

**Village of North Henderson  
Trustee Meeting  
September 12, 2024  
6:30 pm at Floral Hall**

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President Rogers explained the road signs are on the agenda because when the board voted on the resolution Bruner, Cooper and Zook did not include the labor cost and had the wrong amount entered in for the cost of the signs. President Rogers turned the floor over to Clerk Hall. Clerk Hall explained President Rogers found an old order for signs from Galesburg Lighting & Signs in 2016. She called and got a new quote in the amount of \$7449.83. That is for 12-Stop Signs, 5-Yield Signs, and 2 No Parking Signs, poles, hardware and labor. Clerk Hall stated the new resolution now includes the correct cost of the signs and the labor. The amount from IDOT is \$10,000.00 but we only use the amount needed this amount just in to give us a little extra just in case. Clerk Hall explained when the signs are put in the village needs them to be in regulation.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to accept the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Spahr.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Trustee Karin Simkins, Cheryl Stevens and Christian Spahr

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Diane Brown and Angie Chandlee

### **Floral Hall**

President Rogers asked the board if they had any other ideas or questions about Floral Hall. President Rogers explained the Floral Club is disbanding and has offered the village to purchase Floral Hall for \$1.00 to have as a community center. After a discussion it was decided to have a community meeting to see how the residents feel about it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Darrick Barton – Water Bill**

President Rogers stated Darrick Barton is present to discuss his past due water bill and turned the floor over to Mr. Barton. Mr. Barton explained when he and Rachel separated she was to have the water bill put into her name, pay the bill and take care of the property. When the divorce was final she took over the ownership of the property. The only thing he was to do was pay his part of the bill. President Rogers explained the ordinance states if a tenant does not pay their bill the land owner is responsible for the bill and he is considered the land owner since he is on the tax information. President Rogers stated when Rachel was at the house she had to reach out to her a couple times to pay the bill, she would get caught up then get behind again. President Rogers continued to state Rachel would get behind again then someone in the village paid for two months and she did not pay the bill, we lost all contact with her. President Rogers stated the village tried to contact both Darrick and Rachel with no response from either of them. President Rogers asked Clerk Hall what the bill includes. Clerk Hall answered: Mr. Barton's bill is \$113.06, Rachel's is \$605.77, the lien is \$165.00 and all legal fees are \$1201.33 making it a total of \$2085.16. Clerk Hall explained the lawyer called and would like the village to make some kind of agreement or arrangement with Mr. Barton and let him know. If there is an agreement he will cancel the court date. Mr. Barton asked if there was any way to reduce the amount of the bill. President Rogers suggested removing the late fees and asked Clerk Hall what the amount of the late fees are and what the total due would be. Clerk Hall answered the total of late fees are \$240.00 and after removing the fees his total would be \$1845.16. After a short discussion it was decided Mr. Barton would make \$200.00 payments for the next 10 months beginning September 20, 2024. President Rogers stated Clerk Hall will have an agreement typed out for Mr. Barton to sign when he makes his first payment, also if he misses a payment the matter will go back into court.

#### **New Colorimeter**

President Rogers explained a colorimeter is what Bob Shull uses to test the water. He has been using the one from Rio and there are times it doesn't read correctly. Bob also feels it would be best for each place to have their own. President Rogers stated the colorimeter cost \$690.00 plus the testing items \$59.55 for a total cost of \$749.15.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to purchase the colorimeter and testing equipment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Halloween Activities**

President Rogers asked the board when they would like to have trick or treat this year. In the past few years it has been on the Saturday before Halloween which would be October 26<sup>th</sup>, with the hours being from 5pm – 7pm. President Rogers also asked if the board wanted to do the house decorating contest. If so what did they want to do for prizes? The past 2 years she bought and donated the prizes, before that it was a cash prize of \$75.00 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$50.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$25.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Trustee Spahr made a motion to have trick or treat on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> and the house decorating contest with the cash prizes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

President Rogers asked the board if there was any other business if not she will open the floor to public comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Stephen Moore asked the board about the burn ordinance. He wanted to know what to do if someone was violating the ordinance. Should he contact the mayor, police or who? President Rogers explained he was to contact the mayor for any ordinance violation.

President Rogers stated if there is no further public comments she would entertain a motion to adjourn.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Village of North Henderson Trustee meeting for September 12, 2024 adjourned at 7:45pm with the next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Floral Hall

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Melody Hall  
Village Clerk

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Carol Rogers  
Village President

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