

Village of Stevensville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, June 15, 2022  
6:00pm

Meeting called to order by President Wenger at 6:00P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Trustees: Brian Liggett, Chris Mason, Jessica Patterson, Amanda Pohyba, Carl Steinberger, Pat Arter, President David Wenger

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Clerk: Tiffany Moore, Treasurer: Pete Plikaitis Manager: Kacey Dominguez

Motion by Arter to approve the agenda as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pohyba. Motion carried.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

None

Trustee Steinberger pulled the May Bills from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion by Steinberger to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the following items:

Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2022

Bank Balances

Resolution Approving Village Operating Millage Rate Levy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Traffic Control Order – Stop, Yield, and Traffic Signal Controlled Intersections.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Arter. President Wenger asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Brian Liggett – Yes

Chris Mason – Yes

Jessica Patterson - Yes

Amanda Pohyba – Yes

Carl Steinberger – Yes

Pat Arter – Yes

David Wenger – Yes

Motion Carried.

**Library Report**

Given by Connie Weaver

**Planning Commission**

2 interviews were conducted for the vacancy of Planning Commissioner. At that time, Nicole Stusick resigned, allowing there to be 2 opening.

Motion by Patterson to accept the resignation of Nicole Stusick and appoint Dawn Howley and Jess Hargett. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arter. Motion Carried.

**Finance Committee**

Working on correcting items in BS&A.

Motion by Steinberger to approve the 457b Resolution. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pohyba. President Wenger asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Brian Liggett – Yes  
Chris Mason – Yes  
Jessica Patterson - Yes  
Amanda Pohyba – Yes  
Carl Steinberger – Yes  
Pat Arter – Yes  
David Wenger – Yes  
Motion Carried.

### **Policy & Procedures Committee**

Provided a presentation on proposed amendments to the Parking Ordinance.

### **DPW Committee**

Did Not Meet

### **Manager Report**

Manager Dominguez provided updated police data. She stated the Red Arrow Resurfacing Project is complete. And she will begin a search for a part-time Clerk.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Mason gave an update on the pavilion project. \$150,000 grant was received and pre-bids are coming in around \$500,000.

### **New Business:**

Motion by Patterson to accept the proposal from the Berrien County Road Department for \$3,005 for street marking. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mason. Motion Carried.

Motion by Liggett to approve the Resolution Authorizing Signers of the MDOT Contracts. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arter.

President Wenger asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Jessica Patterson – Yes  
Amanda Pohyba – Yes  
Carl Steinberger – Yes  
Pat Arter – Yes  
Brian Liggett – Yes  
Chris Mason – Yes  
David Wenger – Yes  
Motion Carried.

### **Public Comments:**

George Lucas announced his candidacy for State Representative in the 38<sup>th</sup> District.

Laura Bradley – 5513 St Joseph Ave asked if there were plans to repair/replace St Joe Ave, and if not, could the larger traffic be re-routed to Red Arrow. President Wenger explained the process of Paser ratings, funding, and temporary fixes.

Matt Belcher – 5415 St Joseph Ave asked about day to day life styles as he regularly parks on the shoulder in the grass so his kids can play in the driveway.

Michelle Blahnick – 5415 St Joseph Ave asked about evens when there is parking on the grass, especially on St Joe Ave, she asked about those parking close to the Railroad tracks downtown and if the pot holes in the parking lots were going to be addressed.

Dave Boelcke – owner of multiple buildings on St Joseph Ave downtown said he would like to preserve parking for tenants who use the parking lot overnights. And clarified that he was giving permission by the Railroad in 1986 when the crossing gates were put in for parking behind his building. He said the Village gets

3 parking spots downtown, Full Circle has 2 reserved spots in the summer months and there is a Food Truck, so he asked how his businesses can get reserved spaces. Mason responded that the Food Trucks have a permit and during Covid, Full Circle was granted permission to use those spaces and the Village allowed that to continue.

Wendy Greathouse – 5575 St Joseph Ave said she doesn't understand what the trouble is parking on the green space along St Joe Ave. If the issue is mowing, then the Village can state the days that mowing is going to take place so there will be no parking there.

Pohyba stated the ordinance will not only affect those on St Joseph Ave, but her as well, as she will have to install an improved surface for her extra vehicle.

Arter stated that it has to be consistent for everyone.

Dawn Howley – 5325 St Joseph Ave asked if its possible to have special event parking.

Laura Bradley – 5513 St Joseph Ave said she appreciated the invite and looking for feedback but it seems like a lot of effort is being put into the ordinance for those that park there infrequently, maybe those that are abusing it should be considered and be approached and what about those using it for garage sales.

President Wenger stated that parking on unimproved surfaces has always been in the ordinance, it's more about enforcement and the ordinance can't pick and choose who to violate.

Kim Peters – 5457 St Joseph Ave said it is busy downtown in the summer and it's rare that people park in the grass on St Joe Ave. There is nowhere to park for gatherings, so maybe we need to get rid of the green space and make it public parking.

#### **Council Comments**

None

#### **Correspondence:**

None

#### **Announcements:**

Village Wide Garage Sale – Thursday – Saturday, June 23-25

Village Wide Large Trash Pick Up – Monday, June 27

Lakeshore Basketball Fundraiser – Saturday, July 30, 8am – 4pm

Family Fun Night – Friday, August 26

Policy & Procedures – Tuesday, June 21 – 11:30am

Planning – Tuesday, July 12 – 5:30pm

Finance – Wednesday, July 13 – 5:15pm

Council – Wednesday, July 13 – 6:00pm

Policy & Procedures – Tuesday, July 19 – 11:30am

Motion to adjourn Liggett. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steinberger. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned by President Wenger at 7:30pm

Submitted by: Tiffany Moore, Clerk