

Village of Catlin

County of Vermilion, State of Illinois

October 15, 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 7:01pm and instructed Village Clerk Autumn Lange to call roll.

Roll Call:

Mayor: Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Ross Wilson, Kevin Kirk and Wanda Schmit present

Village Clerk: Autumn Lange

Also Present: Tad Beddow, Kim Powell, Mike Stiles, Greg Phillips, Todd McLain, Wendy Navel and Brock Read

A motion was made by Wanda Schmit and Seconded by Ross Wilson to approve the agenda for the meeting, October 15, 2024.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Wanda Schmit and Seconded by Ross Wilson to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 1, 2024.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Ross Wilson and Seconded by Wanda Schmit to approve the bills presented.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

Public Expression:

- Wendy Navel and Brock Read attended the meeting on behalf of Metro/Conxxus who is installing the Fiber Optic lines currently through the Village. There have been 2 supply lines busted during the installation so far so some of the streets employees also attended the meeting so everyone can be on the same page moving forward regarding their work and to prevent damage moving forward.
- Kim Powell with Scanics, LLC presented information regarding their cloud-based storage program known as "SILO". Their services would include digitizing any documents, shredding, printing, etc. Kim spoke with the Property Manager, Dave Biggerstaff, to come up with a more personalized presentation for the board that included how we could potentially digitize all the property files to make them more easily accessible for employees. The Village will continue to review their services and determine later whether they want to pursue this opportunity.
- Jason Biava from Atlas Total Homes attended the meeting to discuss more about the solar panels before the board made their final decision on installation. A solar panel breakdown sheet was assessed by the Board Members as Jason discussed that the rebates for the panels are guaranteed so the final price after those is \$7,472.31 and there are multiple

incentives/grant opportunities after installation. For the panels, there is a 10-year leak warranty, 25-year manufacture warranty, and 30-year Caulk warranty. Jason also expressed that there is an opportunity to install a TV within the Village Hall so community members can see the data from the panels that would include how much money the village is saving after installation.

Commissioner Schmit: Commissioner of Public Health and Safety

Commissioner Schmit discussed Halloween and determining the Trick or Treat hours for the Village. Motion made by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit to set the Trick or Treat hours for the Village to be 5:00pm – 8:00pm on October 31, 2024.

Commissioner Schmit also discussed the issue with loose dogs running around the village. After looking through the village ordinances and discussing with the Chief of Police, we encourage the community members to call the non-emergency line (217-442-0153) to report a loose dog so that the Police can address the issue immediately and issue a citation. If a dog is seized by animal control, it is the owner's responsibility for all fines and fees.

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvement

Commissioner Wilson is going to reach out to the President of Metro/Conxxus to discuss the work in town and determine if we can stop the work as of October 31, 2024, and resume the work later in the spring due to lack of resources and manpower as we near the winter months. He hopes to have an update for the board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kirk: Commissioner of Public Property

Motion to approve 1 building permits within the Commercial District by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit:

202 S Sandusky St (RL Holdings LLC/Rikki Linne) – Replace/Repair North side of the roof

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

Motion to approve 2 building permits by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit:

506 Allison St (John H. Watson III)– New siding, 12x12 wood back deck and 8x18 front porch

505 Douglas St (Glen & Rosemary White) – 10x16 Yard Barn

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

Commissioner Kirk revisited the discussion topic of the communication between Metro/Conxxus and the village employees. Each morning, someone from Metro/Conxxus should do a daily report with the village employees to ensure that everyone clearly understands the expectations for the day.

Mayor Bargo:

After more discussion with Jason Biava from Atlas Total Homes, Mayor Bargo believes it would be a great idea to proceed with the solar panels to cut down energy costs and provide more room within the budget for various other village opportunities. Motion to approve solar panel installation for the Village Hall, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Police Garage/Streets Garage and Park for an initial price of \$96,579.00 by Ross Wilson and Seconded by Kevin Kirk.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

Mayor Bargo presented the 1% Grocery Tax Ordinance No. 788 to be reviewed. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 788 that goes into effect January 1, 2026, by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

The Board reviewed the Budget Carryover presented by Mayor Bargo that broke down some of the invoices that were supposed to be paid during the previous fiscal year but ultimately paid during this fiscal year. The line items that needed to show adjustment were reviewed so the board could have a better understanding of their usage so far.

Chief of Police: Nothing currently

Property Manager: Not present

A motion was made by Wanda Schmit and Seconded by Ross Wilson to adjourn for Executive Session: Under Section 2C (1): Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body:

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Schmit and Bargo

Kevin Kirk stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session and called the meeting back to order and instructed Village Clerk, Autumn Lange, to call roll.

Mayor: Justin Bargo

Commissioners: Ross Wilson, Kevin Kirk and Wanda Schmit present

Village Clerk: Autumn Lange

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20pm by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit

Aye: Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Autumn Lange, Village Clerk

Justin Bargo, Mayor