The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Palatine Bridge Board was held June 20, 2023. In attendance were Mayor James F. Post, Trustees Sue Barker, Aaron Rorick, Sarah Davidson, and Peter Briele. Also, DPW Supt. Rodney Sutton, Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Howland, and Clerk Emily Shults. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm with Richard, Christina, and Nikia Lippman from the public opening. They presented their idea to sell flowers with the possibility of expanding into a store. They would like to start the process of changing their house from residential zoning to commercial zoning. Mayor Post let them know of the steps that need to be taken. Richard Lippman also wanted to address the West End Project. He presented the Board with pictures of dust as well as damage to his driveway and lawn. Mayor James F. Post guaranteed them he would talk with Jim Gilespie about the concerns and issues and make sure when the project is over, they are satisfied with their lawn and driveway.

Also present from the public was Edward Watt to talk about the comprehensive plan and proposals. He stated that to get zoning through a grant there would need to be an updated comprehensive plan. He would like to expand on how to go about this for approval, it will cut it close for next month. Mayor Post asked for the deadline, which is June 22nd and Mayor Post said we will vote on our own. Mr. Watt will make a recommendation for who his board should go with in Nelliston. Mr. Watt asked for an approximate listing of issues or a wish list from Rodney to help get funding.

The CEO report was reviewed. Mr. Anthony Howland will be fixing doors at the Well House as well as at the Village office. He will get quotes for doors and frames. He has been issuing building permits and closing them out. CEO Howland issued a citation in the village for open burning on May 30, 2023. Mr. Howland checked permits and looked for violations. He also checked on the building of a chicken coop in the village, which needs to have 10' setbacks. Trustee Davidson asked about chicken coops in the village, was told if they are within the size requirements with a 12' fence and no roosters you can have one in the village. Trustee Barker was also surprised and didn't know they were allowed but had noticed others in the village. Trustee Sue Barker also asked Anthony Howland about the Budget Inn Motel. They are still waiting for a decision from the court regarding the appeal. Mayor Post requested that Mr. Howland make a log for permits of when they are opened, issued, and closed to be kept in a binder.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved on the motion of Trustee Sarah Davidson and seconded by Trustee Peter Briele.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on the motion made by Trustee Aaron Rorick, seconded by Trustee Peter Briele.

DPW Superintendent report was reviewed. Rodney Sutton replaced hydrants on Staley Road, he asked the board if he could purchase 5 hydrants from Jablonski that they had. Mr. Sutton had paperwork from F.W. Webb showing the cost and Mayor Post agreed to get them if they take the tax off. The West End Project is going well according to DPW Supt. Sutton. They are finished with the water/sewer lines and storm drains. There is a hold up of a partial wall that National Grid would need to come and move a gas line, waiting to hear back from them. Digging and setting forms for curbing which should begin next week. Mayor James F. Post asked if there was any update from DOT regarding the crossing by Dollar General, Mr. Sutton said that DOT is concerned with traffic, and they want flaggers. Mr. Sutton reported about the 2 days he worked with Montgomery County DPW and Montgomery County Sanitary to fix Montgomery County Sanitary Sewer Lines. He was also called by DOT to remove a 4' boulder on Rt. 5. Will be painting fire hydrants in front of Price Chopper. Trustee Sarah Davidson made a motion to move the substantial completion of the West End Project from July 1st to August 1st and the final completion from August 1st to September 1st and Trustee Aaron Rorick seconded the motion. Trustee Barker asked where money would come from to help folks with their lawns or driveways due to the project and Mayor Post as well as DPW Supt. Sutton said the contractors.

Old business was discussed, Mayor Post stated the consent order has not been revised by DEC, no new information to report. Lamont Engineers, DPW Supt. Sutton and Mayor Post are doing preliminary work. Nothing has been done with shutters for the upstairs windows. Nothing yet is going on with the zoning on W. Skyline Drive. The Solar Project that was brought up in May has slowed down, nothing issued.

New business discussed by Mayor Post was that NYS has given verbal approval to solar street lighting. The board will discuss the tax exemption next month as Trustee Davidson brought up thoughts and comments to discuss more. Upgrading the 2 cameras at the office, Trustee Rorick made a motion to approve the price given and if they raise it over $100 to revote, Trustee Davidson seconded the motion. The board agreed to wait until Fall to plant trees for the Tree Program. Mr. Sutton feels the Veteran Flags will not be an issue if he can get a bucket truck to use. Trustee Sarah Davidson asked how many flags we can have in the Village and Rodney Sutton said we would have to see how many can get hung on a pole. Trustee Rorick mentioned about polling people in the village on fb or the webpage to see how many would be interested in getting flags and Trustee Barker said to get in touch with St. Johnsville to ask them about their Veteran Flag project. Trustee Briele suggested getting into contact with Julie Erno Rider who led the project in St. Johnsville.

Bills were audited and ordered paid, on the motion of Trustee Davidson, seconded by Trustee Barker. Trustee Davidson made a motion to make payment #4 to Jablonski Excavating for the West End Project and Trustee Briele seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm was made by Trustee Sue Barker, seconded by Trustee Peter Briele.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Shults
Village Clerk