

**MINUTES OF THE
WARRENSBURG VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR MALONEY opened the meeting at the Warrensburg Village Hall on Monday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., reminding those in attendance that the meeting was being audio taped.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Maloney; Trustees R. Ewing, D. Fisher, F. Musick, K. Musick, and T. Werren. Also present were Chief G. Wheeler, and Attorney J. Jankowicz. Absent: Trustee L. Hackl, Clerk S. Brown, and Director of Public Works, D. Hadley.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Maloney reported that he had received complaints from emergency personnel and Village residents that AT&T and Verizon cell phone customers were having insufficient signal strength. The Mayor communicated with both. He had learned that AT&T's closest cell tower is at the Hickory Point Mall. He was advised that since Warrensburg sits on higher ground, that may affect signal strength. He had been asked if there had been any recent changes and he had explained that wind turbines had been constructed, but had not yet been powered up.

He noted that Sprint customers are not having an issue.

Mayor Maloney noted that there had been resident concerns about work at Cenex. He could confirm that the building was not being torn down and he was not aware of any sale. There had been various rumors that a Dollar General, a Dairy Queen, doctor's office, or even an Ace Hardware Store might be coming to that location. He had no information about any new tenant for the premises. He was only aware that a company had been hired to remove the underground fuel storage tanks. No permits had been required and the work is now completed.

Mayor Maloney reported that some of the trustees had asked for business cards. He had looked at Staples, which wanted a minimum order of 250 cards. He was able to order 50 cards from DynaGraphics. The business cards should be received shortly.

Mayor Maloney reminded the Board and the public that the last 7:00 p.m. meeting for the Village would be on September 18, 2017. The following meeting, October 2, 2017, and all subsequent meetings would begin at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Geraldine Lowe complained about barking dogs and particularly about her neighbor, Mr. Sliney. She had been accused by him of being a bad neighbor, because she did not knock on his door when she had a complaint about the barking dogs. She had spoken with Clerk Brown, who advised her that it had been about four to five years since her last complaint. She went on to say that she had spoken with

Trustee Fisher and Clerk Brown about Mr. Sliney's dogs and barking dogs at the house at Off Street and South Main Street. She suggested that the relevant ordinance be put into the Village water bill and relevant ordinances should be put in every three months to keep all residents advised as to ordinances now in place.

Harold Hawkins thanked the Board and the attorney for their efforts in recovering Township tax money.

Tim Hoffman reported on the financial results of the Warrensburg Corn Festival. He distributed a financial report showing all income and expenses. Total income was \$17,117.00. Expenses, before Village payroll, totaled \$14,940.18, resulting in a gross profit of \$2,176.82. After deduction for Village payroll of \$1,754.00, the Festival profited \$422.82. He had indicated that the goal had been to break even.

He stated that the committee would like to have another Corn Festival next year and was looking at ways to save money. Perhaps the tents could be donated by the Fire Department. He thought Bingo might be added, or some other additional fund-raising. A proposed agreement with the Village was distributed outlining the agreement between the Corn Festival committee and the Village. It had been decided that a not-for-profit corporation would not be created for purposes of the festival, as expenses could be reduced if the Festival was run through the Village. The Board agreed to discuss this concept at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Maloney announced that he had received communication from the Everbridge Alert and Notification Program. As a result of Maroa's decision to join, costs had been reduced. The City of Decatur and Macon County EMA had been asked if they could provide financial assistance. City Manager Gleason had not yet responded. At the present time, the Village of Warrensburg has been invoiced \$1,001.00 for its participation.

