

VILLAGE OF ERIE

June 13, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in regular session in the Village Hall on June 13, 2023. President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call found the following Trustees present: Joe Froeliger, Jeff Wirth, Quincy Pool, and Tara Kapple. Trustees Woody Besse and Rollie Elder were absent.

- ** Trustee Pool made a motion approving the May minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.
- ** Trustee Wirth made a motion to approve the May Treasurer's report. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Wirth, Kapple, Pool, and Froeliger, nay – none.
- ** Trustee Kapple made a motion to approve paying the bills. Seconded by Trustee Froeliger. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Froeliger, Wirth, and Pool, nay – none.

Public Comment

Michelle Misfeldt, representing Revitalize Erie, asked for approval to close streets for Street Fest. Trustee Froeliger made a motion to approve requested street closures for Street Fest. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Froeliger, Pool, Kapple, and Wirth, nay – none.

Chuck Milem, resident, gave the Board a poster of Illinois Housing Development Authority's five-year goals for the Village that were highlighted in the Community Revitalization Strategy. This poster can be displayed in the Hall for the Board to keep focused on where it's heading. As Superintendent, Chuck, informed the Board that groundbreaking would occur on Thursday, at 4:30 for the new elementary school.

At 6:10 Trustee Pool made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel, and possible property purchase. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.

At 6:37 Trustee Pool made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.

Trustee Pool made a motion to accept Doug Wherry's letter of resignation as Village Treasurer effective July 1, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.

Trustee Wirth made a motion to accept Pres. Smith's appointments as follows:

Village Attorney - Bill Shirk
Building Inspector - Tod McCullough

Building Insp. Pro Tem - Tom Border
Cemetery Sextant - Steve Possley
Cem. Sextant Pro Tem - Tod McCullough
Mayor Pro Tem - Jeff Wirth
FOIA Director for Police and ESBA Director – Brian Hawk
Village FOIA Officer and Open Meetings Act Officer – Gail Possley
Zoning Board Chairman – Jason Neels
Treasurer as of July 1, 2023 – Autumn Hutton
ADA Director – Joel Papineau

Seconded by Trustee Froeliger. Roll call was as follows: aye – Wirth, Froeliger, Pool, and Kapple, nay – none.

Public Works

Following discussion of possible roadwork for 2023, Trustee Kapple made a motion to have Joel ask County to put out for bid the following: Depot Ave., 8th Street from 12th Ave. to the dead end, 10th Ave. from 6th St. to 8th St., and portions of 9th Ave. Seconded by Trustee Froeliger. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Froeliger, Wirth, and Pool, nay – none.

The Board learned that construction of permanent STOP islands in the Triangle and replacing the curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the Albany Street side of the Triangle would cost approximately \$121,000.00. It was decided to have Joel put up temporary bollards, which will cost approximately \$500-\$750.00 for 3, on Main Street by May's Nails to see how they work. If the Board doesn't like that solution the bollards can be removed and the road patched.

The uneven sidewalk on the Albany Street side of the Triangle was discussed. Trustee Froeliger made a motion to grind the sidewalk from Corner Café to 10' passed the fire hydrant so it is level with the street. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Froeliger, Kapple, Pool, and Wirth, nay – none.

The engineers also suggested turning 8th Avenue, from Main Street to 8th Street, into a one-way. Discussion will continue at the July meeting and Attorney Shirk will bring an ordinance to the July meeting.

Discussion continued regarding the playground equipment at Heritage Park. It is very expensive so in order to make a more informed choice the Board is going to ask for the public's input. The equipment company's website will be posted on the Village's Face Book page and website. Parents can then ask their children what type of equipment they would most like to see at the park. President Smith will continue to look into a possible grant to fund part of this expense.

Police Report

National night out is scheduled for August 1st. Rise Up will be providing ice cream for the event.

Village Attorney

The Appropriations ordinance must be passed at the July meeting.

Garbage costs are going up 5%. Bill will bring an ordinance in July that will increase sewer & water and garbage rates annually to keep up with costs.

At 7:30 Trustee Froeliger made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Froeliger, Kapple, and Wirth, nay – none.



Marcia Smith, Village President

ATTEST:



Gail Possley, Village Clerk