

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WHITESIDE
VILLAGE OF LYNDON
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Lyndon Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 605 West Commercial, Lyndon, IL. 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 Becky Piester, Tyler Scott, Craig Bohms, Beau Wetzell, Gary Sutton, and Bryan Bowen. Also in attendance were: Attorney Matthew Cole, Chief Mike Fisk, and a few guests.

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

Acting Mayor/President Piester went over the Consent Agenda consisting of: a. Approve minutes from August 17, 2020 meeting; and b. Approve Account Payable. There being no items removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and possible action Acting Mayor/President Piester asked for a motion and second to approve. Trustee Wetzell so moved, seconded by Trustee Piester. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Piester, Scott, Bohms, Wetzell, Sutton, and Bowen), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Lindy Greenwood stepped up to the podium to address the board. Lindy thanked everyone on the board for all they do stating that she knows it's not always easy. Lindy stated that the LEAP committee held a meeting on August 31st and four people showed up. The next meeting is moved to 6:00 p.m. LEAP committee is trying to get Lyndon to be a better place to be and live. The next LEAP meeting will be on September 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Lindy's house, 504 2nd Street West. LEAP will be holding meetings once a month. Acting Mayor/President Piester stated can only have two trustees attend a meeting because if more that constitutes a meeting and that could be a problem. Acting Mayor/President Piester thanked Lindy.

Discussion pertaining to the backboards on the basketball court at Richmond Park consensus was to wait until Spring at which time can remove the broken one and move one of the others from the Pickle ball court.

Discussion pertaining to cement bag boards for Richmond Park will be addressed in the Spring also.

Discussion ensued about trees and bushes for replanting at the bridge. There was talk about possibly some kind of evergreens. This will be discussed further at the finance meeting as need to get prices.

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

Discussion ensued about building permits ordinance. There was input from the Trustees and Attorney Cole stated he could give a couple of examples of towns who have changed such an ordinance. The consensus was to put something in the newsletter that needed a permit prior to starting a project.

Treasurer Alicia Wetzell stated she has submitted a grant for Trees Forever Grant but have not heard anything back yet. They match up to \$2,000.00.

Discussion pertaining to Pryor Learning Solutions for Clerk Georgia Schaver for \$199.00 consensus was to wait for awhile as they are not having in person seminars at this time due to COVID-19. Tabled.

Trustee Sutton made a motion to approve the Shift Adjustment Form for employees, seconded by Trustee Bowen. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Piester, Scott, Bohms, Wetzell, Sutton, and Bowen), and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Consensus about purchasing 85 cubic yards of playground mulch for Richmond Park for a cost of \$1,785.00 was tabled until Spring 2021.

Trustee Sutton made a motion to approve purchase of 408 – 7th Avenue East from Whiteside County Trustee for \$793.00 and authorize acting mayor to sign the contract, seconded by Trustee Wetzell. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Piester, Scott, Bohms, Wetzell, Sutton, and Bowen), and 0 Nays. Motion carried. Note: Need to have an Ordinance for purchasing the property for approval at next board meeting.

Department Heads Reports:

Clerk Georgia Schaver: Talked to Danaca our QuickBooks advisor and she said do not do where you don't withhold Social Security from employees' payroll till end of year. If an employee were to leave then you would not be reimbursed when you have to start taking it out again in January. Danaca said not a good idea. Call sheet that Trustee Scott asked for (handed out a copy to trustees). Had 3 calls in July about what was going on with the bridge but they did not want to address the board. How do you want to proceed with this? Trustee Scott stated need documentation for the Municipal Code if people have issues. Put a copy in packet for regular meetings so if board needs to follow up they can. Clerk Schaver stated taking Friday, September 18th and Monday, September 21st off for vacation as my husband and I are going away for our 49th wedding anniversary.

Chief Mike Fisk: Arrested a female here in Lyndon for firearm possession. Tyler asked me to check into violations around town and I came up with 14 houses need something done. Chief Fisk doesn't think the States Attorney office is going to prosecute ordinance violations. There was some talk as to what to do and input from Attorney Cole. Chief Fisk stated there are trailers and boats on properties also. Attorney Cole stated to fine every day for nuisance violations and can put a lien on property if they don't pay. Chief Fisk stated in the past wrote the ticket and try to persuade them to pay. There was discussion between Trustee Sutton, Chief Fisk, and Attorney Cole about joining with Rock Falls for writing tickets and collecting money for fines. Trustee Sutton and Chief Fisk will meet with Rock Falls police to get more information to bring back to the board. Chief Fisk stated a lot of times the County is calling him for a call when he is off duty and he asked the board if he is on call to which there was no direct answer. Acting Mayor/President Piester comment was that you cannot be on call 24/7. Chief Fisk stated that he talked to Sheriff John Booker and dispatching cost could possibly be \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 a year but they cannot tell us a definite cost yet. There was discussion about satellite radios.

Superintendent John Wright: (Absent report given by Acting Mayor/President Becky Piester provided by John). Plow ordered from Monroe and is in transit. Porter Brothers for streets resurfacing towards the end of the month. SAW will be here in two weeks they are backed up with storm work. They will check additional damaged trees when here. Got 7 loads of hot patch so far still 1 street and post office to fill

and some intersections. There's a lot of flies at shop never had a problem before. Parts Master (Lawson replacement) 50% off first purchase, no contract, and no minimum.

Reports for Members of the Board of Trustees: Acting Mayor/President Piester went down each standing committee: Streets, Alleys, & Storms: Tyler None. Police & Public Safety: Becky nothing on that. Finance: All on that good. Building & Property: Beau nothing. Sidewalks & Streetlights: Craig nothing. Licenses: Bryan nothing. Waterworks: Bryan nothing. Zoning & Building Permits: Gary Mikey had it covered. Health, Animal, & Sanitation: Craig nothing.

Public Comment: None.

Acting Mayor/President Piester asked for a motion and a second to go into Executive Session for: "To discuss litigation affecting or on behalf of the particular public body that has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent" 5ILCS120/2(c)(11), Trustee Sutton so moved, seconded by Trustee Piester. On a roll call vote of Six Ayes, (Piester, Scott, Bohms, Wetzell, Sutton, and Bowen), and 0 Nays. Motion carried. Exited Regular Session at 7:11 p.m.

Returned to Regular Session at 7:43 p.m.

Acting Mayor/President Piester stated no action taken from Executive Session.

There being no further business to discuss Acting Mayor/President Piester asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Bowen so moved, seconded by Trustee Wetzell. On a voice vote of All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Acting Mayor/President Becky Piester

Clerk Georgia Schaver

Date