

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 12, 2023**

Call to Order:

President Kunz called the meeting to order on December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Members in Attendance:

Trustees present: Terry McGovern, Mitch Kappes, Susanne Young, Linda Gonnerman, Carol Rowe

Staff present: Village President Dan Kunz, Stefanie Hatley, Kevin Stewart, Steve Rice, Leslie Hawley, Rena Eden, Amy Haas, Jeff Altfillisch, Mark Heidenreich

Present via zoom: Gayle Lingle

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Rowe to approve the agenda. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

President Kunz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular board meeting on November 14, 2023. Gonnerman moved and McGovern seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Treasurers Reports:

President Kunz asked for approval of the Treasurers Report as submitted by Treasurer Rena Eden. A motion was made by McGovern and seconded by Kappes to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Voting aye: Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable:

President Kunz asked for approval of the Accounts Payable Claims, List B, and any additional bills. Village Clerk Hatley asked permission to include three (3) additional invoices totaling \$1,479.58. A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Young to authorize the accounts payable claims, List B, and any additional bills. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young. Motion carried.

Police:

A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Kappes to approve the Police Report for the month as submitted by Chief Stewart. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer:

A motion was made by Kappes and seconded by McGovern to approve the Water Report as submitted by Steve Rice and the Sewer Report as submitted by Aaron Sullivan for the month. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Street:

A motion was made by McGovern and seconded by Kappes to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by Rob Sigafus. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Matt Timpe appeared before the board and asked what was considered an allowable project when applying for BDD as some commercial buildings are in the BDD District and not in the TIF district. Clerk Hatley stated that almost any project allowable for TIF reimbursement is also allowable for BDD reimbursement.

Status Reports: None

Water, Sewer & Garbage:

Trustee Gonnerman stated that we received the IEPA Loan 17-5997 WWTF Phase 2 Loan Request #13 in the amount of \$1,277,979.20 including Williams Brothers Construction Pay Application #12 and CFPS, Inc. Loan Administration Services Invoice #5. A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Young to approve the Loan Request #13 in the amount of \$1,277,979.20. Voting aye: Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Economic Development:

Resolution No. 23-21 – A Resolution of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Declaring Surplus from the Special Tax Allocation Fund of the Route 20/Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area

A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Kappes to adopt Resolution No. 23-21 declaring a TIF Surplus of \$25,000 to be paid back to the taxing bodies in the same proportion as the distribution of real estate property taxes. Voting aye: Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz. Abstain: McGovern. Motion carried.

TIF Disbursement

A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Kappes to approve the 2023 TIF Disbursement payments in the amount of \$93,059 per the TIF breakdown handed out to the board. Voting aye: Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz. Abstain: McGovern. Motion carried.

BDD Disbursement

A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Young to approve the 2023 BDD Disbursement payment in the amount of \$7,892.00 per the BDD breakdown handed out to the board. Voting aye: Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 23-23 – A Resolution of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Authorizing the Reimbursement of Redevelopment Project Costs (11385 US Route 20 East)

A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by McGovern to adopt Resolution No. 23-23 to Authorize the Reimbursement of Redevelopment Project Costs in the amount of \$2,700 to Fritz Nursery & Garden Center located at 11385 US Route 20 East. Voting aye: Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes. Motion carried.

Police:

Part Time Officer Wage Increase

A motion was made by Kappes and seconded by Gonnerman to approve a wage increase for Part Time Officers to \$26.00 per hour. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young. Motion carried.

Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds: No Report

Finance & Purchasing:

Civic Systems Quote

Treasurer Eden stated that the company that owns our village software will no longer have support to answer questions or make upgrades. The village has been comparing pricing for a new software program. After much review and discussion, the best software fit for the village is Civic Systems out of Madison, Wisconsin. A motion was made by McGovern and seconded by Kappes to approve the quote from Civic Systems in the amount of \$55,560 (one-time setup fee) and \$8,676 per year for support costs and upgrades. Voting aye: Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Personnel:

Paid Leave for All Workers Policy

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Gonnerman to approve adding Section 6.07 Personal Paid Leave for All Workers Policy (PLAWA) to the Employee Manual. Voting aye: Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 752 – An Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Stockton

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Gonnerman to pass Ordinance No. 752. Voting aye: Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern. Motion carried.

Employee Appreciation

A motion was made by Young and seconded by McGovern to approve the Annual Employee Appreciation payment in the amount of \$250 per employee totaling \$4,250. Voting aye: Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ordinance No. 753 – An Ordinance for the Levy & Assessment of Taxes

President Kunz stated the board members each received an explanation sheet and copy of Ordinance No. 753 entitled, “An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024”. A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Kappes to pass Ordinance No. 753 Tax Levy from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. Voting aye: Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes. Motion carried

Zoning Board

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Gonnerman to reappoint Tim Zueger and Robert Douglas to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another five-year term ending in 2028. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young. Motion carried.

2024 Village Board Meeting dates:

Clerk Hatley noted everyone received a list of the 2024 Village Board meeting dates in their packet. Each meeting will be held at the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by McGovern and seconded by Rowe to approve the 2024 meeting dates. Voting aye: Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman. Motion carried

2024 Liquor License Renewals:

Clerk Hatley reported that all the current liquor license holders have submitted their checks and proof of dram shop for renewal of their licenses for 2024. There are eleven license holders; Casey's Retail Co., The Corner Tap, The Bottle Shed, Sullivan's, Shell Express Lanes, The Red Knight, Stockton Travel Center, JJ & Freddie's, Mud Run Beer Co., Cox Enterprises, LLC, and Stockton Pit Stop. A motion was made by Young and seconded by McGovern to approve the 2024 liquor license renewals. Voting aye: McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 23-22- Executive Minutes for Public Inspection

A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Young to adopt Resolution No. 23-22 to not release the executive minutes for 2023 and approval to destroy executive session tapes from October 2006 to May 2023. Voting aye: Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 754 – An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 6 of the Municipal Code – Rules of Order

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Kappes to amend Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 6 of the Municipal Code titled Rules of Order to include language stating public comments shall be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker and not more than thirty (30) minutes as an item. Voting aye: Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 755 – An Ordinance Amending Title 11, Chapters 4,5, & 6, Section 2 of the Municipal Code – Special Uses – R-1, R-2 and R-M Residential Districts

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Gonnerman to amend Title 11, Chapters 4,5, and 6, Section 2 of the Municipal Code titled Special Uses – R-1, R-2 and R-M Residential Districts to include vacation rentals as a special use. Voting aye: Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 756 – An Ordinance Amending Title 11, Chapter 8, Section 2 of the Municipal Code – Special Uses – Central Business District

A motion was made by Kappes and seconded by Young to amend Title 11, Chapter 8, Section 2 of the Municipal Code titled Special Uses – Central Business District to include vacation rentals as a special use. Voting aye: Young, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 757 – An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 6, Section 8 of the Municipal Code – Water Meters

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Kappes to amend Title 8, Chapter 6, Section 8 of the Municipal Code titled Water Meters to change the word meters to read remote meter readers in Paragraph B. Voting aye: Kunz, McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 758 – An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 5, Sections 3 and 8 of the Municipal Code – Tree Ordinance

A motion was made by Kappes and seconded by Young to amend Title 8, Chapter 5, Sections 3 and 8 of the Municipal Code titled Tree Ordinance to include updated Tree Planting and Care Standards. Voting aye: McGovern, Rowe, Kappes, Young, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kappes and seconded by McGovern that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED Daniel E. Kuy

ATTEST Stephanie Hattley

