

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
VILLAGE OF TEUTOPOLIS  
AUGUST 16, 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 August 16, 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
Christina Mette-----absent	Greg Oseland-----absent
David Tegeler-----yes	Bernard Hartke-----yes

A hearing was held to review the delinquent water bills. None of the persons having a delinquent bill were present at the hearing. Since no one was present to give just cause for being late the Village Foreman was instructed to disconnect their water on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

It was moved by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke, and carried that the treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file.

It was moved by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke, and carried that the board report be approved, and the August bills paid.

Village Forman Carl Pals said both water towers were recently inspected. Overall, the towers are in good condition but will require some maintenance. Both towers will need to be reinspected in 5 years. He also reported the Village needs to investigate adding an additional bay at the maintenance shed to store the new vac truck. The Board advised Carl to go out for bids.

Kurt Schmidt was not in attendance to discuss drainage at 605 W. Southern Row.

Allen Gillespie asked the Board what is going to be done to slow traffic down on Water Street. The high-speed traffic seems to occur between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. He would like to see a stop sign at every intersection and only purchase stop signs that have flashing lights on them. Village President Repking said he would have the police step up patrols in that area.

Terry Shannon was also present to voice his concerns about speeding on Green Street, possibly putting up radar signs, and a bump in the road on Green Street. One change he would like to see is to install a stop sign at the intersection of Walnut Street and Green Street. The Board discussed possibly moving radar signs to this area and see if that would help. He would also like to see the Board discuss purchasing body cameras and in-car cameras for the officers. The last item he had to discuss was for the Village to construct a small amphitheater by the park and have small concerts for the public to attend. The Board told him this was something he would need to discuss with the park board.

The Effingham County Enterprise Zone discussion will be moved to the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mitch Hardiek and Adam Kremer from Milano and Grunloh were present to update the Board on the Preliminary Engineering 1 for the 2024 ITEP grant. Having this step completed should help us with our chance to be considered. First, we will need to work on setting boundaries because we will probably need easements on some parts of this project. It will be easier to get the easements now versus waiting and then going through the State. Mitch also updated the Board on available STU funds, the Unsewered grant, the Safe Routes to School grant, and the Cast Iron grant. There is around \$200,000 in STU funds available. The Board discussed using this money to repair the entrances at Plum Street and Race Street. The Village received the Unsewered planning study. They are currently coordinating with the railroad and are working on obtaining easements on Oak Street. We should hear in October if we will be approved for the Cast Iron grant.

After discussion, it was decided the Village would not apply for the 2023 Safe Routes to School grant. We will wait to apply until the next round of funding in 2025.

The Board agreed that Garage Band Night is a great event for the town.

Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke to pass Resolution No. 661, A Resolution Authorizing Teutopolis for Tomorrow to Conduct a Non-Highway Vehicle Event. (Garage Band Night). Roll call vote – 4 yes, 0 nays, 2 absent, motion carried.

The Village Attorney will be contacted to see if aerial photographs can be taken of the properties located at 611 and 613 W. Main Street.

The property at 802 W. Main Street still has semi-trailers and several abandoned cars parked. Village President Repking will go by this business and speak with the owner.

Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Angela Kroeger to accept the bid of \$11,000 to update the Village of Teutopolis Code Book and keep it up to date for at least 1 year after the initial recodification. Roll call vote – 4 yes, 0 nays, 2 absent, motion carried.

Village President Repking will start contacting local residents to be a part of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. This committee will need to be in place around the middle of September.

There were several water/sewer customers who called or emailed they never received their bills in the month of July. Since they never received the bill, they were charged late fees and were also upset about the late notice letter they received. Every water/sewer bill must be accounted for before it is brought to the post office or sent by email. Once the bills are dropped off at the post office or sent by email, we have no control over the delivery. After discussing the Board said they would not waive the late fees and said it is the residents' responsibility to make sure the bill is paid on time.

Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke to renew the Live360 Health Insurance plan for employees. Roll call vote – 4 yes, 0 nays, 2 absent, motion carried.

Item (k) was tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

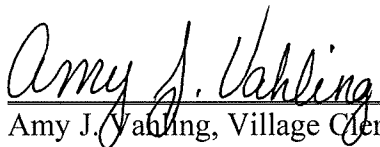
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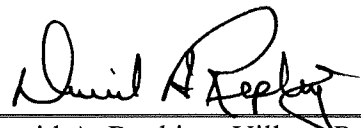
Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Angela Kroeger to raise the Building Official's salary to \$7,000 per year. The Village Attorney will be contacted to amend Ordinance No. 1002. Roll call vote 4 yes, 0 nays, 2 absent, motion carried.

The Board discussed employee overtime. President Repking informed the Board he called several area municipalities to see how many employees they have. President Repking is going to contact the Village Engineers to see if they have recommendations on electronic reads that could be placed at the water and sewer plants. If they installed this type of technology this could possibly cut down on overtime.

In other action, the Board agreed to participate in the Trunk or Treat event on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

  
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Amy J. Vahling, Village Clerk

  
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David A. Repking, Village President