

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gridley was held at the Village Hall on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. President Benedict opened with a word of prayer.

President Benedict called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call roll, and upon roll call, the following Trustees answered present: Michael Finck, Richard Martin, Susan Laiming, Kevin Krones, Jay Kiefer and Mick Finck. Quorum present. Employees Mark Peterson and Jen Hany were also present.

Jeff asked if there were any corrections or additions to the February meeting minutes. There were none. Jay made a motion to approve the minutes and Susan seconded the motion. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the "Bills received by Clerk." There were no additions. Mick made a motion to approve the bills and Kevin seconded the motion. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Trustees reviewed the Treasurer's report. After discussion, Kevin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Michael seconded. All trustees answered in the affirmative.

Mick reported to the board that the signs at the North and South entrances of the cemetery need to be replaced. The rules and regulations are the same, but the new signs will be less wordy and have larger letters. The posts are not included. Pip printing provided a quote in the amount of \$381.76 for two signs 48 x 36 - rigid dibond with liquid lamination. After discussion, Mick made a motion to purchase the new signs, Michael seconded. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Jay reported that Colleen Whisker, master gardener, has agreed to take care of the gardens again. She has asked for a budget of up to \$800 for flowers and mulch. After discussion, Jay made a motion to approve up to \$800 for flowers and mulch. Mick seconded. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Jay reported that Colleen Whisker would like to work March 1 through October 1, weather permitting. Jay made a motion to approve said dates for Colleen. Richard seconded. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Jeff explained the Project Services Agreement with Farnsworth for the final plat for the new subdivision. After discussion, Michael made a motion to approve the Project Services Agreement. Jay seconded. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Richard reported that well #5 pumping capacity is much reduced. Layne Christensen Company has always worked on our wells. Well #3 was the last well repaired in 2016 at a cost of just under \$24,000. Layne is not able to give a quote because they do not know the problems until they lift the well. They work on a time and material basis. This is an emergency repair and does not require a vote to proceed, but no trustee opposed having the work done.

Michael made a motion to go into executive session at 7:25 p.m.. Mick seconded. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Jay made a motion to increase pay for Jen Hany, Mark Peterson, Phil Romersberger and Brent Ringger by 5%, pay Colleen Whisker \$14.00/hr., increase Clerk pay by \$50/mo., hire Courtney Kaupp and Lacey Nelsen as pool managers at \$4,000 each for the season, pay Tanner Benedict \$10/day for 1/2 hr. daily maintaining chemicals in pool, pay lifeguards over 18 - \$14/hr. and lifeguards under 18 - \$12/hr., pay lead lifeguards \$18 regardless of age, and hire Mac Raymer for the summer at \$14/hr. Susan seconded. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Mick made a motion to adjourn. Jay seconded. Roll call: Michael Finck-yea, Martin-yea, Laiming-yea, Krones-yea, Kiefer-yea, Mick Finck-yea. All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.