

REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2023

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 Josh Whitney. Sean Hayes arrived shortly thereafter. Employees present were Boomer Neece, Brad Sams, Beth Hawn, Courtney Dalton, Officer Hale, Mischelle Davis and Attorney for the Village, Scott Garwood was also present. Others present included Heather Bright, Dave Boyd, Ron Legner and Beth Hayden.

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

Chastain and Associates representative Ron Legner, presented Change Order #4 Regarding L17-5609 (non-lead). Change order #4 amends the completion date from August 14, 2023, to September 29, 2023 due to unplanned tank reinforcement work. Snyder made the motion to approve Change Order #4 regarding L17-5609 (non-lead) adding 46 days to the completion date. The new date for completion is September 29, 2023, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Kaufman, Snyder and Whitney. Abstain: Cox. No: None.

Beth Hayden and Heather Bright were in attendance representing "Moweaqua in Motion". Hayden requested permission to use Village light poles and Village Street Department assistance for the installation of banners in honor of Veterans. Banners will be purchased by "Moweaqua in Motion". Long, made the motion to approve that Moweaqua in Motion be granted permission to use Village light poles and Village Street Department assistance for the installation of banners in honor of Veterans, Cox seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Whitney. No: None.

Mayor Conlin presented a Façade Grant application submitted by Jesse and Karen Henington, owners of the "Rusty Shoe" antique store. Henington's plan to repair the back deck and railings, roof under the deck and paint the rear of the building. The estimated cost of materials for these repairs is \$2,400.00. Kaufman made the motion to approve the Façade Grant for "Rusty Shoe" not to exceed \$5,000.00, Cox seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder and Whitney. Abstain: Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin announced that Bob Gerhold will be appointed to the Memorial Tree Park Committee taking the place of John Heck who resigned due to relocating. Cox made the motion to approve the appointment of Bob Gerhold to the Moweaqua Tree Park Committee, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin presented a TIF Application submitted by Matthew Bridgeman of E & B Investments. Bridgeman and his business partner Timothy Evans are requesting funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 in order to replace all of the sewer drainage and some of the plumbing in the Main Street apartment complex they recently purchased. There are 7 units in the complex. The property has not been maintained for several years and has fallen into a state of disrepair and will require significant renovation. Jake Zambaldi of Moran Economic Development stated that the Redevelopment Plan for the TIF District includes goals and objectives aimed at supporting the redevelopment of blighted and economically underutilized properties. This project is in line with those goals. Whitney made the motion to approve a one-time grant for E & B Investments equal to 75% of the requested \$30,547.84. The reimbursement upon completion of the project and submission of eligible receipts will be \$22,500.00, Snyder seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Chief Hale requested approval to waive Officer Bonnell's dependent health insurance coverage for September. Officer Bonnell's hire date was August 28th and health insurance coverage began September 1st, 2023. Due to changes in the employee health benefits waiting period no dependent premiums were withheld in August. The Village will pick up the \$847.94 in dependent coverage as Officer Bonnell was not informed that he would be responsible for paying the amount in advance. Whitney made the motion to approve waiving dependent health insurance premiums in the amount of \$847.94 for Officer Bonnell, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Building and Grounds Committee Chairman Mike Snyder requested approval to have Conxxus install internet at the Moweaqua Community Center. Snyder stated that a laptop computer will need to be purchased as well to be used for programming the lighted sign. After discussion, Cox made the motion to approve having Conxxus install internet at the Moweaqua Community Center and also purchasing a laptop computer, Whitney seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Boomer Neece requested approval to pay invoices from Illinois Meter Company and Corz Enterprises in the amount of \$9,590.00 from Business District funds. The bills are associated with the South Main Street Water Main Break Project. Whitney made the motion to pay invoices associated with the South Main Street Water Main Break Project from Illinois Meter Company and Corz Enterprises totaling \$9,590.00 from Business District funds, Snyder seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Street and Alley Superintendent Brad Sams presented a stump removal quote from BB's Stump Service in the amount of \$4,000.00. Twenty stumps will be removed from various boulevard sites. Cox made the motion to approve the quote of \$4,000.00 from BB's Stump removal for the removal of 20 stumps, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Sams presented a quote of \$19,549.00 from Hutchins Excavating for Village Sidewalks. A separate quote of \$17,500.00 was submitted by Hutchins Excavating for the sidewalk on Pine Street, South of the football field. After review and discussion Kaufman made the motion to approve the quote of \$19,549.00 from Hutchins Excavating for the Village sidewalks and the quote of \$17,500.00 for the Pine Street sidewalk, Cox seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin requested a motion to enter Executive Session. Whitney made the motion to enter Executive Session regarding the employment, appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee, Snyder seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Whitney made the motion to end Executive Session, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Long made the motion to adjourn, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Snyder, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

MAYOR

CLERK