

VILLAGE OF CATLIN

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Village of Catlin
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois
November 19, 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 7:00pm and instructed Village Clerk Autumn Lange to call roll.

Roll Call:

Mayor: Justin Bargo

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

Village Clerk: Autumn Lange

Also Present: Dave Biggerstaff, Greg Phillips and Pete Unewitz

A motion was made by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Kevin Kirk to approve the agenda for the meeting, November 19th, 2024.

Aye: Wilson, 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 November 5th, 2024.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Wanda Schmit and Seconded by Kevin Kirk to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on October 15, 2024.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

A motion was made by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Fred Rinehart to approve the bills presented with the exception of Check #6846.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Public Expression:

- Andrew Mudd, Attorney at Law, did not appear at the meeting as scheduled.

Commissioner Rinehart: Commissioner of Accounts and Finance

Motion to approve 2 building permits by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Kevin Kirk:

419 W Center St (Molly Fourez) – Expand Gravel Driveway

121 Coronado Dr (Randy & Paula Simonson) – Addition on Rear of the House

Motion to approve 2 solar building permits by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit:

116 Short St (Jamey Dunavan) – Roof Mounted Solar Panels

101 Meade St (Justin Bargo) – Roof Mounted Solar Panels

A motion was made by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Ross Wilson to approve Ordinance No. 789 for the 2024 Tax Levy in the amount of \$202,173.00.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

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Commissioner Schmit: Commissioner of Public Health and Safety

Commissioner Schmit thanked Jason Edwards, Cheri Welsh and Denis Schmit for their help in decorating the Village Christmas Tree as well as other outside decorations. She also noted that McLane Midwest of Danville donated multiple boxes of candy for the Catlin Christmas Parade which the board was extremely grateful for.

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvement

Commissioner Wilson met with the Metro/Conxxus Project Supervisor, Brock Read, with the village employees. Wilson expressed that Metro/Conxxus will pay for any damages made during the installation process. When it comes to street repairs needing to be done after installation, public works employee, Vince Chambliss, is obtaining a quote from a local street company to handle repairs versus Metro/Conxxus hiring someone out of the area which Brock Read was in full support of as well. After installation, Metro/Conxxus will come back to the area in the Spring to place straw and seed for any of the yards that do not seem to be well maintained after the work, and we will notify the community of this as it gets closer.

One water supply line was hit in the Village within the last few days, but the house was vacant and after contact was made with the owner, they are going to repair it in the near future.

The reindeer lights that are hung on the Village power poles are strung and ready to put up in preparation for the holidays and Wilson expressed it might be a good idea to continue to use the Salt Fork High School FFA assistance over the next few years to keep repairing additional reindeer/Christmas lights until they are all LED.

Commissioner Kirk: Commissioner of Public Property

Commissioner Kirk expressed that throughout the entire fiber optic installation, only 1 main and 6 water services have been damaged and while that may not seem ideal, we have over 940 services for the Village and only 2% being hit is much better than the alternative.

The drying bed at the Sewer Plant has been pushed up to the rear end for the ability to clean out and they will be replacing the sand. In the Spring, the debris will be removed and the Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Todd McLain, will be sending of samples of the debris to the IEPA to make sure they are safe to be removed. Pump #3 has been replaced and is running. There were 2 check valves that busted but have been replaced. To try to limit these issues, we will purchase Thermal Blankets to place over this equipment to ensure they do not get cold enough to bust.

Mayor Bargo:

The mayor discussed the Thanksgiving Bonus and what has been done in the years past but wanted to go even further to show appreciation and gratitude to the employees. A motion was made by Ross Wilson and Seconded by Kevin Kirk to approve the Thanksgiving Bonus for all employees of \$50.00 with the addition of a jacket and tumbler.
Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Mayor Bargo said that he would like to have a holiday party for everyone to get together to celebrate and help promote a good work culture within the Village. A motion was made by Ross Wilson and Seconded by Kevin Kirk to approve the Holiday Party pending more planning and determine the details at the next board meeting.
Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

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The board discussed the proposal from Scanics, LLC to digitize property files and make them more easily accessible moving forward.

A motion was made by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Kevin Kirk to accept the bid from Scanics, LLC in the amount of \$2,874.00 to digitize property files.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

The board also discussed the schedule for meetings in the calendar year 2025.

A motion was made by Kevin Kirk and Seconded by Wanda Schmit to have meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month except for December where there will only be one meeting held on December 16, 2025.

Aye: Wilson, Kirk, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo

Tad Beddow, Chief of Police: Not present

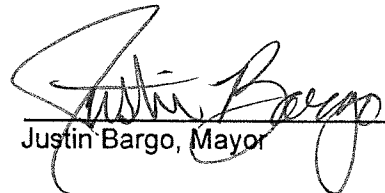
Dave Biggerstaff, Property Manager:

There has been a new city court judge appointed so they will begin to work on getting cases back up to speed for court.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00pm by Fred Rinehart and Seconded by Wanda Schmit

Aye: Kirk, Wilson, Rinehart, Schmit and Bargo


Autumn Lange, Village Clerk


Justin Bargo, Mayor