

Mayor Hahn called the February 27, 2024 regular Meeting of the Cullom Village Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Members Present: Hahn, Flessner, Mills, Jehle, Berens, J. Meister, K Meister, Krause, and Rock

Also Present: Attorney Ludwig and Randy Irvin

Absent: Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: All present took part in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes: Motion to accept, by consent agenda, the January 30, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Mills/Rock – M/C

Motion to accept by consent agenda, the February 20, 2024 Financial Committee Meeting minutes was made by Jehle/Mills – M/C

Public: Randy Irvin, from State Representative Jason Bunting's office, addressed the board

Attorney Report: Farm Lease from Belletown Farms, Real Estate Purchase on South Ash St and Liens were reported (See Below). Ludwig also answered questions on how long to keep village records

Maintenance Report:

- Water leak at 225 West Hack St has been repaired
- Water Leak at 220 East Jeffrey near curb stop has been repaired
- Shared 2021-2023 yearly water usage in the village

Clerk Report: Rock/Meister made the motion to pay the monthly bills totaling \$101,543.08. M/C by voice vote

Treasurer Report: Meister/Rock made the motion to accept the Clerk Finance Committee Update – See Financial Committee Minutes

Cab Account - Berens/Mills made the motion to close the Cab Account and to deposit the balance into the General Account. The money will be used to purchase plants for the planters on Main Street this spring. M/C

Old Business:

- Water Tower – Waiting for EPA to finalize paperwork
- Un-Sewered Community Grant – Have received \$15,000. Report is due to the EPA in September
- Property Liens – No Report
- Iron Tank Replacement Project – Paperwork is at EPA for final approval
- Cell Service – Berens reported on her progress with contacting various cell phone companies about placing an antenna on the new water, tower. Representative Bunting's office will look into the matter further for the village
- Village Zoning Map – Moving forward with process
- MFT Street Project – Motion to approve the bid from Gray's Material Services at a cost of \$65,869.50 was made by Rock/Berens. M/C
- Tile Rehab/Repair Project – No Report
- Farm Lease – Ludwig is waiting for a response from Belletown Farms
- Zoning Ordinance 2024-B 301 West Van Alstyne St – Meister/Jehle made the motion to accept the ordinance. All voted in favor by voice vote
- IDNRI Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant – Hahn reported on the responses received from village residents on ideas for use of the funding

- Contract for Property Purchase – South Ash Street Extension - Mayor Hahn appointed Trustee Rock as Mayor-Pro-tem to conduct the meeting for this item of the agenda. Krause/Berens made the motion to have Rock sign the paperwork regarding the purchase. Motion was made by Jehle/Meister to accept the purchase price of \$15,000 per acre.
Motion to accept the Resolution to Purchase Real estate Contract was made by Krause Berens. All voted in favor and M/C
Mayor Hahn then resumed control of the meeting

New Business:

- Funding for Tiling Account – Adding funds to the tiling account will be addressed in May 2024
- Request for Street Closure During August Celebration – Approved
- Republic Contract – Krause will make inquiries with all available waste removal companies and bring a report to the board

Any Other Business:

- Ordinance Committee Meeting – (Meister, Rock and Berens) will take place on March 13, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Submitted by Nancy Flessner, Village Clerk