

VILLAGE OF CATLIN

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Village of Catlin
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois
October 1, 2024

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 7:03pm and instructed Village Clerk Autumn Lange to call roll.

Roll Call:

Mayor: Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Kevin Kirk, Fred Rinehart and Wanda Schmit present

Village Clerk: Autumn Lange

Also Present: Tad Beddow and Dave Biggerstaff

A motion was made by Wanda Schmit and Seconded by Fred Rinehart to approve the agenda with additions to the Commissioner of Public Health and Safety adding the topic of the Refund of Lions Club Donation and adding the topic of the 1% Grocery Tax Ordinance to the Mayor's Report.

Aye: Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 17, 2024.

Aye: Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit to approve the bills presented.

Aye: Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Public Expression – A Metro Representative was scheduled to attend the board meeting but did not appear before the board. Carol Rinehart recommended that we let Metro know that there is a homecoming parade on October 4, 2024, that may interrupt their plans.

Commissioner Rinehart: Commissioner of Accounts and Finance

Motion to approve 3 building permits by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit: 404 Douglas St (Steven Remole) – Roof Mounted Solar Panels, 622 S Paris St (Cathy Rick) – Roof Mounted Solar Panels, 409 Webster St (Chris Rays) – 10 x 12 Deck

Aye: Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Commissioner Rinehart discussed the Tax Levy that totals around \$202,173.00 now and more discussion will be held regarding it at a future board meeting.

The Budget vs. Actuals report was also reviewed as we are five months (42%) into the fiscal year.

Commissioner Schmit: Commissioner of Public Health and Safety

Commissioner Schmit is actively pursuing information regarding the Butler Branch Recreational Trail Grant. Our contact for the IDNR coordinator has not returned any emails or calls so we are looking in a different direction to get this matter handled.

A letter from the Lions Club of Catlin, Illinois was reviewed regarding their donation of

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\$5,000 for the Butler Point Recreational Trail Project. Since the Village cancelled the project moving forward, the Lions Club is requesting their donation to be refunded, and they will be investigating new ways to invest in the community.

Motion made by Wanda Schmit and Seconded by Fred Rinehart to refund \$5,000 to the Lions Club of Catlin, Illinois

Aye: Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Commissioner Kirk: Commissioner of Public Property

Commissioner Kirk visited the Pump Station and informed the board that Venture installed the missing seals so Pump #2 is officially installed and operating. He also explained that the tank that they were worried about potentially needing to be emptied is working much better now, the color has changed, odor has reduced significantly, and they are seeing major improvement.

Tim McFadden was hired as the Mentor of the Superintendent of Water and Wastewater effective October 1, 2024.

Mayor Bargo:

The Audit for the Village begins on October 7, 2024.

The 1% Grocery Tax Ordinance prepared by the Village Attorney was handed out and reviewed by the board members present with the intention to vote on approving the ordinance at the next board meeting.

Chief of Police:

Chief Beddow explained that the Municipality Court is looking for a new hearing Officer so current trials will be delayed.

Billy Hurt, who was sent to Grant Writing School, is actively pursuing a grant for 5 new tasers that totals \$12,700.

The speed bumps that were installed in the School District are helping greatly and they are still waiting on the speed signs.

Property Manager:

Dave Biggerstaff also touched on looking for a new hearing Officer for the Municipality Court so that gives residents even more time to handle matters with the village. A list of current case reports was also provided to all board members to review.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45pm by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit

Aye: Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo


Autumn Lange, Village Clerk

Justin Bargo, Mayor