**VILLAGE OF STANFORD**

**206 W Main St**

**STANFORD, IL 61774**

*PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

*Thursday September 16th, 2021*

*REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Stanford. Meeting to start at 7:00pm.

# ROLL CALL:

Present: 6 – President Brandon Ciasnocha, Trustees Jessica Anderson, Sarah Hughes, Lisa Adams, Chris Shook and Normadee Miller.

Absent: 0

Also Present: Attorney Mark McGrath, Police Chief Dustin Carter, Officer Kyle Edwards, Superintendent of Public Works Joe Gaither, Angie Anderson, Michael Neal, Barney Potts, entered meeting at 7:32pm, Brian Medeiros, Thomas McGee, and Brenda Lazoen.

# SWEAR-IN’S:

Clerk Phillips sworn in Joe Gaither as Superintendent of Public Works, Normadee Miller as Village Trustee, Kyle Edwards as Police Officer and Chris Shook as Village Trustee.

# APPOINTMENTS:

No appointments.

# PRESENTATIONS:

No presentations.

# PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Brian Medeiros questioned the board if they had followed up on the letter he had presented the Trustees at the last meeting regarding Mike Boitnott.

# MINUTES:

* The trustees reviewed the regular meeting minutes from August 19th, 2021.

Trustee Hughes moved, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 19th, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Hughes, Anderson, Adams and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

# TREASURERS REPORT:

* Treasurer Faith Ten Haken was absent. Clerk Phillips reported the following. The first disbursal of the Covid fund money has been received. Clerk Phillips also reported that another property tax payment was received today.

Trustee Hughes moved, seconded by Trustee Shook to accept the treasurers report and account balances as presented by Clerk Phillips.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

# MONTHLY DISBURSAL:

* The trustees reviewed the monthly bills.

Trustee Hughes moved, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the monthly bills.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS:

# COMMITTEE CHAIRS SELECTION:

President Ciasnocha assigned the following committee chairs:

Trustee Shook, Community Development & Drainage Chairs

Trustee Hughes, Police Chair

Trustee Adams, Water Chair

Trustee Anderson, Street Chair

Trustee Miller, Health/Beautification/Welfare Chair

# STREETS:

Trustee Anderson reported the following to the board:

* Trustee Anderson reported that Joe Gaither received a quote from Carlock Auto on the plow truck repairs to the ABS system and replace the tires in the amount of $4,200.00.

Trustee Sarah moved, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the quote from Carlock Auto for the plow truck repairs and tire replacement.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

* All other agenda items have been tabled.

# WATER:

Trustee Adams reported the following to the board:

* Red water pit repairs were tabled at this time.
* Joe Gaither introduced Michael Neal to the board. Michael is interested in helping backwash at the water plant and is willing to look into receiving his water operator’s license.

Trustee Adams moved, seconded by Trustee Hughes to hire Michael Neal to help with the water plant part-time, starting at $25.00 an hour, minimum 2 hours per call.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

* Water plant repairs, tabled.
* Kevin Hannel with Farnsworth called in via speaker phone to discuss the information he has received on the grant for a possible sewer system. There was an EPA grant that was looking promising but is a matching grant and the village does not have the funding to cover that currently. The cost just for Farnsworth to prepare the grant is $10,000 to $15,000. Kevin suggests that the village keep contacting their local legislative representatives to look for help with the project.

\*\*Kevin left the meeting at 7:11pm\*\*

* The board reviewed the low-income household water assistant agreement with Tazwood Community Services.

Trustee Adams moved, seconded by Trustee Miller at approve the agreement with Tazwood Community Services.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

* All other agenda items have been tabled.

# HEALTH, BEAUTIFICATION AND WELFARE:

Trustee Miller reported the following to the board:

* Trustee Miller discussed some nuisance properties that needs addressed on Main Street.
* All agenda items have been tabled.

# COMMUNITY DEVOPELMENT/DRAINAGE:

Trustee Shook reported the following to the board:

* All agenda items have been tabled.

# POLICE:

Chief Carter reported the following:

* Chief Carter discussed the Bicycle Rodeo. The event went well, had a good turn-out. The event discussed bicycle safety and gave the families an opportunity to register their bicycles with the police department in case they are lost or stolen.
* Chief Carter is still working on the Neighborhood Watch Program. He has 5 residents interested.
* Chief Carter has had Officer LaMar compile a list of the top 5 properties that are in violation of the village ordinances.
* The Trustee discussed the police department structure changes document provided by Chief Carter. The proposal would increase the police payroll by $23,560.00. Dustin discussed the struggles all police departments are having with staffing. The board feels it’s very important to maintain the officers we currently have. If we lose the current police officers we staff, the village may never see a police department again and would have to rely on the county for police services.

Trustee Adams moved, seconded by Trustee Hughes to approve the proposed police department structure changes.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

* Joe Gaither wanted to Thank Barney, Chris, and Craig for re-roofing the police garage. It looks great.
* All agenda items have been tabled.

# LEGAL:

Attorney Mark McGrath reported the following the board:

* Attorney McGrath shared the information rebuild Illinois grant. Attorney McGrath recommends we hire a grant consultant. Attorney McGrath thinks this grant could be used to tear-down 114 W. Main Street. President Ciasnocha authorized Attorney McGrath to call grant consultant Jim Cummings on behalf of the village.
* Attorney McGrath discussed the farm lease with Glenn Brothers. The current lease with Glenn Brothers is set to expire 2022. The only changes to the new lease with Curt Alexander are there is only 15 acres being farmed.

Trustee Hughes moved, seconded by Trustee Shook to approve the farm lease prepared by Attorney McGrath for March 1, 2022-Febuary 28th, 2027, with Curt Alexander.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

# NEW BUSINESS:

* Joe Gaither reported that he has not got any quotes for the removal for the south end of police garage.
* Attorney McGrath presented the board with a few other local community’s ordinances on chickens for review. Ordinance changes have been tabled until more research can be done on the matter.
* The board discussed the consulting rates for Michael Boitnott. Trustee Hughes in not in favor of hiring Mike back. Hiring Mike back will save the village money on water repairs. It costs thousands of dollars to have a outside contractor come do water repairs. Mike has the 26 years of knowledge when it comes to Stanford and there is things Mike will need to be called and questioned on.

Trustee Adams moved, seconded by Trustee Anderson to hire Michael Boitnott as village part-time public works consultant at request of Joe Gaither, no benefits are offered with the part-time position and to be paid $50.00 an hour with a two-hour minimum.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, and Shook.

NAYS: 1-Trustee Hughes

ABSENT: 0

There being 4 affirmative votes the motion carried.

* The trustees reviewed the ordinances from other villages on the keeping of chickens within village limits provided by Attorney McGrath. The trustees discussed the number of chickens and how many should be allowed and a permitting fee. The trustees also discussed if only chickens would be allowed, not turkeys, geese, or ducks. This matter has been tabled until the next meeting.
* President Ciasnocha has asked for another insurance company for quote.
* Joe Gaither discussed variance for a fence located between 205 W. Boundary and 207 W. Boundary for a shared property line fence.

Trustee Adams moved, seconded by Trustee Miller to approve the zoning variance for a shared fence between 205 W. Boundary and 207 W. Boundary.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Anderson, Adams, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

# ADJOURNEMENT:

Trustee Adams moved, seconded by Trustee Anderson to adjourn at 8:46pm.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees, Miller, Adams, Anderson, Hughes, and Shook.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

Recorded by Clerk Megan Phillips and prepared by Clerk, Megan Phillips.

\*\*Meeting minutes are prepared by order of the agenda, not the order of the meeting\*\*