

Village of Catlin
County of Vermilion
State of Illinois
August 20, 2024

The Council of the Village of Catlin met in the Village Boardroom in regular session at 7:00 PM with Mayor Justin Bargo presiding. He called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

Mayor Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Fred Rinehart, Kevin Kirk, Wanda Schmit, Ross Wilson

Also present: Tad Beddow, Carol Rinehart, Mike Stiles, Greg Phillips, Dave Biggerstaff, Travis Pearman

A motion was made by Rinehart, seconded by Schmit to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following item: Executive session

Aye: Bargo, Rinehart, Schmit, Kirk

A motion was made by Rinehart, seconded by Rinehart to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 6, 2024.

Aye: Bargo, Schmit, Rinehart

Abstain: Kirk

A motion was made by Schmit, seconded by Rinehart to approve the bills as presented.

Aye: Bargo, Rinehart, Kirk, Schmit, Wilson

Travis Pearman, Adjutant of American Legion Post 776, was present to thank the board for their help with their event last month. They are once again serving cheeseburgers on Thursday night as well as pizza on Sunday from noon–8PM.

They have new gaming machines and are finally starting to have revenue. The Legion is planning an event after the Lions Club Fish Fry on August 31. They will have the Darrell Heath band from 7:30-10PM and serve burgers and beer. A motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Wilson to close Commercial Street until 10:30PM.

COMMISSIONER RINEHART

A motion was made by Rinehart, seconded by Kirk to approve building permits for 20 new windows at the Catlin Church of Christ and a driveway repair and extension at 502 Allison.

Aye: Bargo, Rinehart, Kirk, Schmit, Wilson

A motion was made by Rinehart, seconded by Schmit to pass an ordinance vacating the 16-foot alley between 304 Allison and 306 Allison. Discussion revealed that this alley has never been used as an alley in recent memory.

Aye: Bargo, Rinehart, Kirk, Schmit, Wilson

COMMISSIONER SCHMIT – NO REPORT

COMMISSIONER WILSON

Clay Street, Lookout Street, Mill Street, and Mae Drive were finished today. There was discussion of the condition of the Christmas lights and whether they should be replaced or if we should hire a company to install and maintain them. This was referred to Commissioner Schmit since it falls under her jurisdiction. She will research companies and contact other towns to see who they use.

COMMISSIONER KIRK

A water line on Webster Court broke for the third time. It was decided to replace the line instead of repairing it again. The initial line was put in by the contractor, and it is not as good a quality as the lines now used. There was discussion of whether a grinder pump is needed at the lift station since it is always getting clogged. The flow has to be studied before making a decision.

Kirk has still not received the estimate from Anderson Electric to replace the existing control panel at the Webster Street Lift Station.

MAYOR BARGO

Mayor Justin Bargo presented information about a program called GoGov. Bargo feels the village needs a system to alert the residents to emergencies, boil orders, non-emergency events such as hydrant flushing, and special events. GoGov is a mobile app that can use push notifications, email or phone calls to notify those who sign up for the free service. It also is set up to connect to the village website for information such as ordinances and building permit requirements. It is currently used by Westville, Tilton and Oakwood. The mayor and the company will do the initial installation and then it will be maintained by the village clerk. Residents will register by scanning a QR code, going to the website, or directly on the app. The clerk will help people sign up. The cost was put into this year's budget.

A motion was made by Rinehart, seconded by Kirk to adopt the GoGov notification system for the village at a cost of \$3600 annually.

Aye: Bargo, Rinehart, Schmit, Kirk, Wilson

POLICE CHIEF TAD BEDDOW

Chief Beddow reported that the body cameras for the police have been received and the School Resource Officers will receive them first. The cameras won't be turned on at school unless the SRO is taking police action. The recordings will be kept on the Catlin Police Department server. Tad presented a modified intergovernmental agreement with Unit 512 and asked permission to sign it on behalf of the board. The school board will sign it at their meeting on August 21, and then the cameras will be distributed within the next week or two. After that, the Catlin police officers will receive their body cameras in order to fulfill the new state law requiring them by January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Kirk giving Chief Beddow permission to sign the modified intergovernmental government agreement with Unit 512.

Aye: Bargo, Rinehart, Schmit, Kirk, Wilson

Chief Beddow presented the new village ordinance regarding vaping. The ordinance outlaws vaping by minors; makes it illegal to provide minors with vaping materials, and bans vaping inside public buildings. The ordinance will go into effect in ten days, and violators will be ticketed and be required to appear in municipal court in Tilton. Beddow is also still working on a grant for speed limit signs on the school grounds. The school district is installing four plastic speed bumpers to help reduce speeding.

CODE ENFORCER BIGGERSTAFF

Dave Biggerstaff reported that he had six hearings in municipal court today. Three were postponed, and the other three were ruled in favor of the village. There were fines levied and due dates to finish the required work. A status check will be done, and fines of \$100 per day can be levied if the work is not completed.

Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Schmit to go into executive session under section 2C (1): appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body,

Aye: Bargo, Rinehart, Schmit, Kirk, Wilson

Regular meeting resumed with roll call:

Mayor Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Fred Rinehart, Kevin Kirk, Wanda Schmit, Ross Wilson

No action was taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Kirk seconded by Schmit to adjourn at 9:00PM.

Aye: Bargo, Rinehart, Kirk, Schmit, Wilson

Justin Bargo, Mayor _____

Carol Rinehart, Notetaker _____