

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Palatine Bridge board was held on May 21, 2024. In attendance were Mayor James F. Post, Trustees Aaron Rorick, Susan Barker, Peter Briele and Sarah Davidson, Clerk Emily Shults and Deputy Clerk Diane Rumrill-Hall. Absent were CEO Anthony Howland and DPW Supt. Rodney Sutton. Also present from the public were Matthew Geers and Edward Watt.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matthew Geers from 5693 St Hwy 10 asked the board to consider connecting his property to the Village's water line. The board heard his reasoning and asked that he send a formal letter. The mayor explained the history of the practice of hooking up out of the village residences to the village water supply and the board agreed to revisit the request. Trustee Sue Barker asked if redrilling a new well was advisable.

Edward Watt was addressing the board to update them on all the available grants and to review two resolutions with the board. Trustee Davidson asked about the overall control regarding the resolutions provided by Edward. The board expressed their gratitude for his ongoing efforts and will continue to review the possibilities.

CEO Report was reviewed. Mayor Post brought up 99 Lafayette Street and wanted to know if a permit had been granted for the recent work done. The Citgo sign is obstructing the view, and a discussion needs to be had. Regarding the general informational letter Anthony will be sending out, the board wanted to know if the rules were just State rules for Property Maintenance and how that affected the Village of Palatine Bridge's rules. It was determined that Anthony be at the special May 29th end of Fiscal Year meeting to discuss questions they have.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved by motion Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Briele. All in favor.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, and Mayor Post talked about the Sewer Bond being paid off and the receipt of \$63,217.00 in Sales Tax. The board voted to accept the report by motion of Trustee Barker, second Trustee Briele.

The DPW Superintendent report was reviewed, Mr. Sutton was attending a seminar. The board discussed his report and Mayor Post and the board discussed adding cameras to the Pump Station of Spring St and Trustee Barker asked if the panel was secure enough or should it be locked. The West End Project update was discussed, and Mayor Post said there would be further billing and the contingency fund would not cover all. The board will review the situation in depth.

In old business the town's Solar project agreement was discussed, Mayor Post related a proposal, put forth by lawyer Ayers and the lawyer for the Solar project, the idea of a Bond instead of Escrow. It would be a performance bond. Motion by Trustee Davidson to allow Attorney Ayers and Mayor Post to sign an agreement contingent on receiving a letter verifying that the Solar Company will pay the Village for resulting Attorney fees and engineering costs to the Village to facilitate the Staley Rd. Solar project. Second by Trustee Briele, all in favor. Trustee Davidson asked if MVEDD funds include the cost of labor. Trustee Briele brought up the idea of charging stations and the cost that brings.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Davidson to accept the resignation of Clerk Emily Shults, seconded by Trustee Barker, Carried.

Motion by Trustee Barker to approve the appointment of Diane Rumrill-Hall as the new Village Clerk, second Trustee Davidson, Carried.

Bills were audited and ordered paid. On the motion Trustee Rorick, second to Trustee Davidson, carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm by Trustee Rorick and seconded by Trustee Briele. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Emily Shults

Village Clerk

Diane Rumrill-Hall

Deputy Clerk