

**Village of North Henderson
Trustee Meeting
May 11, 2023
6:30pm at Floral Hall**

The Village of North Henderson Trustee Meeting for May 11, 2023 was called to order by President Carol Rogers at 6:30pm with a roll call

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Michelle Adams, Angie Chandlee, Karin Simkins and Cheryl Stevens

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

Visiting: Don Adams and April Loveridge

Absent: Trustees Diane Brown and Charles Schultz

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Rogers announced the bathrooms at the softball diamond have been repaired. She had Garrett Johnson from Johnson Brothers look at them, see what needed to be done and then do the repairs. It was not as bad as it looked, there were a couple pipes that were split and a broken stool. Everything else was fine.

President Rogers informed the board there is a copy of the budget/appropriation in their folder. Not all the numbers are there but it gives everyone an idea of where the numbers are before next month.

MINUTES:

Trustee Adams made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS:

Trustee Simkins made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Trustee Adams. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chicken Ordinance

President Rogers reminded the board they were to come up with some ideas as to what they may want in the chicken ordinance if they wanted to allow chickens in the village. This month they will discuss what they want the ordinance to say then next month at the meeting it will be approved or changes made.

Trustee Simkins asked if they were allowing them for just a 4-H project or for the eggs also. President Rogers answered both plus for the meat. Trustee Simkins commented they would not get enough eggs to feed a family in one day with only three chickens. Trustee Chandlee suggested starting out with a limit of five. Visitor April Loveridge commented another town has a limit of 15. Trustee Chandlee suggested starting low to see how it goes then later moving the limit up. President Rogers commented she didn't think there was a lot in town that would be big enough to hold 15 chickens.

Trustee Chandlee asked if this was a whole new ordinance or if it would be an amendment to the other animal ordinance. Clerk Hall answered it would be a revision of the old ordinance. Trustee Adams

suggested it be revised as to what will be allowed, also they should have to be fenced or in a coop at night. Trustee Simkins stated they have to be in a coop at night due to all the wild animals around. Trustee Chandlee suggested having something in the ordinance stating the village is not liable if the chicken gets loose and they get harmed or harm another animal, also that they are not allowed on a vacant property. Trustee Chandlee asked if they should use the legal description of a chicken "Gallus gallus domesticus. President Rogers suggested putting it as female fowl only. President Rogers suggested using her sample and following each line. It was decided to have; only female fowl, no roosters and no more than 10 total. Renters must have written consent from the owners and a copy is to be kept on file with the village office. Trustee Chndlee is going to have a "Google Document" written up so those who want chickens or allowing renters to have can fill it out and send it to the office. The size of the fence was discussed as well as how far off the property line, village properties and churches. How the food is to be stored, the cleanliness of the pen and the killing of the chickens were also discussed. President Rogers stated this will be typed up and presented at the next meeting.

Water Meters

Treasurer Whitcomb stated as of today's date he has installed 14 meters. One of the problems he is having is contacting everyone and setting up a time to get the meters changed over. President Rogers stated in order to get the billing correct there needs to be more meters. There are two systems running and this could be part of the reason it is not working correctly. That may be part of the water loss the village is showing. Trustee Adams suggested putting a note on the water bills to have them contact Gary. Clerk Hall stated she has done this and it still did not help. Treasurer Whitcomb stated he has times when to contact them but still cannot get any results. President Rogers stated she would help him to contact those who still need their water changed out. She would like to have most if not all the meters done by the end of May and if he needs help to let her know she'll find someone. Clerk Hall stated she is finally getting some help on the billing side of it. She is to have a conference call with the billing department and the meter company next week. Hopefully something can be figured out. Trustee Adams stated her consumption was off and so was her dad's. What it had done was take the numeral after the decimal and counted it as gallons and not tenth of a gallon. Clerk Hall stated she has let the billing department know and that problem will be resolved. Clerk Hall stated the only other problem they are having besides the dials is that for some reason the program will not prorate the reading for the old meters and add it to the new meter reading. So the program only wants to charge for the new meters. She has to figure the difference on the old meters and add it to the new meter consumption to get the correct amount. Hopefully this will be corrected by next month's reading.

President Rogers stated while the board is on the water subject, Barton's bill has gotten extremely high. President Rogers stated she has tried to call them and they have blocked her, Clerk Hall has sent out numerous reminders as well as a certified letter and they have all been returned. President Rogers continued to state the next step is to put a lien on the property that if they try to sell the property the bill will come out of the sell. In order to put a lien on the property it will cost \$77.00 then when the property is sold to take it off it will be \$88.00. Both cost will be added I with the water bill. .

Trustee Simkins made a motion to place a lien on the Barton Property, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

Mercer County Events

President Rogers stated she has heard anything more about the Mercer County Event since they asked if the village would be interested in doing it and that they would cover any cost. But she read an article

about on August 1st of every year it is National Night Out. This is where you are to come out, sit on your porch and visit with your neighbor. President Rogers commented it might be nice to do something at the park for that. Trustee Simkins thought it would be a good way to meet some of the new people in town. Trustee Stevens asked if it would be that night since it was a Tuesday this year. President Rogers stated if they wanted on National Night Out. She thought maybe hot dogs at the park or even ice cream at the park for a couple hours. It was decided not to do the Mercer County Event and consider doing something for National Night Out.

NEW BUSINESS

Unkempt Properties

President Rogers asked if anyone could remember who the village hired to mow Barton's property last year. Trustee Simkins thought it was done by Chris Spahr. President Rogers stated no he was going to do it but then did not have the time. Treasurer Whitcomb thought it may have been someone like Chelines because it would have to be done by someone with a tractor. President Rogers thought she could do the weeds in the ditch with a weed eater but not the yard. Trustee Adams mentioned the property near Browns where the old barracks were at. President Rogers stated she thought the property had been sold and is not sure who to speak to or send a notice to. Before she was able to contact the owner and he would be right over to clean it up

Mercer County Better Together Donation

President Rogers stated Mercer County Better Together is asking for their yearly donation. Trustee Stevens asked for a reminder as to who they are and what they do. President Rogers stated they are the ones who have helped the village get the grants for the new park equipment, they have help Clerk Hall with the reports for the American Relief Plan funds, they have also don numerous things throughout Mercer county and the residents. President Rogers stated last year the village donated \$250.00.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to donate \$250.00 to Mercer County Better Together, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried

Mercer County Health Department Donation

President Rogers stated last month when the lady for Mercer County Health Department came and spoke to the board about their new program she asked for a donation and we never voted on it. President Rogers commented the donation would go to the new program called the Health Navigation Program to help women find a way to get their yearly physical. Trustee Chandlee felt the program would benefit a lot of women in Mercer County.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the health department, 2nd by Trustee Adams. All in favor, motion carried

Charles Schultz Trustee Seat

President Rogers stated Trustee Schultz has moved out of the village leaving his seat on the board open. She asked Trustee Adams if she would like to take over the seat since her seat will be taken over by the new trustee. Trustee Adams declined the request. President Rogers then asked the board if they knew of anyone that would like to be on the board to have them contact her or come to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

President Rogers stated with no public comment she would entertain a motion to adjourn

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Village of North Henderson Trustee meeting for May 11, 2023 was adjourned at 8:02pm with the next meeting scheduled for June 8, 2023

Melody Hall
Village Clerk

Carol Rogers
Village President



Village Seal