

Village of North Henderson
Trustee Meeting
June 13, 2024
6:30pm at Floral Hall

The Village of North Henderson Trustee Meeting for June 13, 2024 was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Carol Rogers with a roll call

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Diane Brown, Karin Simkins and Cheryl Stevens

Also Present: President, Carol Rogers, Treasurer, Gary Whitcomb and Clerk, Melody Hall

Visiting: None

Absent: Trustees Angie Chandlee and Christian Spahr

President Rogers stated will proceed with a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Rogers publically thanked Trustee Brown for the great job that she has done on the flower boxes around the village. Treasurer Whitcomb announced the upcoming Fireman's Breakfast is the last Sunday of the month on June 30th. Trustee Simkins announced the cattle show will be held at the ball diamond on June 22nd.

MINUTES:

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Trustee Simkins. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS:

Trustee Brown presented receipts totaling \$346.19 for the new flower beds, dirt, mulch and the flowers to add to the bills.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to pay the bills with the addition of Trustee Browns receipts, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Looser Flake Grant:

President Rogers stated she went to the meeting. They discussed what everyone planned on using the grant money for. There are 17 organizations applying for the \$100,000.00 grant. President Rogers continued to state after everyone's plans were figured up, the total ask amount came out to \$160,000.00. The group's plans were reduced, and the ask amount was lowered to \$106,000.00.

President Rogers reviewed several websites to find equipment for a sound garden.

It was narrowed down to Playground Boss, where the rest of the playground equipment came from. They had a xylophone for \$2806.00 but the shipping was going to be \$1612.00. Then she looked on Playground Outfitters where she found three items that came out to \$3397.00, which is what she initially submitted. When they had to cut back she chose just the xylophone. President Rogers stated

this grant is one in which the village did not have to match. President Rogers suggested getting the xylophone with the grant; the village would pay the shipping of \$324.00. Then down the road the village could purchase the rocking drum at \$700.00 and a musical wheel for \$299.00. President Rogers stated Kyle from Mercer County Better Together will be submitting the grant by the end of July and the grant money should be here by late August.

Ball Park Issues:

President Rogers stated she received a bill from Ty's Lawn Care in the amount of \$200.00 for spraying the infield and an additional \$495.00 for spraying the landscaping. She spoke to Ty and asked what the additional \$495.00 was for since the village doesn't pay him to spray the landscape. Ty explained the gentleman that does the infield had Ty come out and spray two more times because the weeds hadn't died. President Rogers explained to Ty that he is not to come out unless she calls him.

President Rogers stated another issue with the ball park is she received a call that the bathroom lights were not working. President Rogers and Treasurer Whitcomb went up and checked them out. She replaced the one regular bulb and it worked but the florescent lights did not come on. Treasurer Whitcomb went to the church and borrowed a florescent bulb, but the lights still did not come on. President Rogers suggested having an electrician come out and change the fixtures so all the lights are regular bulbs. The board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Issues:

President Rogers stated once Tony's and Treasurer Whitcomb got the meter in at the ball park they noticed the meter was reading five gallons of water a minute. This is causing the village to lose thousands of gallons of water. President Rogers informed the board Treasurer Whitcomb has called Evan from Illinois Rural Water and they will be out either Friday or the following week to help locate the leak. The ground is not soft and there is no water surfacing. Treasurer Whitcomb stated it may be due to the tile. President Rogers stated the water is not shut off due to the ball games but she may turn it off then when there is a game turn it back on.

President Rogers stated when she looked over the waters bills there a couple that are behind so she spoke to the resident. One was Linda Houdyshell , she will be paying it in full. Another is Josh Harrison, she sent him a message. President Rogers stated she just found out while he was out of town he had an accident and is in the hospital. He may be there for a while yet. President Rogers commented if the bill doesn't get paid she doesn't want the bill to keep adding up and then he would have trouble catching it up. The board decided to shut the water off if it didn't get paid, then turn it back on without charging him the reconnect fee when he returns home.

Another bill is Katy Roger's, the house sold before the lien could be placed on it. As soon as the sign went up the house was sold. The house is in her mother's name so they both have been contacted and agreed to pay the bill but never have. Then there is the Barton house, which is one of the unkempt properties. She is at a loss as what to do with it since last year the village spent \$600.00 - \$700.00 on mowing. There is a lien on the property and there is a chance they may never sell the property. The village paid to maintain the yard last year, but it is not fiscally responsible to continue doing this for one household. Clerk Hall stated there is no way of contacting them because there is no forwarding address. President Rogers suggested have Ty's come out and spray the yard. Treasurer Whitcomb commented it would still have to be done twice a year. President Rogers stated Katy Rogers could be sent to collections and maybe calling the lawyer about Barton's to discuss what to do.

Illinois Rural Water Renewal.

President Rogers stated the membership dues for Illinois Rural Water is due. The amount is \$349.28 a year. The village has had the membership for years. They are the ones who will be coming out to find the leak at the ball park.

Trustee Brown made a motion to renew the membership, 2nd by Trustee Simkins. All in favor, motion carried.

Amendment to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Ordinance

President Rogers turned the floor over to Clerk Hall. Clerk Hall informed the board they had a copy of the ordinance in their folder. Clerk Hall stated this ordinance needs to be revised anytime there are changes to the FOIA and when there is a change of Mayor, Clerk or any other FOIA officers. Clerk Hall then went through the changes that needed revised. President Rogers asked Trustee Simkins if she wanted to continue as the third FOIA officer. She does not wish to continue at this time, and Trustee Brown agreed to do it.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to accept the amendment to the FOIA ordinance, 2nd by Trustee Simkins.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees, Brown, Simkins and Stevens

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Chandlee and Spahr

Amendment to the Copies Resolution:

Clerk Hall stated this resolution goes along with the FOIA ordinance. This deals with the making copies of any FOIA request. The only change is the amount of copies that are free went from 25 – 50 copies.

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the amendment, 2nd by Trustee Stevens.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees, Brown, Simkins and Stevens

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Chandlee and Spahr

2024 – 2025 Meeting Schedule:

President Rogers stated the meeting schedule for 2024-2025 is in your packet. President Rogers asked if they saw any changes in the schedule, it is still the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Floral Hall. Treasurer Whitcomb noticed the date for the May meeting was incorrect it should be the 8th but read the 7th.

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the schedule with the correction, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor motion carried.

Flag Pole

President Rogers turned the floor over to Trustee Brown. Trustee Brown stated the flag pole at the ball diamond no longer rises all the way to the top. She stated it is the original flag pole and is about 20 years old. Trustee Brown stated she is not sure how much a new one would cost or if this one can be repaired. After a short discussion the matter was tabled until a cost could be found.

Gutter Cleaning:

President Rogers stated the gutters at the village garage are in need of cleaning again. Clerk Hall spoke to Steve Brownlee, who has done it in the past. He will do the cleaning for \$80.00 which is what he charged before. The board agreed to have him do the cleaning.

President Rogers stated she spoke to Ron Brown and the village pickup needs some maintenance done. Ron will be taking it to the place where the truck was purchased from. They will check it over and let Ron know what needs to be done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rogers stated if there is no other business or public comment she would entertain a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Simkins made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

The Village of North Henderson Trustee meeting for June 13, 2024 adjourned at 7:15pm with the next meeting scheduled for July 11, 2024 , 6:30pm at the Floral Hall

Melody Hall
Village Clerk

Carol Rogers
Village President

Village Seal