

Village of Lee
Regular Board Meeting
on
January 11, 2021
on Zoom

Meeting come to order:

Village President Josh Carlson-- present
Trustee Martha May – present
Trustee Jesse Blackwood – present
Trustee Thomas Kapraun-- absent
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

Derek Hiland should be listed by agenda item 15, All Hazards Mitigation Plan, rather than agenda item 3.

Visitors and Communications:

Water Assistant Mike Woodbury, Water Operator Jay Mulholland, Resident Jessica Galbreath, Resident Shawn Miller and Resident Terri Voitik attended the meeting. Galbreath asked how she could get recycling for her home. Village Treasurer Linda Korth will email Trustee Mike Schafer the contact for Northern Illinois Disposal to get new recycle bins.

Old Business:

There was discussion on the need for a person to pick up senior garbage. The limit is two bags per week for seniors age 65 and older. There are 17-27 seniors in town, and it takes about an hour a week to collect their garbage and take it to the dumpster by the well house. Senior garbage needs to be out by 9:00 AM Thursday and picked up sometime on Thursday. The board thinks \$15/hour is a fair rate. If no one can be found, then everyone in town will be charged the same rate and there will be no more senior garbage pick-up. Senior garbage pickup is \$10 per billing period as opposed to the regular rate of \$37.02.

There is no new information on the loan for the water tower. Trustee Martha May called Attorney Cassandra Gottschalk, and she got no answers from Adria's lawyer about a settlement for the well-house property. The village must provide documentation that it owns the discrepant five feet under the well-house to proceed with the water project.

Tearing down the trailer is not part of the package of tearing down the packing plant. Village President Carlson will investigate the possibility of having the village pay for taking down the trailer while Weaver Construction is in town. There was discussion on the yellow truck sitting on the property, and it will be dealt with at a later date.

If the Adria packing plant owner is not interested in a cash settlement, then the village will proceed with adverse possession. The window for the loan closes on June 30th. Trustee Jesse Blackwood made a motion to allow President Carlson to make the offer to Tommy Weaver to contact Pete Cabo and make a cash offer. If he says no, then the adverse possession litigation will be started. Trustee Jessica Moser seconded the motion, and all were in favor with a roll call vote.

The ordinance about tenants who move to a new house and leave a previous water bill was discussed at a previous meeting.

President Carlson will sign the septic tank agreement.

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

Trustee Schafer made a motion to approve the December 14, 2020, minutes.

Trustee Michels made a motion to approve the January 11, 2021, Treasurer's Report. Trustee Blackwood seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Trustee Moser made a motion to approve the January 11, 2021, bills. Trustee May seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

New Business:

Trustee Moser noted that board members should be prepared to be on Zoom on time without having to be reminded. The meeting will start on time from now on as long as there is a quorum (four board members).

Trustee Michels said that the mailman put a note in the mailboxes on Peterson Gate and asked that the snow not be piled around the mailboxes. Trustee Michels sent a text to Village Maintenance Head John Ragan. Resident Galbreath noted that the corner of Peterson Gate and Viking Vie is also plowed in such a way that a blind spot is created.

The sump pump hose on the corner of Hardanger and County Line drains across the sidewalk and into the street. It affects the sidewalk and makes an ice slick when it freezes. The property is owned by Tommy Weaver. If he got a new hose without holes in it, then more of the water would be directed towards the drain. President Carlson will talk to Tommy Weaver.

Trustee May addressed the concern that there are a lot of branches down around town. The salt spreader is currently in the dump truck making it hard to pick them up. The branches will be picked up in the spring after the ice melts, or people can take their own branches to the burn pile.

Derek Hiland is the Community Development Department Director for DeKalb. The All Hazards Mitigation Plan, according to Trustee May, is a 270 page document. The boards needs to adopt it to get special aid in the event of an unforeseen hazard such as a tornado or a train tipping over. Trustee Blackwood made a motion to adopt the 2019 DeKalb County All Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution. Trustee Schafer seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

There was discussion on the necessity of a yield sign at the corner of Skole Gate and Kirke Gate. Signs are several hundred dollars each. The item will be on next month's agenda when Trustee Kapraun can talk more about it.

The Leading Lee Forward page is a page where people can request to join. Only people with a Lee zip code are allowed on the page.

Reports:

- Streets and alleys/public safety
Erickson Gate is very icy, and the salt isn't working well.
- Water and refuse
- Finance and ordinances/zoning
The audit is finished according to Treasurer Korth.

Next month's meeting will be on Zoom.

Adjournment:

Trustee Michels made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Trustee Schafer seconded the motion, and all were in favor.