

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF TEUTOPOLIS
MARCH 20, 2024**

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 March 20, 2024, 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-----yes	Greg Oseland-----yes
David Tegeler-----yes	Bernard Hartke-----yes

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

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

It was moved by Greg Oseland, seconded by Bernard Hartke, and carried that the board report be approved, and the March bills paid.

Tony Esker reported several new building permits and one new swimming pool permit. He also reported working with Stevens Industries on a large solar permit.

Several short-term rental owners were present. They were unhappy with the new guidelines and the hotel/motel tax to be imposed.

Todd Waldhoff and Trustee Hartke spoke with Officer Loy about criminal activity in an apartment building near their homes. Officer Loy said he was investigating this situation and was speaking with state authorities.

Courtney Yockey informed the board that he presents two webinars a month. He also reported PAVE is holding a community breakfast in Altamont on April 16th. Altamont native Kurt Becker will be the guest speaker.

Daniel Zerrusen introduced Ordinance No. 1036, An Ordinance Imposing a Tax upon Persons Engaged in the Business of Renting, Leasing, or Letting Rooms in Hotel or Motel in the Village of Teutopolis, Illinois. Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Bernard Hartke to pass Ordinance No. 1036. Roll Call Vote – Daniel Zerrusen – yes, Angela Kroeger- no, Bernard Hartke – yes, David Tegeler – yes, Greg Oseland – yes, Christina Mette – yes, 5 yes 1 nay; motion carried.

Greg Oseland introduced Ordinance No. 1037, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 154 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Teutopolis, Illinois (Adopting Section 154.034. Short-term Rental). Motion by Christina Mette, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen to pass Ordinance No. 1037. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Daniel Zerrusen introduced Ordinance No. 1038, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 154 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Teutopolis, Illinois (Amending Section 154.041. Single-Family Residence Districts) (Home Occupations). Motion by David Tegeler, seconded by Greg Oseland to pass Ordinance No. 1038. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Greg Oseland introduced Ordinance No. 1039, An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Easement for Sidewalk and Utility Purposes (2024 ITEP Project) (Mark D. Probst & Christina M. Probst -308 S. Wall Street). Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke to pass Ordinance No. 1039. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Greg Oseland introduced Ordinance No. 1040, An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Easement for Sidewalk and Utility Purposes (2024 ITEP Project) (Mark D. Probst & Christina M. Probst -W. Southern Row). Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke to pass Ordinance No. 1040. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Daniel Zerrusen introduced Ordinance No. 1041, An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Easement for Sidewalk and Utility Purposes (2024 ITEP Project) (Seth M Hoffman & Tracy M. Hoffman – 801 W. Southern Row). Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Christina Mette to pass Ordinance No. 1041. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Courtney Yockey from The Alliance attended the meeting to discuss the next steps for the Comprehensive Plan project. Last fall, we sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) to a total of nine consulting firms and universities. We received a response from four firms and two university capstone students. After reviewing the quotes last fall, the board decided to postpone any decision until the spring of 2024. At the meeting, the board approved Courtney to initiate the process. He will collaborate with Village Clerk Amy Vahling to start the process of sending out the RFP.

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh attended the meeting to discuss the ITEP Sidewalk modifications. Some proposed changes for the project include replacing the bridge with a box culvert and adding storm sewers. Although these modifications wouldn't typically be eligible for the ITEP Sidewalk grant, they are necessary for this project and can be included in the grant process. Lee will provide more information about incorporating these changes into the plan at the next meeting.

Lee Beckman provided an update on the monthly grant progress during the meeting. We are planning to apply for the unsewered grant this summer. Additionally, the Safe Routes to School grant requires us to plan an escape route at the Oak Street railroad crossing. Milano & Grunloh have made the necessary crossing changes, and we hope to advance with the Safe Routes to School project soon. Lee also discussed the need to contact Julie to mark the South Race Street area, and he will send a crew to survey this area. President Repking agreed to call Julie to initiate this process.

The board discussed approving a small group to speak with an attorney regarding future land purchases or swaps. After discussion, the board took a straw poll vote. Bernard Hartke and Angela Kroeger voted no, while all other board members voted yes to approve the meeting with the attorney.

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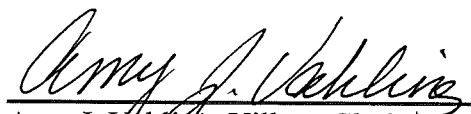
Motion by Daniel Zerrusen, seconded by Bernard Hartke to approve the TIF II payment to Repking Eyecare in the amount of \$5,200. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Motion by Greg Oseland, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen, to approve New Leaf Landscaping for the replacement of the landscaping at all four welcome signs for \$3,480. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 0 nays; motion carried.


The board discussed vacating a portion of Northern Row (311 N. Wall Street). After discussion, the board decided not to vacate this portion. They instructed President Repking to contact the attorney's office and have an encroachment agreement prepared at the property owner's expense.

In other action, President Repking informed the board that a member of the village maintenance crew would attend a seminar on larvicide training.

It was moved by Greg Oseland, seconded by Daniel Zerrusen, and carried to adjourn the meeting.



Amy J. Vahling, Village Clerk



David A. Repking, Village President