

**Village of North Henderson
Trustee Meeting
September 9, 2021**

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Diane Brown, Angie Chandlee, Charles Schultz, Karin Simkins and Cheryl Stevens
Also Present: President Carol Rogers, Treasurer Gary Whitcomb and Clerk Melody Hall

Visiting: Tom Rogers

Absent: Trustee John Hoefer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Chandlee announced after deducting her personal cost from the concession stand the balance for the village is around \$600.00 and suggested having the money go back into the softball field such as painting the bathroom or for any repairs to the field. The board agreed that it should be used for the softball field. Trustee Chandlee also announced she is working on ordering some extras for the playground at the village park with the remaining grant money. Trustee Chandlee stated she is looking at extras for the equipment that is on the east side of the park, such as a slide.

President Rogers announced McMeeken Excavating should be replacing the culverts soon he has had Julie mark everything. Clerk Hall commented that Olson Brothers have not fixed the sink hole on East South and now there is another one across the street. Trustee Schultz suggested calling Rhodenbaugh Excavating from Sherrard he may be able to do it.

President Rogers announced she had Tony's come out because there was a leak at the Watt's house on West Street and once they had it dug up it was a coupling on the shut off valve so the village will be getting a bill from Tony's.

President Rogers announced there is going to be a Fall Rally Sunday September 12th at 11am at the Lutheran Church following the service at the Methodist Church. Trustee Simkins stated there will be a luncheon and a lot of fun games for the kids.

Trustee Brown announced this year is the 150th Anniversary for North Henderson, it was founded in 1871. President Rogers stated she did not know that but the board should plan something and suggested discussing it with the Halloween Activities.

MINUTES

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, 2nd by Trustee Stevenson
All in favor? Motion carried

TREASURER REPORT

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

President Rogers stated CD#32756 Roof Repair under the General account that is due to expire, she asked Treasurer Whitcomb what he recommended. Treasurer Whitcomb recommended letting it roll over.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to let CD#32756 roll over, 2nd by Trustee Brown

All in favor? Motion Carried.

BILLS:

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Trustee Brown

All in favor? Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Water Tank:

Clerk Hall stated she really doesn't have a lot of information, at the last meeting it was suggested to speak to Bob Shull to see what he suggested and also contact Rotor Rooter. Clerk Hall stated she spoke to Bob, he didn't remember when anything was last done and Rotor Rooter in Galesburg they do not do water tanks. Clerk Hall stated she spoke to President Rogers and she suggested calling Illinois Municipal League which she did they gave her a list in which she made a couple calls. Clerk Hall stated one came out, took a picture of the tank and has not gotten back with her. The other was an inspector from Springfield; he checked everything from top to bottom. Clerk Hall stated he was hoping to have information to her by the meeting but he called and informed her that he has been extremely busy and hasn't time to get the paperwork to her. If need after he has completed the work he is willing to come to a meeting to discuss his estimate. Clerk Hall stated he also informed her that the American Relief fund can be used for the water tank but if the board wanted to they can have the cost split over the next couple years.

Computer Back Up

Clerk Hall stated she checked with the water billing company and yes the billing program is saved to a cloud. Clerk Hall continued to state there are programs that are not saved to a cloud so if the computer crashes these files will be lost. Clerk Hall stated she checked with Wal-Mart they did not have any but was told the external hard drives they carry requires a program to backup the files. Trustee Brown looked up other places that sell external hard drives and found Best Buy sells them, one for \$59.00 with 2 terabits and one for \$100.00 for 5 terabits, she asked how many terabits would be need. Trustee Schultz answered no more than 5 terabits. Trustee Schultz commented when the computer is shut down you would manually back it up. President Rogers suggested having just the one and put it in a fireproof box.

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to buy one external hard drive and a fireproof box, 2nd by Trustee Schultz. All in favor? Motion carried.

Hole in the Roof

President Rogers stated she spoke to Don McGraw about giving an estimate on repairing the hole in the roof at the village garage and the next thing she knew is the hole was fixed. President Rogers continued to state she spoke to Don about the bill and Don said since he used material he had on hand so he was not going to charge the village. President Rogers suggested getting Don a gift card. The board agreed.

