

The February 7, 2022 Village Board Meeting was called to order by Steven Abraham, Village President, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building and ZOOM.

Karin Wolf, Clerk/Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted.

Roll call showed Cynthia Abraham, Steven Abraham, Tim Benjamin, Deb Creaser-Kipp, Jesse Jenson, Greg Kipp, and Terry Stamm present.

Citizen's Forum

Kat Degre asked the Board to reconsider denied operator licensing applications.

Public Appearance:

There was no Public Appearance.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law:

Police Chief Chad Weinberger spoke regarding annual evaluations for department heads and that the property and finance committee should consider meeting to look at increasing some of the fees charged by the village, such as fingerprinting, parking and snow removal fees. He also noted that there may be a new grant available soon to assist with the cost of screening new police officers.

Terry Stamm mentioned that he feels that committee chairs should be allowed to consult with the attorney and asked that this matter be placed on the March 7th, 2022 meeting agenda.

Greg Kipp mentioned that there has been some interest in changing to one meeting each month.

Village President Steve Abraham spoke regarding plans to hold a summer picnic for employees, board members and their families and that he hopes for the Christmas Party to be held next December.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Davy Engineering Phosphorous Limit Plan

Stamm/Creaser-Kipp moved and seconded a motion to approve Part A – the preliminary portion of the Davy Engineering phosphorous limit compliance plan in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Election Inspector Pay Increase

Benjamin/Jenson moved and seconded to increase the rate of pay for election inspectors to \$9.50/hour and for chief election inspectors to \$10.00/hour. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Computer Purchase

Kipp/Creaser-Kipp moved and seconded to purchase a computer for the office assistant in an amount not to exceed \$750. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Operator's License Application Tara Kathleen Cole, The Pourhouse

S. Abraham/C. Abraham moved and seconded a motion to table a decision on the operator's application for Tara Kathleen Cole until the March 7, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Reconsideration of Operator's License Denial for Nicole Lorscheter

Creaser-Kipp/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to reverse the denial of the operator's license for Nicole Lorscheter. S. Abraham asked for a roll call vote: C. Abraham: yes, Benjamin: yes, Creaser-Kipp: yes, Jenson: yes, Kipp: yes, Stamm: yes, S. Abraham: no. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Reconsideration of Operator's License Denial for Terrel Larsen

The Village Board heard from Police Chief Chad Weinberger regarding background check results, which disclosed four alcohol-related convictions within the past five years. Per the village's ordinances, this activity would cause Larsen to be considered a habitual law offender. These convictions also demonstrate the irresponsible use of alcohol and there is a substantial relationship between these convictions and the activity of serving alcohol unsupervised. The convictions were also not disclosed on Larsen's license application. Creaser-Kipp/Stamm moved and seconded to uphold the denial of the operator's license for Terrel Larsen for the reasons discussed by the Board. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Reconsideration of Operator's License Denial for Ashley Prusinski

The Village Board heard from Police Chief Chad Weinberger regarding background check results, which disclosed five alcohol-related convictions within the past three years. Per the village's ordinances, this activity would cause Prusinski to be considered a habitual law offender. These convictions also demonstrate the irresponsible use of alcohol and there is a substantial relationship between these convictions and the activity of serving alcohol unsupervised. The convictions were also not disclosed on Prusinski's license application. S. Abraham/Kipp moved and seconded to uphold the denial of the operator's license for Ashley Prusinski for the reasons discussed by the Board. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Operator's License Application Cassandra Jo O'Connell, The Pourhouse

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the operator's license for Cassandra Jo O'Connell. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Jenson/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.