

**Village of Pocahontas  
Board Meeting  
Thursday February 12, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Village President, Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Adam Evans, Matt Hawley, David Crawford, Sue Kovach, and Tim Palen present. Trustee Danny Beard Jr was absent.

**January 25th Minutes:**

Karen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 25, 2024, minutes. Susie made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Bills:**

Bills for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through February 12<sup>th</sup>, were presented to the Board for their approval. Matt made a motion to accept bills as written with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susie. Roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Public Comment:**

*Rhonda Breslin, with Republic Service, was present. She was here to present pricing for services on a 3-year plan and 5-year plan. Susie made a motion to approve the 5-year contract as well as approved Karen to sign the agreement. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.*

**Attorney – Ryan Connor**

Ryan was not present but sent a letter to the Board to explain the Dollar General sales tax issue. We have been getting sales tax the whole time but not property taxes. But he advised we are on the tax bill next year. We can get access to a site that will let us see sales tax information. It is suggested that only a few have access to this and it cannot be a business owner as they should not have access to see other businesses' sales tax.

The 1% sales tax is being taken out but there were not any letters sent out.

**Water/Sewer:**

The water tower computer got fried because of the recent power outage.

Randi presented a quote from Best One for the tires on the backhoe. The quote is \$2100 which includes the installation, fill, and disposal of old tires.

Susie wanted to commend the Village workers on the cleaning of the sticks and leaves they have been doing.

They will be burning the brush pile on Wednesday.

Karen wanted to point out that the previous Public Works employee quit the job and was not fired.

**Building/Zoning:**

Don had no activity to report.

Don offered to help promote and market businesses to come to town and coordinate with the website designer. Adam made a motion to allow Don to be the Community Promotion Liaison. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

**Police:**

A Flock LPR is what was used to find and identify the individual that shot the Granite City police officer, whom of which was previously a Bond County Deputy. Our next payment isn't until June, which would go through June 2025. The board will give it more thought as to whether they want to cancel the contract before the next payment is due.

Angie advised that she is having a fundraiser at MOD Pizza on Sunday. The funds raised from this will go towards Frank's National Certification.

**New Business:**

*Creation of a Supervisor of Parks position:* Dave Crawford mentioned the suggestion for creating a Supervisor of Parks position. He stated this person could oversee the parks and see that all upkeep gets completed and would work closely with the Parks Committee. If this were created, this could be a role that an Administrator could take care of. Dave also suggested that people should start paying to rent the pavilions at the parks especially for large events. This will be thought about and discussed at the next meeting. The Park Committee will meet before the next meeting.

Matt made a motion to go into closed session at 7:52PM for personnel reasons. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:38 PM and roll call was taken. All members were still present.

Susie advised the Board that there is a Handbook section in the proposed new ordinances.

Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM, with Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.