

REGULAR MEETING

March 5, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Moweaqua Village council was called to order by Mayor Conlin leading in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call was answered by Kenny Long, Roger Cox, Jack Kaufman, Mike Snyder and Sean Hayes. Josh Whitney was absent. Employees present were Chief Hale, Courtney Dalton, Officer Johnson, Officer Bonnell, Brad Sams, Brad Burcham, Boomer Neece, Mischelle Davis and Attorney for the Village, Scott Garwood was also present. Others present included Mark Bingham, Mike and Jason Camac, Bill Voudrie, Mary and Isaac Rund and Nathan and Cooper Elliott.

Long made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with additions and corrections including the February Regular Meeting Minutes, Bills to be Paid in March and Treasurer's Report, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Engineer Mark Bingham presented his contract for MFT Engineering to be Performed by Consulting Engineer for the maintenance of streets and alleys within the Village. Cox made the motion to approve the MFT Engineering contract, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Bingham presented Resolution #2024-R1 for Maintenance of Streets and Alleys within the Village of Moweaqua. Cox made the motion to approve MFT Maintenance Resolution #2024-R1, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Jason Camac of Local Boy Scout Troop #85 was in attendance requesting approval to place a flag drop box on Village sidewalk near the entrance of the Legion building. Jason stated that he is working towards his Eagle Scout award with this project. Council was in agreement that there is a need for this and believes it will be well utilized. After discussion, Long, made the motion to approve a flag drop box built by Jason Camac be placed on Village sidewalk near the entrance of the Legion building, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin stated that the Golf Board has approved hiring Justin Woodrum as the new Golf Course Superintendent. Council discussed the Golf Board's recommendation and Director of Golf, Brad Burcham was in attendance to answer any questions. After discussion Kaufman made the motion to approve hiring Justin Woodrum as Golf Course Superintendent with a start date of April 15, 2024. Woodrum's salary is set at \$45,500.00 and he will receive IMRF and Health Insurance benefits, Cox seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin presented Resolution #2024-R2 providing for the use of TIF funds for the North Park resurfacing project. After discussion Long made the motion to approve Resolution #2024-R2 for the use of TIF funds by Moweaqua in Motion for the North Park Resurfacing project, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

School Resource Officer, Justin Johnson, presented quotes for "Neighborhood Watch" items. The quotes include decals, garden flags and/or stickers that will be used to raise funds to reward local crime prevention tips and hold community events. Officer Johnson explained that a neighborhood watch program promotes community safety and security. Neighbors are encouraged to work together in preventing crime by reporting suspicious activity. Officer Johnson commended student Isaac Rund for his artwork in creating the "Raider Watch" logo that will be used for the decals, garden flags and/or stickers. After discussion Council was in agreement that starting out with stickers only will give an idea of the level of community interest. If the community responds favorably more items can be added to enhance the program. Kaufman made the motion to approve the quote from Bling Thing for 2,000 Raider Watch stickers not to exceed \$600.00, Cox seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin reported that she has been in contact with a new fireworks company. Nostalgia Pyrotechnics has provided Blue Mound with their Independence Day fireworks for several years. They are licensed and insured and have worked well with our Illinois Municipal League risk management insurance company. IML requires documents to be submitted by the fireworks companies in order to provide additional liability coverage. John Burrell, owner of Nostalgia Pyrotechnics has submitted a quote of \$9,097.68 for a 45-minute display. After discussion, Long made the motion to approve a budget for the Independence Day Celebration not to exceed \$15,000.00, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Boomer Neece presented quotes for tires from Voudrie's Auto and Bob Ridings Chrysler-Dodge. After reviewing the quotes Cox made the motion to approve the quote of \$836.68 for tires for the Street and Alley truck and both Water & Sewer trucks, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin requested approval to create an Administration petty cash fund for postage and making change for dog tags or golf cart licenses, etc. Snyder made the motion to approve setting up a petty cash fund of \$100.00 for Administration, Hayes seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Village Clerk, Mischelle Davis requested approval to purchase a new computer. The current computer which is running slowly and malfunctioning, was purchased in 2017. After discussion Snyder made the motion to approve purchasing a computer for the Clerk not to exceed \$1,500.00, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin requested a motion to adjourn if there was no further business to come before Council. Long made the motion to adjourn, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Hayes. No: None.

CLERK

MAYOR