The Village of Warrensburg Postmaster will retire in November. The Village had been asked if the Village Hall could be used for a retirement reception. It was noted that this topic is listed under Other and/or Old Business and the discussion on this topic would be deferred until that part of the Agenda.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2017 were presented for review. Motion by Trustee F. Musick, seconded by Trustee R. Ewing, to approve the August 21, 2017 regular session minutes as presented. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK: Trustee K. Musick presented the bills, Balance and Transfers sheet for the September 5, 2017 Board meeting for review. It was noted by Trustee K. Musick that the statement from Record & Jankowicz in the amount of \$1,496.50 was omitted from the General Fund bills. This increased the total bills to \$3,591.68 and reduced the General Fund balance to \$5,853.04. Trustee F. Musick moved to accept the bills with the addition of the Record & Jankowicz statement, the Balance Sheet

and Transfers. Trustee T. Werren seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the trustees voted as follows: "Yes" - D. Fisher, R. Ewing, F. Musick, K. Musick, and T. Werren; "No" - None. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER: The Village Engineer, Mark Bingham, was present and reported that the Lincoln Street work had been completed a few weeks ago. He recommended that milling occur next time. Trustee F. Musick stated that it did not look like much of the crown had been taken off. The Engineer reported that more was taken off than appears. It was also noted that the reduced budget did not allow for work with the storm sewer portion of the work.

WATER: Nothing.

BUILDING/LAND: Trustee R. Ewing reported that a letter needed to be sent to the owner of the Warren Street property regarding garbage and a letter needed to be sent to the Illinois Street property owner regarding weeds that need to be mowed.

FINANCE: Trustee K. Musick advised the Board that she had not had the opportunity to see the fiscal year 2016-2017 Audit/Financial Reports and asked that that be put on the next Agenda for approval.

STREETS: Trustee T. Werren reported that some work had been done last year on sidewalks, but those areas had not yet been finished. An example of the unfinished work was by the church. He would like to see the sidewalk finished.

Trustee T. Werren also suggested that the Building Committee Chair consider contacting Spencer to check the Village Hall heating system and conduct an inspection to make sure the system was in adequate working order for the coming winter.

Trustee T. Werren also observed that there was a house on Main Street that was for sale. The neighbor had been mowing the front yard, but the back was not mowed. The neighbor should not have to mow the property's front yard and the owner or the real estate company should be contacted to see that the property is properly maintained.

POLICE: Trustee D. Fisher had nothing to report. Chief Wheeler distributed the monthly report for August, 2017. Trustee F. Musick inquired what "theft over" meant. Chief Wheeler responded that any theft over \$500.00 is considered a felony. Chief Wheeler reported that Brutus starts his training in 1-1½ weeks. It is a six-week training program, and Chief Wheeler may have some officers cover his time.

Chief Wheeler also reported that the Village will be receiving a donation of desktop computers and laptop computers. He also reported that the Promethan board and program had been received.

SEWER: Nothing.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Nothing.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: Nothing.

OTHER AND/OR OLD BUSINESS: The Board resumed discussion of the use of the Village Hall for the retirement party for the Village Postmaster. The suggestion was that the group hosting the retirement reception would set it up and the Village would tear it down. Trustee F. Musick moved to allow use of the Village Hall on December 1, 2017, a Friday, between the hours of approximately 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the retirement reception. Trustee T. Werren seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the trustees voted as follows: "Yes" - R. Ewing, F. Musick, K. Musick, T. Werren, and D. Fisher; "No" - None. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee T. Werren asked about the continued inspection of the Beth Hughes property on E. Warren. Building Inspector J. Stapleton reported that he had only been able to do a partial inspection.

Building Inspector J. Stapleton also reported that the property at 235 N. Main Street owned by Gary Robinson still had tarps on the roof. The property at 237 E. Main Street had a garage behind the main home that either needed to be torn down or substantial improvements made. The roof does not appear to be repairable. It is his belief that the garage should be torn down. The Village needs to send a letter to the owner to demolish the garage.

Building Inspector J. Stapleton also reported that the garage roof at 330 S. Durfee was open. Mr. Hemingway had talked about making repairs but had not taken any action. That property needs a Village letter.

He reported that 273 N. Main Street had grass that was too high and a hole in the garage roof in the back. He thought that garage should also probably be torn down. The cost to demolish or repair the roof should be determined. Inspector Stapleton will check on storm damaged siding since the property owner claims he is waiting for an insurance check. Building Inspector Stapleton will provide addresses to the Village Clerk.

President C. Maloney announced that there was no further business to come before the Board.

Trustee F. Musick moved to adjourn and Trustee R. Ewing seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

President Maloney adjourned the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Jankowicz
Village Attorney