

The Village of Iron Ridge March Board meeting was called to order on March 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm by Brian Esselman.

Pledge of Allegiance was said

Roll call of Village Officials present:

Trustees: Brian Esselman, Dave Foulkes, Micheal Kolbach, Denise Hazelberg

Absent: Mark Kramer, Arlette Lindert

February meeting minutes:

Michael Kolbach made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, seconded by Dave Foulkes.

Roll call vote: Dave-yes, Michael-yes, Denise-yes, Brian-yes

Motion carried: Yes-4, no-0

Treasurer's Report:

Michael Kolbach made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of January, seconded by Dave Foulkes.

Roll call vote: Dave-yes, Michael-yes, Denise-yes, Brian-yes

Motion carried: Yes-4, no-0

Public Appearances:

- Mitch Peters asked to have the tables and chairs moved back to how they were a few months ago. This new set up doesn't help hear anyone better and the tables were nice to have.
- Boy Scout Zenthoeffer presented an offer to rebuild the Iron Ridge sign south of the village as his Eagle Scout project. Discussion was had about previous design submitted and how we could use his help to build the project and count toward his badge.
- Ted Hazelberg, Sr. asked about the DPW position and if it will be filled soon. Brian gave an updated that a DPW meeting will be held next week to discuss offering the position to Dave Smeglink who has been working on a part-time basis.

Police Report:

- Printed report submitted by Chief Liebenow and read at the meeting
- Chief Liebenow introduced Brian Justman who is the new full-time officer in Iron Ridge. Brian introduced himself and told everyone a little about his experience and family.
- Denise asked for an update on K9 certification since Dodge County is not having our K9 assist on calls due to being out of certification. Tony explained that he contacted the Dodge County Sheriff to let him know that he missed certification since he was out of town. Next certification dates are in May and Tony will be attending to re-certify.

DPW report:

- Meter installs
- Aeration in lift station – grease on top, trying to find source. Fees for dumping additional into sewer will be discussed at DPW meeting. Grease traps for industries.
- Sewer manholes are being located. Cannot find 4 by the water tower.

- Plowing/salting as needed
- Well pump leak addressed
- Fire inspection at Village Halle
- Maintenance
- Lead in laterals search. Found 1

1. WWTP:

Payment options and grant application discussed – Clean Water Fund
System options are still being reviewed

2. Soffit/Fascia/Gutter quote reviewed

Motion made by Michael to accept and choose quote from TBL Exteriors. Seconded by Brian.

Roll call vote: Dave=yes, Michael=yes, Denise=no, Brian=yes

Motion carried: Yes-3, no-1

3. Snow Plow/Dump Truck

Discussion of state of repair for both snow plow and dump truck.

County may have a dump truck they will be selling for \$42K. There's \$45K in the replacement fund at this point.

Mitch Peters suggested looking at cost of refurbishing the box, or replacing the box if the rest of the truck is still in good shape.

Dave Callies asked about a back-up for the pickup with a feeder box to help with salting.

Discussion had about looking into both suggestions.

Building Inspector report:

No report

DPW Committee

Will meet week of March 11 or 18

Emergency Government

No report

Finance, Insurance, Buildings & Grounds

No report

Park Board:

- Grant for both tennis courts and bathrooms will be submitted
- We increased our score from last year's grant application
- We are working to get the Little League schedule on the IR Village website
- Arlette has been adding calendars for events she is made aware of. This will include all events within the park.

- There is an effort to bring a co-ed adult softball league back to the park this summer. Alex Foulkes posted on the Park Facebook page to gauge interest. 2 teams committed so far. Games would be Tuesday nights.

Library Board:

- Library Trustee position open, looking to fill
- Library rent has been questioned by the board. Why is the library charged rent when other areas are not? The Library paid towards the mortgage on the Village Hall for years, and then when that was paid off, they started getting charged rent. Can this be reviewed and discussed at the next Village Board meeting?

Ordinance Committee

No report

Planning Committee

No report

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No report

Police Committee

Squad car

- Taurus was purchased in 2016. It's a 2014
- Has 47K miles on the car, plus idle hours
- Would like to purchase a Ford Explorer to replace the squad car. Estimated at \$53K without the cage
- There's roughly \$50K in the police/trap fund
- We might be able to get \$10-12K for the Taurus
- Tony will get final estimates to bring to the next board meeting

Recreation Committee

No report

Recycling Committee

No report

Monthly Bills

Motion made by Michael to pay March monthly bills. Seconded by Dave.

Roll call vote: Dave-yes, Michael-yes, Denise-yes, Brian-yes

Motion carried: Yes-4, no-0

Old Business

Nuisance property – no new developments

Microphone system – Denise offered to take this items and get information from Mayville and other surrounding areas on what systems they use for microphones and recording/live streaming.

New Business

No report

Future Agenda items:

Library rent

Adjourn

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Dave-yes, Michael-yes, Denise-yes, Brian-yes

Motion carried: Yes-4, no-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted

Denise Hazelberg

Village Turstee