Lighting

President Rogers turned the floor over to Treasurer Whitcomb. Treasurer Whitcomb stated the next step is the Village Park. Ameren will come changes all the lights to LED's and put tamperproof coverings on the lights in the pavilion. Treasurer Whitcomb stated the cost will be \$90.00 and will save the village around \$250.00 a year.

Trustee Brown made a motion to change out the lights in the village park, 2nd by Trustee Stevens
All in favor? Motion carried

Grants

Clerk Hall stated she has received confirmation on the American Relief fund all paper work has been received and accepted, so after the information is checked and approved the village should be receiving the first installment within 30 days of the approval. Clerk Hall reminded the board after September 30th any money that was declined will be figured up and distributed among those that accepted the funds so the village may get more than figured. Clerk Hall stated she is still learning what the money can be used for such as the cleaning of the water tower and replacing any lead pipes. She has asked if the money can be used to change out the meters and if the office can be upgraded to include running water but has not received an answer yet.

President Rogers stated on the Rebuild Illinois fund she had Clerk Hall find out if the funds could be used to tar and gravel the roads. The funds can be used for that as general maintenance but it must be for next year. Clerk Hall stated general maintenance is like repairing sidewalks, for gravel or sand for the roads. Anything you can do with the motor fuel tax you can use the Rebuild Illinois fund can be used instead. Clerk Hall stated the paperwork for using the funds next year must be completed no later than November.

NEW BUSINESS

Trees

President Rogers stated there have been a couple complaints about some of the trees in town that overhang the streets; the superintendent from the school stated they are scraping the tops of the buses, the other is Peterson Disposal they are breaking the antennas. She had Clerk Hall call Lees Tree Service to get an estimate. Lees said it would take a half of day to do the work with a minimum of \$1600 then \$350.00 per hour after that. President Rogers read off the areas where the trimming needs done. Other areas were discussed along with how high and how far back the trees were to be cut. Trustee Brown suggested the trees in the ditch behind the water house be totally removed. President Rogers agreed.

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to have Lees Tree Service trim the trees, 2nd by Trustee Brown
All in favor? Motion carried.

Halloween Activities

President Rogers stated we need to discuss if we want to have any Halloween activities and we decided to add North Henderson's 150 year Anniversary. It was discussed having Halloween and the 150 year anniversary at the same time. President Rogers asked what day Halloween fell on this year so the board could decide when to have the activities. Clerk Hall answered Sunday. It was suggested having it on Saturday the 30th because Alexis always has it on Halloween.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to have Trick or Treat on Saturday October 30, 2021 from 5pm to 7pm, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor? Motion carried

It was asked if the board wanted to have a house decorating contest. Trustee Chandlee suggested having some type of decoration for a prize.

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to have a house decorating contest and decorations as a prize, 2nd by Trustee Stevens. All in favor? Motion carried

President Rogers asked if the village wanted to do something for North Henderson's 150 year Anniversary and if anyone wanted to head it up. President Rogers stated any ideas can be finalized at next month's meeting. Trustee Chandlee stated she would head it up but would like some assistance.

President Rogers asked if the board wanted to do it the same night as Halloween or on a different night. Several ideas were discussed such as a wiener roast, chili, a parade even a hayrack ride. It was suggested to have a place with some historical information, pictures etc. Trustee Brown commented she could speak to Don Damos his mother was the historian for North Henderson for some time.

Trustee Chandlee made the motion to plan a 150 year celebration and she would head it up, 2nd by Trustee Stevens and she would assist. All in favor? Motion carried.

President Rogers stated just for information without going into detail Clerk Hall will be gone for a bit at the end of this month. President Rogers stated she will be reading the meters and doing the bills that Clerk Hall has given her good instructions but if there is a problem she will help via the phone. Clerk Hall will do what she can from home as much as possible while recuperating.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Trustee Simkins

The Village of North Henderson Trustee Meeting for September 9, 2021 adjourned at 8:05pm with the next meeting scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 6:30pm

Melody Hall
Village Clerk

Carol Rogers
Village President

Village Seal