



MINUTES

- I. Call to Order – President Adams called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Moment of Silence: Those willing and present took a moment of silence.
- IV. Roll Call: The following members were in attendance: Trustees: Bill Adams, Tim Frisbie, Rick Holmes, Carl Keller, Julie Merrill, and Gail Reisterer. Absent: Colin Bailey. Also, in attendance were: Village Manager Jim Mallery, Clerk Tracy Locey, DPW Assistant Director Jim Meyers, Police Sargent Darin Stanfill.
- V. Approval of Agenda – Frisbie moved, seconded by Reisterer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- VI. Scheduled Appearances
 - a. Field of Dreams – Josh Baird – Mr. Baird is a twenty-year resident of Vicksburg and is working with the Miracle League to develop a barrier free baseball field for children with mental and physical disabilities. A presentation was given on the Miracle League and the planned facility in Schoolcraft. Keller moved, seconded by Holmes to provide a letter of support of the facility and program from the Village of Vicksburg. Motion carried 6-0.
- VII. Public Appearances – None.
- VIII. Citizens Comments – None.
- IX. Approval of Consent Agenda – Frisbie moved, seconded by Reisterer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with a roll call vote.
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting: April 15, 2019
 - b. Warrant Reports: Mercantile \$122,961.81
 - c. Event Requests
 - i. VFW Poppy Sales – May 8-10, 2019
 - ii. Memorial Day Celebration & Parade – May 27, 2019
 - iii. Goodwin Graduation – June 22, 2019
 - iv. Barb & Jerry Wedding – August 24, 2019
 - d. Correspondence – None
- X. Council Action Items
 - a. Letter Supporting Field of Dreams – Action taken under scheduled appearances.

- b. Dangerous Building Hearing; 421 N. Spruce Street (3915-18-171-002) – Attorney Scott Graham addressed the council on the process of a dangerous buildings hearing. Graham will address the building inspector, Steve Siegwart, on various points to determine if the building is dangerous. On April 10, 2018 a fire damaged the structure at 421 N. Spruce Street. Several attempts have been made to contact the owner of the property and allow for time to demolish the structure. The owner was served and signed for the hearing notice on April 13, 2019. There were not been any written or verbal contests received.

Attorney Graham questioned Building Inspector Steve Siegwart:

- Graham: How long have you served as Building Official for the Village of Vicksburg? Siegwart: 30 years.
- Graham: Are you familiar with the building code? Siegwart: Yes.
- Graham: Have you been with the Dangerous Building Code and in the Village of Vicksburg? Siegwart: Yes on both questions.
- Graham: Has the structure been damaged by fire or some other condition? Siegwart: Yes, fire.
- Graham: In your opinion, could a portion of the structure become detached, dislodged, or could collapse causing injury? Siegwart: Yes.
- Graham: Is it your opinion the structure is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it was built? Siegwart: Yes.
- Graham: Have you personally inspected the structure? Siegwart: Yes.
- Graham: Did you participate in posting notice of violations on the structure? Siegwart: I posted notice on violation in October 2018.
- Graham: Did the owner or anyone on behalf of the owner take any steps to repair the property or put it in a condition so that it wasn't dangerous? Siegwart: No.
- Graham: Based on your years of service and experience as building inspector, your inspection of the property, and consideration of these factors, do you believe this a dangerous building as defined by Michigan Law? Siegwart: Yes.
- Graham: Any doubts? Siegwart: No.

Graham requested the council consider motion authorizing demolition because the structure is dangerous as defined by the law by the building official. Keller moved, seconded by Merrill to approve the recommended motion. Holmes inquired on the lengths taken to notice the property owner. The owner was tracked to Arkansas. Service was sent of the Dangerous Building Hearing and did sign for the notice. Physical service has taken place. Mallery recommend approval of the recommendation of the building inspector. Costs incurred for demolition will be added to the tax bill. Motion carried 6-0 with a roll call vote.

- c. Consider Approval of Revised Non-Motorized Recreational Trail – Not Sidewalk, East TU Avenue, Vicksburg, MI 49097 Agreement – Holmes moved, seconded by Reisterer to approve the Agreement as presented in accordance with the Road

Commission of Kalamazoo policy for trail ways crossing public roadways. Motion carried 6-0 with a roll call vote.

XI. Village Manager Report

- a. 3rd Budget Amendments – The amendments were reviewed in the work session. Mallery reviewed the process of budget development and review. Holmes moved, seconded by Frisbie the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with a roll call vote.
- b. IT Needs – Mallery presented a request for Information Technology needs. The request includes the purchase of new computers, servers, and tablets for council members. The total investment is \$23,582.00. Funds for the upgrades will be from \$8,000 of the budget line item for Capital Outlay Equipment – Admin Services and \$15,582 from the CIP Assign Fund Balance. Frisbie moved, seconded by Reisterer to move \$15,582 from the funds assigned in Resolution 01212019-1 to the CIP Assigned Fund Balance to 101.900.977.041 General Fund Capital Outlay Equipment and approve the upgrades as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with a roll call vote.
- c. Over Band Crack Sealing – Mallery presented a method referred to as Over Band Crack Sealing for maintenance on the following roads. Frisbie moved, seconded by Reisterer to approve \$7,369.65 for the project as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with a roll call vote.
 1. North Boulevard: West Prairie to V Ave
 2. V Ave: Village Limits to North Boulevard
 3. South Boulevard: Railroad Tracks to Dam
 4. South Main: Highway (W Ave) to Maple St
- d. Eastshore/O’Brien Land Acquisition – The needed properties have been obtained for the Trail North Extension. Mr. O’Brien is donating \$15,000 towards the project. The property was obtained for the \$30,000 as authorized by the Council.

XII. Department/Committee Reports

- a. South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority – No report.
- b. Downtown Development Authority – Debault stated the DDA approved \$8,000 for engineering services for the proposed parking lot on N. Kalamazoo. Two applications were received from the Vicksburg Foundation Grant Program. Tables have been ordered and will be placed within the next month. The deadline for the Spring Façade Program applications in next week.

XIII. Citizen's Comments

- a. Dirk VanKrimpen, 315 N. Main stated he appreciated the efforts of Mallery to resolve the lake level concerns caused by the dam flows.

XIV. Council President/Members Time

June 6th there will be an informational session at the Rim & Rail for open communication on the upcoming projects within the village and trailway.

Reisterer stated she is excited about the Field of Dreams project.

Frisbie thanked Mallery for reaching out to address the concerns of VanKrimpen.

Merrill and Holmes thanked Mallery for the great job he is doing.

Keller stated the Lions Club will be conducting its White Cane sale.

- XV. Adjournment - With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Locey
Village Clerk