered the key code system parts. All other projects will be discussed in the winter time.

Property and car letters were discussed. Tjaden's two Prairie Street properties were served with thirty

days notice to remedy the homes. After thirty days a judge could rule to have the properties demolished. A home at 215 N. Ohio has boats sitting in the yard. After the two Tjaden properties are finished, the Village will begin to look at derelict vehicles in the Village. President Mock would like to have each vehicle ticketed individually instead of groups of vehicles lumped together. The Hull property at 306 E. Prairie has been empty for a long length of time. The owner states that they are fixing up the property, but there has not been much progress on the house.

An update on direct deposit was discussed. Direct deposit is set up and ready to be used. Clerk Brokaw gave employees direct deposit sheets to fill out and turn in. President Mock will not have to come in and sign checks, but instead can virtually approve the direct deposits.

A motion was made by O'Dear and seconded by Coggeshall and carried with all present Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote to make officer Dakota Downs the Camp Point Chief of Police at \$22.00/hour.

Renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan was discussed. The policy is currently \$3031.91 and will increase to \$3248.71 for four employees. A motion was made by Cooley and seconded by Hetzler and carried with O'Dear abstaining and all other Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote.

The IML conference is being held in Chicago in September.

President Mock will not be able to attend the September 19th board meeting. The consensus is to move the board meeting to Tuesday September 26th, 2023. A motion was made by Douglas and seconded by Cooley and carried with all present Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote to move the regular board meeting to September 26th, 2023.

All sidewalks and curbs on Jefferson Street between Illinois and Ohio has been completed. Sidewalks should not be driven on and you could be fined if you drive on the sidewalks. State Street near the library and community building is part of the railroad's easement. Klingner is working with the railroad to have the easement moved in order for the Village to maintain that portion of the road as needed.

President Mock gave an update on the Ursa Farmers Co-op tax reduction case. President Mock will go to Springfield on Thursday to be a witness in the case. Ursa promised the Village a particular amount of tax dollars and the Village will not budge. Hetzler left at 8:07pm. This amount was promised in emails and at the Village zoning board meeting. Ursa Farmers Co-op claims that they should only be taxed on the capacity of the grain bins and everything else is personal property. The bins will not work without the remaining components that are being perceived as personal property. Hetzler returned at 8:09pm. Mock is a witness for the Village and for the school.

The cardboard trailer will leave when the new contract for the Adams County recycling program is signed by the health department.

Minutes of the July 18th, 2023, and minutes from the special board meeting July 27th, 2023, were approved upon a motion made by O'Dear and seconded by Cooley and carried with all present Trustees

voting yes on a roll call vote.

The Treasurer's report of July 2023 was approved with a motion by Hetzler and seconded by Cooley and carried, with all present Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Coggeshall has a quote for the trees around the Village. Trustee Coggeshall has also been in contact with the railroad. The railroad is requiring an abatement notice to remove the large tree on the railroad's easement. A motion was made by Coggeshall and seconded by Douglas and carried with all present Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote to approve \$1200.00 to have three trees and one tree trimmed in the Village.

NEW BUSINESS

An approval was made for August 2023 bills with a motion made by Douglas and seconded by Coggeshall and carried with all present Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote.

Trustee Cooley discussed the Village's water loss for June: 2.88% after adjustments.

A motion was made by O'Dear and seconded by Cooley and carried by voting yes on a roll call vote to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:28pm.

A motion was made by Coggeshall and seconded by Cooley and carried with all present Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote to end executive session at 9:01pm.

A motion was made by Douglas and seconded by Coggeshall and carried with all present Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote to approve executive session minutes.

The next Village board meeting: Tuesday September 26th, 2023, at 7pm.

With there being no further business before the Board The meeting ended at 9:03pm with a motion made by O'Dear and seconded by Hetzler and carried with all present Trustees voting yes on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittney Brokaw
Village Clerk