

**Village of Lee
Regular Board Meeting
on
August 9, 2021
at the Lee Fire Barn**

Meeting come to order:

Village President Josh Carlson-- present	V. Treasurer Linda Korth – absent
Trustee Martha May – present	V. Clerk Julie Griffith – present
Trustee Jesse Blackwood --present	V. Attorney Cassandra Gottschalk – present
Trustee Thomas Kapraun--present	
Trustee Jean Michels – present	
Trustee Jessica Moser – present (at 9:00)	
Trustee Dawn Kimpflin – present	

Village President Josh Carlson added agenda item 1.2, Announcement from the Mayor.

Village President Josh Carlson tendered his resignation, effective immediately. Trustee Jesse Blackwood made a motion to nominate Thomas Kapraun as President Pro Tem of today's meeting. Trustee Martha May seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Thomas Kapraun became President Pro Tem of the meeting.

Visitors and Communications:

Five visitors attended the meeting including Mike Woodbury, Terri Voitik, Dawn Kimpflin and guest and Margie Foshe. Resident Foshe sent a letter to the Attorney General's Office about election issues and the 60 days that have elapsed with no appointed trustee.

Resident Kimpflin came to the meeting as is willing to be considered for a village trustee. Resident Kimpflin was president of the Hometown Committee in Shabbona and was on the board in Indian Creek Recreation. She takes pride in her community and has lived in Lee for eight years.

Resident Voitik stated that she would also be willing to be trustee. She was eight-year president of her hometown association and on committees in Aurora. She has served in other board positions such as Fermilab, a forest preserve, and political and lobby committees both as an officer and as a member.

Margie Foshe asked the board to consider Jerry Olson as mayor. She noted that he was qualified as he had been mayor before for several years.

Old Business:

President Pro Temp Kapraun appointed Dawn Kimpflin to fill the vacant trustee position. With a roll call vote, all were in favor. Attorney Cassandra Gottschalk swore in Dawn Kimpflin.

Attorney Gottschalk outlined the procedure for the annexation of 281 W. Hardanger. The new owner is Katherine Wuthrich. She needs to be sent a letter, then the board will wait for a response, have a public hearing, etc. The process is similar to the process for acquiring a property through eminent domain. The concern is that any owners could have animals that are surrounded on three sides by the village. Attorney Gottschalk recommended that the owner and the county be contacted. If it were to go to court, Attorney Gottschalk feels confident that a ruling would go in the favor of the village, since the residents at 281 Hardanger receive all the privileges of the village without paying taxes to the village. The process could cost a couple of thousand for the paperwork.

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

Trustee Michels made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 12, 2021 meeting. Trustee Blackwood seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Trustee Michels made a motion to accept the minutes from July 19, 2021. Trustee May seconded the motion, and it carried. Trustee Blackwood made a motion to accept the minutes from July 28, 2021. Trustee Michels seconded the motion, and it carried.

The Treasurer's Report for August 9, 2021, was tabled until some missing information could be provided.

Trustee Michels made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Blackwood seconded the motion, and it carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

There was discussion on posting the temporary clerk position on Indeed.com and the potential of hiring a temporary service. Trustee Michels made a motion to hire a temporary service to hire a temporary clerk for the September meeting for a maximum of \$25.00 per hour. Trustee Blackwood seconded the motion, and it carried with a roll call vote.

President Pro Tem Kapraun noted three calls to action: approach a staffing service, look into on-line add placing, and approaching neighboring clerks. Trustees volunteered for his requests.

There was no motion made about a discounted liquor license for Coupe's.

Reports:

- Streets and Alleys/Public Safety
The yellow truck was moved to a different spot. Cabo will be written up for the weeds, the trailer, and an inoperable vehicle. Attorney Gottschalk is working on getting an appraisal for the portion of the land under the building and the easement to put new pipes in.
- Water and refuse
- Finance and ordinance

Village Clerk Julie Griffith let the board know the where-a-bouts of the laptop, village seal, keys, code book, printer, files, digital recorder, etc.

Trustee Michels made a motion to approve the \$1000 liquor license for Coupe's. Trustee May seconded the motion, and it carried.

Trustee Blackwood made a motion to appoint Josh Carlson as village president. Trustee Michels seconded the motion, and it carried.

Adjournment:

Trustee Michels made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Trustee Blackwood seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:13.

Village of Lee
Public Hearing/Special Board Meeting
on
July 19, 2021
at 7:00 PM at the Lee Fire Barn

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 Jessica Moser – present

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

Visitors:

Six visitors attended the public hearing: Village Engineer Curtis Cook, Margie Foshe, Terri Voitik, Garet Galbreath, Shaun Miller and Stan McGinnis.

New Business:

The purpose of the meeting was to present the scope of the project for the Community Development Block Grant. The submission deadline is August 4th. The application will be for \$550,000.

CDBG funds come from HUD to benefit low to moderate income (LMI) residents. The threshold is for at least 51% of residents to be LMI, and the village has 52.9% LMI residents. The funds have to benefit the majority of LMI residents. Of the 350 Village of Lee residents, \$290,950 of the CBDG will directly benefit LMI residents, and \$747,160 of the entire project will benefit LMI Lee residents.

Engineer Cook presented an existing water system map, a projected water system map, and a project plan.

The village is also listed on the IEPA low-interest loan funding list for this year for a \$862,400 loan. Of that loan amount, up to \$400,000 will be forgiven. A similar loan in Shabbona has a .82% interest rate.

The main purpose of the water project is to improve the low water pressure. Anything below 20 psi is considered a health hazard. There was discussion on different water mains and fire hydrants that would be replaced. No households will be displaced by the project.

Engineer Cook informed the public about the special meeting immediately following the public hearing for the purpose of approving the Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for the CBDG.

Letters expressing community needs such as help for the low water pressure, etc. are needed by July 30th. Residents can put them in the bill payment slot.

The purpose of the CBDG and the IEPA grant applications are to obtain as many outside sources of funding as possible because community funds are lacking.

Adjournment of public hearing:

Trustee Jean Michaels made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, and Trustee Tom Kapraun seconded the motion at 8:13 PM. All were in favor.

Village President Carlson brought the special board meeting to order. Trustee Moser made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds No. 2021-07-19A. Trustee Kapraun seconded the motion, and all were in favor with a roll call vote.

Adjournment:

Trustee Jesse Blackwood made a motion to adjourn the special board meeting, and Trustee Michels seconded the motion at 8:16 PM. All were in favor.

**Village of Lee
Special Board Meeting
on
July 28, 2021
at the Lee Fire Barn**

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 Jessica Moser – present

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

New business:

On page 4, a comma was moved, so that the accounting service read \$6500 in the first column, and the Ordinance No. was updated to FY 21-22. Trustee Martha May made a motion to approve the amended Appropriation Ordinance No: FY 21-22. Trustee Jessica Moser seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Adjournment:

Trustee Moser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Trustee Thomas Kapraun seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned.