

Village of Catlin
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois
Minutes of September 3, 2024, Board Meeting

The Council of the Village of Catlin met in the Village Board room in regular session at 7:00PM with Mayor Justin Bargo presiding. Mayor Bargo called the meeting to order at 7:02 hrs. and instructed Assistant Village Clerk Jane A Weston to call roll.

Roll Call: Mayor: Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Kevin Kirk, Ross Wilson, Fred Rinehart and Wanda Schmit all present
Assistant Clerk Jane Weston

Also Present: Tad Beddow, Greg Phillips, Mike Stiles, Eric and Melissa Hill and Carol Rinehart

A motion was made by Wanda Schmit, seconded by Fred Rinehart to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on August 20, 2024.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo

A motion was made by Fred Rinehart, seconded by Wanda Schmit to approve the minutes from the executive session board meeting held on August 20, 2024.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo

A motion was made to approve the bills as presented with the exception 6796 on wastewater for Fehr Graham hold this bill till next meeting by Kevin Kirk, seconded by Fred Rinehart

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo

Public Expression/New Business: Eric and Melissa Hill advised they are purchasing the old IGA and it will be housing the American Legion in 1/3 of the building and banquet hall in 1/3 for party's also maybe later on having office spaces to be rented. Would like to know if there is any tax help etc the village could provide.

Commissioner Rinehart:

Motion to approve 3 Building permits, Marty Clarkston 706 Westwood Dr Highland Gutters approx. \$4953, Brad Jarvis 118 Carrington for vinyl fencing in the back yard and Tim McFadden 108 E Fleming new concrete drive and patio approx. \$6,000. By Fred Rinehart, seconded by Ross Wilson

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo

Part of the budget update should be at 33%, the income for wastewater, water and general is close to 33%. If you look at the individual departments most are at 33%, however some lines are over. Those are circled on yours, should be paid attention to. Those involve bills that needed to be paid since we were so behind, they total close to \$87,000 which should have been out of the last budget. So hopefully we can get close to the budget by the end of the year.

Commissioner Schmit of Public Health and Safety:

Quotes for new Christmas lights, one company is \$7113 and the 2nd \$8720 which is not in the budget for this year. Would like to set an amount of donation for the Christmas parade but will go to the 1st meeting of the parade committee tomorrow and bring back to the table an amount at the next meeting. The parade will be Dec 1st this year at 6PM

Commissioner Wilson of Streets and Public Improvements:

Working on getting a tracking and recording system for the fuel to replace the fuel logs. Maybe getting fuel cards or a keypad system.

Apparently, the road work we had done with the 2nd project Chad from Fehr Graham advised we might have a fine coming because we didn't submit the 2nd project of additional road work, we thought it would be considered a continuation of the first, but it was to be a separate. Ross is working with Chad on this to get the answer.

Commissioner Kirk of Public Property:

We hired Ventura Mechanical to replace the pump at the pump station for \$5900.00 which was approved at the August 6th meeting. We do have the bids from Anderson for rebuilding the pump for \$4224.00 and the monitoring system at \$5480.00.

Currently we have 2 pumps working there, this is to build the 3rd pump for a spare pump. I would like to look and try and find a better price for this before we go ahead and spend \$10,000. We will also need to get a price for the electrical system.

Came in and talked to Cindy today about the past due water bills that date clear back to 2011. People are gone and we need to clean this up. This part has become uncollectible, we have some that during covid we could not shut anyone's water off and have several people that got behind during this time and some since. Mayor advises that he wants a list of the ones that we cannot collect due to death or people moving etc. its like \$22,000. We need to get that together for a tax write off, so we get some type of credit. Kirk advises that from this point on we need to live by the ordinance and shut the water off and they need to pay to get it turned back on. We need to run it like a business. We must pay Aqua for the water, so we need to collect that water. Mayor, I think we need to have a form made up to have the customer sign what they agree to pay to get caught up and keep track of it to try and keep a better handle on it. Also think we need to have another study session.

The last few months we have incurred problems down at the sewer plant and Todd now has his water license. What we need to do is secure time with Todd so he can get his sewer license. Lorin has been a good mentor on water, but Lorin is not a sewer person. We are looking at a former employee to mentor Todd as the wastewater mentor.

Motion by Kirk, that we terminate our contract with Lorin Kinney on September 30, 2024 and hire Tim McFadden start on Oct 1, 2024, Seconded by Fred Rinehart.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo.

Motion by Kirk, to approve a contract with Tim McFadden as wastewater mentor and operator at the wage of \$35.00 hour to pay by weekly with withholding taken out. It will not exceed \$900.00 a month, Seconded by Wanda Schmit.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo.

Mayor: Would like to talk about the sale of the grain elevator but before we do that I would like to go into executive session.

Chief of Police: Nothing currently

Property Manager Biggerstaff: Had court in Tilton today 2 cases one got extended till Oct 1 and the other has 30 days to finish project or fines will be imposed, otherwise still working on a couple other properties. The solicitor's ordinance is still being worked on by attorneys. Talked about Ordinance for grocery sales tax since it goes away from the state this year.

Motion was made by Fred Rinehart, seconded by Wanda Schmit to go into executive session: Under section 2C(5) of the open meetings act – The purchase or lease of property for use of the public body including discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo

Roll call was taken to return to open meeting session at 8:53pm

Present: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo, Assistant Clerk Weston

Mayor announced no decisions were made.

We have a bill for the rental of the land where semis park for \$3266.39 to NF Southern Railroad after discussion as a board we do not feel that taxpayer's monies should be spent to rent this for this amount. When it started it was \$25.00 per year and they have raised it to this amount over the last 4 years. Anyone wishing to park there can contact NF and Southern railroad and decide a plan with them, their phone number is 470-463-8028

Motion was made by Ross Wilson, seconded by Kevin Kirk not to pay the bill of \$3266.39 to NF Southern Railroad for the rental of the property where the semis park overnight.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10 PM by Kevin Kirk, seconded by Wanda Schmit

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit, Bargo

Assistant Village Clerk, Jane Weston

Mayor, Justin Bargo

