

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF TEUTOPOLIS
MARCH 01, 2023**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Teutopolis, Effingham County, State of Illinois, was held in the Village Hall of said Village, March 01, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The President called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following trustees were present:

Daniel Zerrusen-----yes	Angela Kroeger-----yes
Jane Summers-----no	Greg Oseland-----no
David Tegeler-----yes	Bernard Hartke-----yes

It was moved by Bernard Hartke, seconded by Angela Kroeger, and carried that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as presented.

Village Foreman, Carl Pals asked the board to consider a few items that will need to be addressed in the future. The first item he would like the board to consider is to start replacing sections of cast iron pipes still left in the Village. He suggested maybe we could start the process by replacing small sections at a time. Secondly, he feels we need to have a boring ordinance for rights-of-way. This Board is going to check into this further with the Village Attorney. Lastly, we need to check to see if we have a speed limit for trains coming through the Village. We will need to check with our Village Attorney and see if we have a speed limit in place.

Joe Fearday from SC3F Financial gave a presentation on the type of retirement plan his company could provide Village employees. He suggested the board look into a Simple IRA plan for all employees. This type of plan would allow both the employee and employer to contribute to the account. The maximum amount the employer could contribute to an employee would be 3%. The board thanked him for his time and said they would discuss it further at a future meeting.

Richard Hartke was present to ask the board to consider hiring a Village Administrator. He feels there needs to be someone that can go out and promote the Village, help plan future developments, and aid the board to complete issues in a timely manner. He also said, if this person could find just one grant per year, it would be worth it. He would like to see the Village hire for this position in 2023.

Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke to approve Resolution No., 655, A Resolution Approving a Subdivision Plat (Karen Weber Subdivision). Roll call vote – 4 yes, 0 nays, 2 absent, motion carried.

There was a discussion about a proposed new business/restaurant located on the Village's West side. Carl Pals will work with the engineers to obtain an estimate of the costs to run the sewer to the site. The board also discussed possibly using TIF II funds to help cover some of these costs. President Repking will contact the City of Effingham and see if they would be able to join the Effingham County Enterprise Zone.

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The Board requested the Plan Commission be contacted to set a date to have a public hearing on revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to add solar. The Public Health, Safety, and Water Committee hope to have this public hearing by the end of March.

There was an update from the Public Health, Safety, and Water Committee. The Committee reported the Solar Ordinance was complete and would be forwarded to the attorney. The meeting to start on the Swimming Pool Ordinance was postponed until a later date.

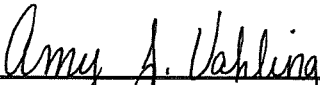
Hiring for summer employment was discussed. Village Foreman Carl Pals is requesting the board to hire four individuals to each work 40 per week through the summer. After discussion, the board set the rate of pay at \$13 per hour for 1st-year employees and \$14 per hour if you were employed here previously and have experience.

Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by David Tegeler to purchase a vac/jetter truck from EJ Equipment in the amount of \$108,684.00. ARPA funds the Village received will be used to purchase this piece of equipment. Roll call vote – 4 yes, 0 nays, 2 absent, motion carried.

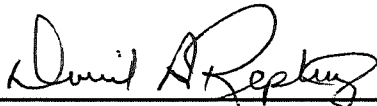
The discussion on retirement for the employees was held during the presentation from Joe Fearday. This is something the board will continue to research and discuss.

In other action, the board discussed an abandoned trailer and decided to contact the attorney to have it removed and advised Carl Pals to obtain quotes on the cost of a new backhoe.

It was moved by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke, and carried to adjourn the meeting.



Amy J. Vahling, Village Clerk



David A. Repking, Village President