

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
VILLAGE OF TEUTOPOLIS  
APRIL 05, 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, on April 05, 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-----yes	Greg Oseland-----yes
David Tegeler-----yes	Bernard Hartke-----yes

It was moved by Greg Oseland, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen, and carried that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as presented.

Tony Esker reported 1 new building permit.

Village Foreman Carl Pals reported both water towers will need to be inspected, this is something that needs to be done every 5 years. The cost for Connor & Connor to complete the inspection will be around \$2,500. He also reported that a sonar 3D sludge inspection needs to be performed at the lagoon. The Board instructed Carl to get estimates to see what the cost would be to have this sonar 3D inspection completed.

Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor updated the board on what the cost would be if the sewer was extended on the West end of the Village. The length of this extension would be around 1,060 feet. The cost to complete this project would be around \$81,500. This is something the Board will discuss in greater detail at a future meeting. He also reported to the Board the N. Plum Kingery Re-Subdivision project will be advertised for bids this week.

Traci Martin from Sonne Energy addressed the board regarding the proposed Solar Ordinance. Sonne Energy feels the roof setbacks are too restrictive. If the current setback is not changed this could have a negative financial impact on their business, as well as their customers. They feel if these current setbacks are not changed then customers have the potential to lose \$50,000 of the lifetime of the system.

Greg Oseland introduced Ordinance No. 1001, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 154 of The Code of Ordinances of the Village of Teutopolis, Illinois (Adopting Section 154.030. Solar Energy Systems.) Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke to pass Ordinance No. 1001. Roll Call Vote – 6 yes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke to pass Resolution No. 656, A Resolution Authorizing Teutopolis for Tomorrow to Conduct a Non-Highway Vehicle Event. Roll Call Vote – 6 yes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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The Board discussed the Del and Diane Althoff property. Diane Althoff came into the office before the construction of their new home and was advised to contact Building Official Tony Esker to obtain a building permit. Diane nor Del ever-contacted Tony for a permit. After construction started, Tony spoke with Del and informed him they would have to have the property subdivided to comply with the Village Subdivision Ordinance, and until they took this step, he could not issue a building permit to them. Tony then advised them to hire a surveyor to draw up a subdivision plat that follows the requirements if a person builds in the extra-territorial limits of the Village. Since this issue has been ongoing for the last several months the Board unanimously agreed this property issue needs to be handled by the Village Attorney.

Discussion on the extra interstate traffic coming through the village was discussed. IDOT does not want the 4-way stop flagged. If the 4-way is flagged, then this causes extreme backups in Effingham. We were informed IDOT is trying to come up with extra safety measures throughout the construction zone. Hopefully, once these extra safety measures are implemented the number of accidents will decrease.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by David Tegeler to approve the purchase of a Case Backhoe from Birkey's Farm Store in the amount of \$80,500 using ARPA funds. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The board decided on the employee's retirement. The board chose to stay with the SEP Plan and increase the annual contribution from 5 % to 10% of the employee's salary.

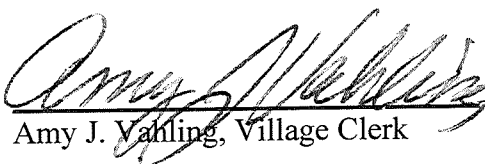
The Board approved the hiring of Marie Flach as a part-time employee. Marie's wage will be \$16.00 per hour and she will also be offered participation in the Village retirement plan.

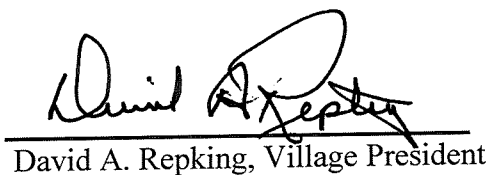
There was a motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Bernard Hartke to go into Executive Session to discuss employee raises. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Following the Executive Session, employees were given a 4% salary raise beginning with the first payroll in May 2023. They also agreed to increase the annual SEP retirement contribution. Employees will now receive 10% of their annual salaries towards their SEP retirement plan.

In other action, the Public Health, Safety, and Water committee will meet at 6:30 Wednesday, April 12 to discuss possible amendments to the Solar Ordinance, discussed adding additional electronic speed signs and a resident would like the Village to clean out a ditch behind their property because when heavy rains happen their property floods.

It was moved by Greg Oseland, seconded by Jane Summers, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

  
Amy J. Vahling, Village Clerk

  
David A. Repking, Village President