

The Murrayville Village Board met for their monthly meeting April 02, 2024. President Brian Saxer called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call answering to present were President Brian Saxer, Treasurer Rhonda Cors, Police Chief Derek Suttles, Trustees John Lonergan, Kevin Braley and Audrey Wardell and Clerk Gina Lonergan. Absent was Trustee Francis Fitzgerald.

The March 05, 2024, minutes were read. Trustee Kevin Braley made a motion to approve minutes as read with John Lonergan second. Motion approved with all ayes.

Police Chief Derek Suttles reported for the police department. There were eight traffic stops with zero citations. On March 04th, 2024, Detective Broaddus investigated a report of battery involving a child. Chief Suttles and Detective Broaddus have given verbal notices for Village ordinance issues to Richard Mitchell 106 Brogdon St., Reginald Huddleston 206 E. Prospect St., Francis Fitzgerald 308 Main St., and Carol Thomas 105 W. Michigan. There are 19 community vehicle registrations and the officer hours for March were 245.

President Brian Saxer's open floor agenda includes:

1. Brian has asked the new Village Maintenance Worker to attend this meeting. Wes Anders was introduced to the board and has already begun training from Steve. Marcie Bartimus will be training and eventually taking the Treasurer position from Rhonda.
2. Anthony Miller is speaking tonight and answering questions regarding Phase III of the Sewer Project. Phase III will be mostly in the middle part of town or the business section and extend out the East and West heading out of town. IEPA will require a new study as it has been longer than five years since the last one. We can apply for EPA low interest funding, will just need to make sure and following all instructions. All loan applications and associated attachments need to be submitted by March 2025 for late 2025 letting.
3. A.R.P.A Funds and how to use these funds? The \$74,000 could go toward Phase III Sewer Project or just to cover the \$45,000 beginning application/paperwork process.
4. Asking for ideas toward Steve's Retirement and how the Village would like to show Steve our appreciation. Please have suggestions by the May meeting. His last day will be May 10, 2024.
5. Ordinance Books for Board Members: The Ordinance book has been obtained from Rammelkamp and copies will be made.
6. Eric Lakin is present at the meeting tonight. He has written a letter to the Board of Education and presented each of the Murrayville Board members with a copy. He has encouraged anyone and everyone to reach out to the District 117 Superintendent in support of keeping Murrayville-Woodson Elementary School open and in its current location.

Treasurer Rhonda Cors is presenting the account balances. The final tractor payment was paid. The Ruth Smith checking account has been closed and moved to the Athletic account. \$200,000 was removed from the Sewer Money Market and put into a CD. Rhonda has also proposed that there be a change to the accounts payable. The village has two copies of Quickbooks, one for the tax preparer and one for the Village. Currently, the Village is only use 1/3 of the capabilities of the program. Rhonda would like to see all bills be paid completely out of Quickbooks. This means:

1. Bills will be collected by the treasurer throughout the month.

2. Accounts payable will be entered into Quickbooks.
3. The day before/day of the meeting, checks will be printed out and attached the the bill.
4. The finance committee will review bills as they currently do now.
5. The bills and checks can be signed immediately and mailed out.

Advantages:

1. No more handwritten checks or envelopes, we will look like a professional business.
2. Checks will go out as soon as board approves payment.
3. A report of each check written will be attached to the monthly bills.

Trustee John Lonergan made a motion to approve the Treasurer report and suggestion with Kevin Braley second. Motion approved with all ayes.

Trustee Kevin Braley is reporting for the sewer department. As it is only April 02nd he does not yet have the Wastewater Treatment report. There were five deposits made for a total of \$12,057.85. Four residents are on the shut off list of which two have recently made payments.

Trustee John Lonergan is reporting for the cemetery. He has one deed for a Robert Miller that will be signed and notarized tonight. The mowing company did get one mow in right before Easter.

Trustee Audrey Wardell is reading through the monthly bills. MCAC is once again being tabled before paying per President Brian Saxer. Brian has also indicated he will be purchasing a cell work only phone for our new employee Wes Anders.

Trustee Audrey Wardell for parks and property states Trudi has the Baseball/Softball sign-up sheets due for April 15th.

Public Safety & Ordinances: There was a toddler that was cut out of a baby swing. That swing and the other one similar were both removed, and Steve is looking for a different type.

There is nothing to report for Streets or from the Clerk.

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

Gina Lonergan, Clerk