MINUTES

Of a Regular Meeting of the

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Piper City was brought to order at the Community Building on December 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Orr presiding. Trustees Fuoss, Houck, Mogged, Cotter, and Berry responded to roll call. Trustee Bertrand was absent.

The minutes from the regular meeting held November 2, 2023, were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Houck and seconded by Cotter. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

The financial report for November showing a balance on hand in all funds of $1,094,934.81 as of November 30, 2023, and was presented to the Board for their approval. A motion was made by Mogged and seconded by Berry to approve the financial report. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the report was approved.

A list of payroll and bills were presented to the Board for their consideration. Motion by

Fuoss and seconded by Houck that the village clerk issue warrants on the village treasurer to named claimants. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried. The list of payroll and bills is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference.

Under public comments, resident Tammy Weaver introduced herself and stated she was observing the meeting. Sara Riebe spoke about the Jr. class Post Prom committee and asked if the village would be willing to donate toward the activities. Kira Ebert, representing Rep. Jason Bunting’s office, introduced herself and informed the board that if there was anything Bunting’s office could do to help the village that the village should reach out.

There was no old business to discuss.

Under new business, Mayor Orr informed the board of the new law taking effect that guarantees all workers receive 1 hour paid leave for every 40 hours worked. Attorney Miller drafted an ordinance in compliance with the law and Orr presented it to the board. After discussion Berry made a motion to approve the ordinance and Mogged seconded the motion. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

After discussion Mogged made a motion to donate $500 to the Tri-Point Jr. class Post Prom committee and Cotter seconded the motion. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

Mayor Orr noted that Angel Pest Service, the village’s pest control service, will be increasing their rates due to increased chemical prices. Mayor Orr told the board that Randette Spiess,

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owner of Izz Azz, had requested a later closing time since New Year’s Eve falls on a Sunday. Mayor Orr noted that the ordinance states a 2:00 a.m. closing time for such events. Mayor Orr shared that Sam Walter and Sons is having a mower tune-up special during the beginning of the new year and Mike will have our mowers serviced at this time.

Under Code Enforcement, Mayor Orr informed the board that Bryan Zorn has begun taking photos of ordinance violations and will begin writing notices to those residents. Orr shared that JP Morgan Chase now has ownership of the Myrick house located at 229 E Vine St. An asbestos inspection is scheduled next week for the Stites house located at 229 W Market St. Berry noted that there will be surplus property to sell.

Fuoss made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel at 7:35 and Berry seconded. After discussion, Berry made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:18 and Houck seconded the motion. On both motions voice votes were held and all trustees voted aye and the motions carried.

Fuoss made a motion to approve a pay rate increase of 4.5% for employee Mike Evely and Cotter seconded. On a roll call vote, Fuoss, Houck, Cotter, and Berry voted aye, Mogged abstained, and Bertrand was absent. Houck made a motion to approve a pay rate increase of $500 per year for the position of treasurer and Mogged seconded. On a roll call vote, Fuoss, Houck, Mogged, Cotter, and Berry voted aye and Bertrand was absent. Cotter made a motion to give Christmas bonuses in the amount of $100 for full-time employees and $50 for part-time employees and Houck seconded. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion for adjournment was made by Fuoss and seconded by Houck. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

 Rhonda McCoy, Village Clerk