

**Village of Lee
Regular Board Meeting
on
November 9, 2020
on Zoom**

Meeting come to order:

Village President Josh Carlson-- present
Trustee Martha May – present
Trustee Jesse Blackwood – present
Trustee Thomas Kapraun-- present
Trustee Jean Michels – present
Trustee Mike Schafer—present
Trustee Jessica Moser – present

V. Treasurer Linda Korth – present
V. Clerk Julie Griffith – present
V. Attorney Cassandra Gottschalk – absent

Visitors and Communications:

Water Assistant Mike Woodbury and Seth Sommer attended the meeting. Sommer talked about the services of B & F Construction and Code Services, Inc. They do building inspections, track projects, etc. They can handle any type of work load. The company is over 30 years old. There are 65 employees, and the office is in Elgin. They have over 100 clients including people in Hinckley, Shabbona, Waterman, Boone County and Wisconsin. They can handle everything electronically. Property maintenance inspections, code violations, non-compliance letters, etc. would be part of the package. The fees for permits and inspections would be paid directly by the resident, and they would be the same as the fees charged to Shabbona residents. The fees have not been raised in over ten years, and there is no charge for phone calls.

Shabbona's website has a permit application and directions on how to apply for permits. The Village of Lee could make a similar post on its website.

Currently, someone from the company is coming to the area every day. Shabbona had 30-40 permits last summer, and Waterman had close to 100.

Contact information for B & G Construction:

Email address: ssommer@bfccs.org

Phone number: 847-428-7010

Website: constructioncodes.com

Hours: Monday through Friday 7:30-4:30

B & F Construction can do an inspection with one day's notice. The turn around time for permits is 2-3 days for smaller projects. The company has a lot of experience with municipalities, building codes, etc.

Old Business:

Trustee Jean Michels made a motion to approve B & G Construction as the new inspection service. Trustee Jesse Blackwood seconded it. With a roll call vote, the motion carried. All voted in favor.

Trustee Blackwood made a motion to purchase the grader. Trustee Tom Kapraun seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, the grader purchase passed unanimously.

Trustee Martha May got information from Com Ed about the street lights. Com Ed claims that they only own 12 lights in the village. It is uncertain who owns the rest of the street lights. There are 46 street lights in town, according to the Mayor's count. Some of Com Ed's lights are in Lee County, and some are in DeKalb County. LED lights are a possibility, but there is a form that needs to be returned before any action

can be taken. Trustee Kapraun has a concern that Com Ed might charge more if they decide to count the remaining 34 lights. However, up to 70% of the bill could be saved with LED's. Trustee May will find out more after Wednesday when her Com Ed contact returns to the area.

There was discussion on street lamp maintenance and whether there should be another street lamp on Erickson Gate. Trustee May is not in favor of another street lamp by her house.

Treasurer Linda Korth will find out about Shabbona's street light bill and send Trustee Kapraun a copy of a recent Village of Lee Com Ed bill.

Review and Approval of the Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bill List:

Trustee Jessica Moser made a motion to approve the Oct. 12, 2020, minutes. Trustee Michels seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Trustee Michels made a motion to accept the treasurer's report from November 9, 2020. Trustee May seconded the motion, and it carried. Trustee Blackwood made a motion to pay the Nov. 9th bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moser and carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

New Business:

Trustee Michels made a motion to approve the maintenance on the truck including transmission lines, filter and transmission oil at an estimated \$1000. Trustee Kapraun seconded the motion, and it carried with unanimous roll call vote.

According to J.U.L.I.E. notices, the packing plant should get torn down starting on November 11th as noted by Water Assistant Woodbury. If the yellow pick-up truck doesn't get moved, then the owner will receive a notice of violation from the village.

Trustee May got a water carrier from Farm and Fleet. It holds 35 gallons. The planters are being delivered Wednesday at 8:00 AM. They will be put at four corners of town.

Leading Lee Forward will need to meet about the dirt, flowers, etc. to put in the planter boxes.

Reports:

- Streets and alleys/public safety
Two street lights were fixed this month.
- Water and refuse
Trustee Kapraun suggested buying one of Hodge's lots and using it for a burn pile.
Chris Kopp continually emails Trustee May about the garbage in the neighbor's yard. They have been sent two letters, and Trustee May wants to know if the village is going to take them to court. A notice of violation for \$25/day was sent on October 3rd and delivered on October 5th. A bill will be calculated from October 6th. The residents currently owe \$750. Treasurer Korth will make a bill, and Trustee Michels will pay them a visit.
Northern Illinois Disposal System is going to redo the Village of Lee contract which was signed in October 2014 for three years with a three year extension. Possibly all the residents will get big garbage cans with wheels as part of the garbage pick-up price. Recycling bins may also be available.
- Finance and ordinances/zoning

Adjournment:

Trustee Michels made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Moser seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:43.