

The Murrayville Village Board met for their monthly meeting March 05, 2024. President Brian Saxer called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call answering to present were President Brian Saxer, Police Chief Derek Suttles, Treasurer Rhonda Cors, Trustees Francis Fitzgerald, John Lonergan, Kevin Braley, Audrey Wardell, Cheyenne Watt, and Clerk Gina Lonergan

The February 06, 2024, minutes were read. Trustee Cheyenne Watt made a motion to approve minutes as read with Francis Fitzgerald second, motion approved with all eyes.

President Brian Saxer has 12 items that he would like to begin discussing tonight and will finish in future meetings.

1. Metro Communications (Brock Reid) will be attending a future meeting to discuss bringing another internet option to the Village. Anthony Miller will be attending next months meeting to discuss the beginning of the Phase III sewer project. 2.
2. President Saxer was prepared to discuss two trustee vacancies. The position for Public Safety & Ordinance has been occupied by Cheyenne Watts who has had multiple absences. Cheyenne was present at tonight's meeting and has verbally given her resignation effective immediately.
3. Eric Lakin dropped off a snapshot of streets in Murrayville where he would like to have the speed limits adjusted. Murrayville Road is a county road and would need to be approved through them. His second proposal is to widen, put in drainage, and add more parking to the area east of Murrayville Woodson Elementary.
4. Steve Kunz has renewed his sewer service contract. The IEPA Wastewater Contract Form is dated for May 10, 2024, to May 10, 2025. Trustee Francis Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Steve Kunz pay with the sewer department to be \$500 a month with a revisit to increase on his second-year evaluation. Trustee Kevin Braley made a second motion, motion approved with all eyes.
5. A.R.P.A Funds has approximately \$74, 861 that need to be decided on how to spend. Possible options include bridge on Main St, school parking lot, bridge that crosses from pavilion to playground in the park.
6. Brian did have a chance to speak with the Fire Department board. The board paid for the yearly rent of the village hall. The builders that are to work on the new Fire House is currently in the process of rebuilding Westermeyer Industries. They should break ground for the fire department midsummer. Suggestions for Village Hall moving to a different location or rent increase where both discussed along with reviewing the contract for rent rules.
7. The board has previously had issues with Morgan County Animal Control being present for issues in the Village. Police Chief Derek Suttles has spoken with them. While they are short staffed, there have been some improvements and the option of paying for their service can be reviewed in the future.
8. There have been four to five applicants apply for the Murrayville Maintenance position. Trustees will be reviewing these applicants and scheduling interviews in the coming days.
9. Steve's Retirement is coming up soon. Suggestions are welcome as to how we can thank Steve for his years with the Village. He is very much appreciated and will be missed.
10. President Saxer would like current updated ordinance books for all members of the board. Allan Yow will be contacted for a copy.

11. Cody Kitselman has expressed interest in purchasing property from Steve Kunz in town that currently does not have a mobile home on it. The Mobil Home/Manufactured Home ordinance will need to be reviewed and followed as Cody would like to put in a mobile home.
12. 2024 Baseball/softball/t-ball season is coming up. Audrey has spoken w/Trudi and information will be available soon.

Police Chief Derek Suttles presented for the police department. There were 12 traffic stops with two citations. On February 03<sup>rd</sup>, Detective Broaddus investigated a Fraud/Deception complaint in Murrayville. The complaint was in reference to unauthorized purchases by an unknown subject to the complainant's online Instacart account. Community Vehicle registrations are at 14. Officer Morgan has handed in his resignation due to lack of time he has to dedicate to this department. Officer hours are 208.5. Chief Suttles has been in close contact with PAWS the past few weeks with a Woodson cat issue. PAWS has been outstanding to work with and have taken on the cost themselves. Chief Suttles would like to donate to PAWS. The Murrayville Village Board has agreed to donate \$750.

Treasurer Rhonda Cors is presenting the account balances. Trustee Francis Fitzgerald has made a motion to move \$15,000 from the Sewer /O&M account into a CD with John Lonergan second, motion approved with all ayes. Trustee Kevin Braley made a motion to move \$200,000 from the Sewer Money Market into a CD with John Lonergan second, motion approved with all ayes. Trustee Kevin Braley made a motion to approve the Treasure report and account balances with Audrey Wardell second. Motion approved with all ayes.

Trustee Kevin Braley is presenting for the sewer department. Nothing new to report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant report, all is good. There were four deposits for \$9,454.10. Sewer had one refund. There are currently seven residents on the shut off list. There is one outstanding check paid out in November of 2021 by the sewer account that has yet to be cashed for \$56.03. Trustee Francis Fitzgerald has made a motion to void this check with John Lonergan second, motion approved with all ayes.

Trustee John Lonergan is reporting for the cemetery. There have been two bids come through for the 2024 mowing season. A Michael Moore from Alsey with a bid of \$41, 975.00. The second bid is from Robert Miller of Griggsville for \$21, 600. Robert is the lower bid but has also worked for the 2023 mowers and already knows the layout. Trustee Francis Fitzgerald made a motion to accept Robert Miller for the 2024 mowing season with Kevin Braley second, motion approved with all ayes.

Trustee Audrey Wardell read through the monthly bills. There is a request to donate to Crimestoppers which we have done in the past. Trustee John Lonergan made a motion to donate \$250 to Crimestoppers with Kevin Braley second, motion approved with all ayes. Trustee Kevin Braley made a motion to approve monthly bills to be paid with Francis Fitzgerald second. Motion approved with all ayes.

Trustee Audrey Wardell is presenting for Parks & Property. Trudi Jackson is on board for running the 2024 baseball/softball league. It is noted that there needs to be some upgrades to the bathrooms.

Trustee Francis Fitzgerald is presenting for streets. MFT money does need to be decided on how to be used with redoing culvert/bridge on Main Street as the biggest concern.

Public Safety and Ordinance and Clerk has nothing to report.

If the Methodist Church does decide to run the Easter Egg Hunt, the board will donate \$250.

With nothing more to report, Trustee John Lonergan made a motion to adjourn with Kevin Braley second. Motion approved with all ayes.

Gina Lonergan, Clerk.

