

**Village of Newark, Illinois,  
Sept. 14, 2022**

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by James Davis.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jim D					A	X	X	X	X			
Tracy S					X	A	X	X	X			
Brian R.					A	A	X	X	X			
Bernie B					X	X	X	X	X			
Darald N					X	X	X	X	X			
Gary F					X	X	A	X	X			
Joe S.					7:09	X	X	X	X			

Legend: X = present; a = absent

- Minutes from the Aug meeting were presented to the Trustees. Tracy made the motion to accept the minutes. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy
- Bills were presented for payment. Joe made the motion to pay the bills. Darald seconded the Motion. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy
- Treasurer Report was presented, Joe made the motion to accept the monthly report, seconded by Gary. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie, Darald, Gary Brian and Tracy
- Cliff: Permit for a fence, Permit for Fire House interior and the funeral home will be building a new shed.
- Police: Reviewed stats and village coverage.

**Old Business:**

- Kencom: New mental health hotline, discussion on license plate readers and a new 211 county hotline for help will be starting.
- EEI: John reported on Filter project, and they have requested a billing cycle from the company doing the project. John reported the project bids for the water line repair over the creek there were 4 bids, and all were higher than the projected cost. John recommends rejecting all bids and to have them waive the competitive bidding by a 2/3 board approval. This will allow EEI to go out for proposals on the project. Darald moved to reject all bids and to waive competitive bidding for the project. Gary seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy. John was instructed to get a minimum of three proposals and present them at a special meeting on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.
- Code Book: Working. Clerk Johnson presented software for purchase to help with the codification process and keep our other documents in a better organized format. Cost is \$1300 the first year and \$1500 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Joe moved and Gary seconded. Motion Passed. Aye votes: Tryacy, Brian, Gary and Joe. Nay votes: Bernie and Darald.
- Walk Bridge: Gary will follow up.
- ARP Grant: Kendall County sent papers for the Village to sign for the grant for the amount of \$150,000. Darald moved to approve Jim to sign the agreement, Bernie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy
- Well Project: Gary reported that they pulled the well and recommend full replacement. Video survey was conducted at the same time. New pump motor and pipe will cost \$35,632.35 Joe moved to accept the quote, Brian seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy. To scrub and bail the well would cost approximately \$ 6640 to\$9960 plus \$500 for the chloride treatment. Joe moved to move forward with the scrub and bail of the well with the cost not to exceed \$12,000. Gary Seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy.

Darald motioned to move \$50,000 from the general account to the water account. Gary seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy

Gary also reported that the recent storms that the breaker got tripped on the well causing it to shut off. Gary would like to have alarm system installed so this would trigger the public works to investigate. Tracy asked how this was communicated to the residents. It was not publicly notified. Tracy instructed Cliff to post something on Facebook about this issue. The board asked how do we or could we communicate items to our residents better. Discussion about utilizing something like the county has to inform residents.

### **New Business**

- Chris Perra presented a report on what his company, Test Inc would do and cover for the Village for water testing in lieu of having an operator. See document.
- Audit: Darald reported on the audit. No issues were found Darald moved to accept the audit and Brian seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy

### **Public Comments**

- Dave Thompson reported on the fire house and EMS system
- Dave Johnson asked about the house in his area being used for Airbnb. Discussion followed.
- Dave Drew discussed the library project.

Joe motioned to enter executive session to discuss personal. Gary seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy 8:57pm

Tracy moved to come out of executive session, Gary seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy 9:53pm

- Employment: Bernie motioned to hire Brett Brown at a salary of \$55,000 a year, health insurance of 70/30split, 6months probation and Brett will need to obtain his CDL during that probation time. Gary seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy.
- Bernie moved to Hire Jack Horvat at \$18.00 per hour, 70/30 insurance split, 6 months of probation and requirement to get his CDL during probation. After probation and CDL completion his wage will go to \$20.00 per hour. Gary seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy
- Darald moved to have Jim sign the contract for Health Insurance. Brian seconded the motion. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy
- Darald moved to have health insurance program start on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the following month after employment. Gary seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy
- Brian moved to have Ashley become the Insurance admin for the health insurance policy. Gary seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy

Gary moved to adjourn; Tracy seconded. Motion passed. Aye votes: Joe, Bernie Darald, Gary, Brian and Tracy. 10.04pm

Submitted by: Matt Johnson, Village Clerk