The Lyndon Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on May 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Lyndon Historical Society, 405 W. 5th St., Lyndon, IL due to COVID-19 stay at home guidelines by Governor JB Pritzker. Acting Mayor/President Becky Piester called the meeting to order. Clerk Georgia Schaver recorded the minutes.

Acting Mayor/President Piester directed Clerk Schaver to call roll. Those responding were: Trustees Tyler Scott, Bryan Bowen, Craig Bohms, Gary Sutton, Beau Wetzell, and Becky Piester. There were no absentees. Also in attendance were: Attorney Matthew Cole, Superintendent John Wright, Chief Mike Fisk, Treasurer Alicia Wetzell, and Dan Eyrich from Around PTown.

Acting Mayor/President Piester asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Mayor/President Piester thanked Carol and the Historical Society for the use of the building. She also thanked Susan Lanphere for making masks and donating them for the trustees and employees. Also thank you to the employees for doing what they do for the last two months. Also thanked the residents for doing what they needed to stay safe.

Acting Mayor/President Piester asked for a motion to reappoint Alicia Wetzell as Treasurer for one year. Trustee Bowen so moved, seconded by Trustee Sutton. On a roll call vote of Five Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, and Piester), and One Abstain, (Wetzell). Motion carried.

Acting Mayor/President Piester went over the Consent Agenda consisting of: a. Approve minutes from March 10, 2020 meeting; and b. Approve Accounts Payable. There being no items removed from the Consent Agenda Trustee Sutton made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Bowen. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Sutton made a motion to approve a fence permit for Derick & Rebecca Bonneville, seconded by Trustee Wetzell. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Wetzell made a motion to approve a fence permit for Randy Bender, seconded by Trustee Sutton. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Wetzell made a motion to approve a building permit for Randy Bender, seconded by Trustee Piester. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.
Trustee Sutton made a motion to approve a building permit for Chuck & Kelly Hall, seconded by Trustee Wetzell. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Sutton made a motion to approve a building permit for Mike Marschang, seconded by Trustee Bowen. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Wetzell made a motion to approve driveway at well repair up to $2,500.00, seconded by Trustee Bowen. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Wetzell made a motion to approve Financial Auditing Proposal from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for $9,000.00, seconded by Trustee Bowen. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Wetzell made a motion to approve debit cards for Superintendent John Wright and Chief Mike Fisk with $2,500.00 limit, seconded by Trustee Bowen. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Wetzell made a motion to approve Superintendent John Wright to purchase a DeWalt DCK397HM2 20 volt 3pc. Cordless set for $499.00, a 20’ type 1A extension ladder for $199.00, and a Still Leaf Blower hand held for $250.00, seconded by Trustee Scott. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Bowen made a motion to approve replacing 2 tires on back of garbage truck for $848.00, seconded by Trustee Sutton. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Sutton made a motion to approve outdoor music permit for Bushy’s Bar & Grill, Inc. for reopening day in June contingent upon governor reopening us up, seconded by Trustee Piester. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Piester made a motion to approve Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 5.08, Section 5.08.310 Relating to Outdoor Music at Bars and Taverns, seconded by Trustee Wetzell. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the abandoned property at 408 7th Ave. East in which Attorney Matthew Cole stated that August 1st is the court date because courts are closed now. The discussion was to keep it mowed but wait to fill holes until own it.
Discussion about raising per diem/meals allowance no action taken.

Department Heads Reports:

Superintendent John Wright stated has to get tires changed on garbage truck before get it tested. John also stated couple of trees in the park to take down. The arborvitaes by the bridge are dead need new trees in front of bridge. John stated will be flushing hydrants next week on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. Trustee Bowen asked what transpired down there where trailer got dismantled and John stated borrowed Bushy’s recycle dumpster and took to Paul McCracken’s. Paul is hoping in next couple of days to fill it just have it for short term couple of weeks. Paul plans to get trailer done then onto porch.

Chief Mike Fisk stated that Paul had got ahold of him. Chief Fisk stated that a landowner is going to be taking action for an eviction when the courts open up. Chief Fisk stated he had sent a letter to Kim McGee who lives out of state about grass needing to be mowed at a house she owns in Lyndon. Chief Fisk stated that on May 3rd the church we rent out had outdoor music/service with people sitting in their cars. There were a couple of complaints on the answering machine that Clerk Schaver shared with him about it being too loud. Chief Fisk talked to the pastor and they turned it down. Chief Fisk also stated that every morning at 10 have a meeting with sheriff, chiefs, state police, and sheriff department. Sheriff John Booker is anxious to have courthouse open. Chief Fisk stated that Lyndon and Albany have no Covid cases yet and that is a good thing.

Clerk Georgia Schaver had nothing to report.

Trustee Sutton thanked the Moore Foundation for setting aside $15,000.00 to Lyndon for local businesses. Don Vogel from Farmers National Bank had called Gary. Acting Mayor/President Piester stated she already talked to the businesses. Trustee Sutton directed to Attorney Cole as to if we need to send certified letters to all the businesses so they can’t come back and said we didn’t let them know. Attorney Cole stated as far as public comment everyone’s on notice. Attorney Cole understands the grant is for brick and mortar places of business not out of people’s houses. Attorney Cole stated each person has to enter into a promissory note loan agreement. Trustee Sutton stated make sure we aren’t liable down the street. Attorney Cole stated no won’t be an issue. Attorney Cole stated it is a first come first serve if you qualify you qualify.

Trustee Scott stated at finance meeting talked about budget and he would like to see a tally month over month and to have more trackability.

Trustee Bowen stated don’t see budget discussion on the agenda. Trustee Bowen needs final year end stuff for the budget. Trustee Bowen verified anything on IMEG on us. Acting Mayor/President Piester stated on loan not forgivable. Trustee Bowen stated with the economy’s state big part of the budget. Trustee Bowen asked the other Trustees their thoughts on how much percent to deduct from budget. The answers ranged from 5% to 15% with the consensus
being back out $50,000.00. Acting Mayor/President Piester stated at finance meeting only talk finances and budget. Trustee Bowen talked about get some contractors and get prices for street repairs. Trustee Bowen also brought up about trees which will be discussed in more detail at next meeting. Trustee Bowen asked what the cost is for Newsletter when we mail them. Treasurer Wetzell stated usually 250 letters and bulk mail about $60.00. Trustee Bowen stated probably hold off to send one till after come up with budget.

There was no public comment.

Acting Mayor/President Piester asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for: “Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed as provided by 5ILCS120/2/©21”. Trustee Sutton so moved, seconded by Trustee Wetzell. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried. Exited Regular Session at 7:02 p.m.

Returned to Regular Session at 7:16 p.m.

Acting Mayor/President Piester asked for a motion to keep closed minutes closed. Trustee Sutton so moved, seconded by Trustee Wetzell. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Scott, Bowen, Bohms, Sutton, Wetzell, and Piester), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss Acting Mayor/President Piester asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Wetzell so moved, seconded by Trustee Sutton. On a voice vote of All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Acting Mayor/President Becky Piester  Clerk Georgia Schaver  Date