

The Village Clerk called the May 28, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Cullom Village Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Flessner, Mills, Jehle, Rock, Berens, and Krause

**Absent:** Hahn, J. Meister and K. Meister

**Also Present:** Attorney Ludwig, Art Runyon (Property Owner), Jason Haag and Mark Regis (F5D Inc. Business Representatives) and new employees; Jordan Spangler, Melissa DuVall and Ryan Reiniche

The Clerk read a letter from Mayor Hahn announcing that she will be taking an undetermined leave of absence due to health issues. She requested that the board elect a President Pro-Tem in her absence. After discussion, Attorney Ludwig appointed Berens as President Pro-Tem and all voted in favor by voice vote. Papers were signed and sealed by the Mayor Pro-Tem and Clerk

**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 April 23, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Rock/Mills – M/C

**Public:** Art Runyon addressed the board concerning the water bill at his rental property at 225 W Hack St. He was informed that the board would look at the Village Ordinance and report back to him

Representatives from F5D, Inc addressed the board with a request to relocate the existing village water main to their property. They were informed that the board would take into consideration their request and after investigating the issue would report back to them

**Attorney Report:** Ludwig advised that a Boring Agreement for fiber Optics LLC, on behalf of Verizon, be awarded as a one-time Utility Permit. The motion to do so was made by Krause/Jehle and all voted in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem signed and sealed the agreement

The discussion of how to become a Non-Sanctuary Village was Discussed. Ludwig will look into the ordinance requirements

The Board was advised to send a bill for the mowing of vacant property to property owners before placing a lien on the property

**Employee Reports:** All were reminded that written time-sheets need to be handed to the Mayor Pro-Tem and work reports to the clerk each month to be filed

Spangle:

- Has been learning about the paperwork and water sampling for the water plant

DuVall:

- The 3% rate hike for water will be added to the next billing cycle
- Water bills now reflect past-due charges
- Asked for direction on the \$75 deposit reimbursement (Ludwig will look into and advise),

Reiniche:

- Has been doing equipment maintenance
- Brush pickup has started
- Mowing is going well
- Park bathroom maintenance has been taken care of
- Drain inspections are taking place
- Rock reported that he has purchased a new weed-eater for the village and was given permission to purchase a new leaf blower and hand equipment that is needed

**Clerk Report:** Krause/Rock made the motion to pay the monthly bills, totaling \$44,452.37. All voted in favor by voice vote and M/C

**Treasurer Report:** Jehle/Mills made the motion to accept the treasurer report as presented and to transfer the annual \$10,000 from the General Account to the Tiling Account. All voted in favor and M/C

**Committee Meeting Dates:** All committees were asked to set meeting dates in the near future and to inform the Mayor Pro-Tem and Clerk of the dates

**Old Business:**

- Water Tower – First Village Payment will be made this month
- Un-Sewered Community Grant – Has been sent to EPA for approval
- Property Leins – No Report
- Iron Tank Replacement Project – Loan Agreement has been signed and mailed
- Cell Service – No Report
- Village Zoning Map – No Report
- MFT Street Project – Contracts with IDOT have been submitted and work should start after May 1, 2024
- Tile Rehab/Repair Project – Working on Proposal
- IDNRI Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant – Grant Application must be submitted in September. A Public Meeting will be held to let residents know what is proposed
- Phone Lines – Rock/Krause made the motion to sign a three-year contract with Frontier at the price of \$104.98 a month for one phone line and internet for the village office and \$114.98 a month for one phone line and internet for the pump house. All voted in favor and M/C

**New Business:**

- Krause/Rock made the motion to set the 2024/25 meeting schedule for the fourth Tuesday of every month with the exception of December when the Board will meet on December 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Any Other Business:**

- Reminder that a new Garbage/Recycle Contract will be needed January 1, 2025
- Sand Filter Cleaning needs to be scheduled
- Audit needs to be addressed in the near future

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Submitted by Nancy Flessner, Village Clerk