

THE WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUTEES ON DECEMBER 20,
2022 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT ST., AT 5:13 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustee Durning, Strauss and Price, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, Fire Chief Ryneanson, Bridget Davis and tenants from 4-16 Church St.

ABSENT: Trustees Warner

Mayor Moore opened the meeting and asked Attorney Westfall to start the hearing for the tenants from 4-16 Church St. apartments. Ms. Westfall stated that in December the Village sent a notice to the Landlord and tenants because the water/sewer bill was unpaid. In the letter the Village offered the option to the tenants to pay future water/sewer bills. Ms. Westfall stated that all the tenants must agree. One of the tenants asked why they must pay monthly when the Landlord was able to pay quarterly. Ms. Westfall explained that the Village needed to be sure they received something towards the bill monthly. The tenants stated that there were only four apartments occupied and Trustee Durning asked if it had always been just 4. Then the question was asked why \$2,000 per month. CT Budine explained that it was an average from past bills. Ms. Westfall explained that all the tenants would have to sign the payment agreement. Bridget Davis asked if the water/sewer was included in the rent and the tenants said it was. Ms. Westfall said that the tenants should contact legal aid about this and the other issues but we were here to just discuss entering into a contract with the Village to pay the water/sewer bill. The tenants felt they need more time to respond. Trustee Price felt that there was already an extension. Ms. Westfall explained that they would have to decide if they would sign the agreements or not. Trustee Price asked Trustee Strauss his thoughts on the extension, Trustee Strauss felt the second or the third of January. Trust Price suggested the tenants look into LIHWAP for assistance. It was decide that the tenants should let the Village know by January 3, 2023 if they want to enter into the agreement.

STREETS, WATER, SEWER

Supervisor Evans thanked the Town of Deposit for repairing some of our equipment. Mr. Evans went on to thank the DPW for all their hard work. He went on to say that he had planned on cleaning up Front Street but the truck was being repaired.

MOTION#245/22-23

Trustee Strauss made a motion and Trustee Durning seconded to move \$8732.50 from General Fund Fund balance to pay for guardrails that are covered under extreme weather CHIPS. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ryneanson stated that 22-11 was back from repair. He went on to say that everyone was taking a break from training and will resume January 10, 2023.

TRUSTEES

No business

PRESIDENT

No business

FINANCE

MOTION#246/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Durning to approve for payment the Abstract #10 of Audited Vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 18,820.06
Water Fund	\$ 2,193.97
Sewer Fund	\$ <u>435.87</u>

\$ 21,449.90

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#247/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Price to approve the LJF Committee's request to use the boardroom on the Third Thursday of the month from 6PM – 7:30PM. Motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS

No guest comments.

Attorney Beth Westfall explained that a question had been asked about Trustee Price and if there was a conflict with him serving on the School Board and the Village Board. She explained that the section quoted in the question that was emailed to the CT was for City Law and does not apply to the Village. Trustee Price says he gave the board the same copy of the law. Attorney Westfall confirmed that she had researched the matter and that it is not a conflict for Trustee Price to serve on the School Board and the Village Board.

MOTION#248/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Durning to adjourn at 5:42 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine
Clerk Treasurer