

CRAINVILLE VILLAGE BOARD
Board Meeting
Tuesday September 10, 2024

Mike Harbin	Nay	Sam Jones	Yea
Julie Aue	Nay	John Oetjen	Yea
Martin Bruyns Jr.	Yea	Jim Rains	Yea
Brad Olson	Yea	Jaci Chapman	Yea
Tena Steinacher	Yea		

A quorum was present:

Minutes:

Minutes from the August 13, 2024 Board Meeting were presented. There was one correction on Page 4 that should read Carterville Lions Club.

Motion 1: Rains made the motion and Oetjen seconded the motion to approve the September 10, 2024 Village Board Meeting minutes as corrected. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was given to all Board Members prior to the meeting.

Motion 2: Rains made the motion and Oetjen seconded the motion to approve bringing \$30,000 from the Illinois Funds to the Village of Crainville's General Fund. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Bills:

September 2024 bills were presented. Two bills were added. The bill from Halls Trucking for \$500.00 for Crainville Gardens to come out of the General Fund and Midwest Meter \$435.00 for water meter parts to come out of the Water Fund.

Motion 3: Oetjen made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to pay the September 2024 bills as amended. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Visitor Participation

No Visitor Participation.

PSC Engineering Reports (Ron Potts)

Samuel Road--Update

Potts told the Board that Benji Cain has started working on reshaping the ditches on Samuel Road, and after he is finished with the ditch work the surface material will be put down.

Robbie Church

Potts told the Board that PSC is developing the plans for the replacement of the sewer line that runs through the Church property. Once the plans are in place he will put the project out for bid.

Nathan Palmer Phase 1 and 2

Several months ago, Nathan Palmer presented a plat for a proposed subdivision. The Village Board signed off on the plat. As of the August Board Meeting Mr. Palmer has not done any work on developing the subdivision. He approached the Board with a proposal to revise his plat by dividing his project into two phases. Phase one would be developing the North part of the property including Mesa Lane and Bobcat Lane. The Board decided that Palmer, Rodney Potts, and a Board representative will meet with the Village Attorney to develop a new plat that includes all Board stipulations. Palmer will be required to provide the Village with the necessary bond for the project. Potts presented the Village with an estimate of the cost from PSC for inspections services for the Palmer Subdivision. The Board told Potts that the inspection fees are normally the responsibility of the contractor. The inspection fees will be discussed at a later date.

Scott Escue Invoice-Phase 2 Sewer Interceptor

Potts presented the bill from Scott Escue for the clearing work he did for the sewer replacement project off of Jennie Court. The bill is \$7,559.00. This money will come out of the ARPA funds. PSC will apply to the County for the money and once the Village receives the money, the Village will pay the bill.

Motion 4: Bruyns made the motion and Oetjen seconded the motion to pay Scott Escue Construction \$7,559 for clearing work on Phase 2 of the Sewer Interceptor Project (pay estimate Number One) money to be paid when ARPA releases the funds to the Village. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Charles Avenue

Potts told the Board that he will put the sanitary sewer lining project on Charles Ave. out for bid.

Department Heads

Water Report—Water Appeals (Pam Borders)

1. There were 805 water customers
2. 622 garbage customers
3. 5 building permits
4. 9 new customers

5. 4 final customers
6. Room Rental 1 \$45.00

There were no Water Appeals.

Online Payment

Pam Borders reported to the Board that many of the Village Water Customers would like to pay their bills with Online Payment. The Village Water Bills are sent out by the 1st of each month; however, the mail first goes to St Louis and then back to Carbondale where it is sorted and goes out for delivery. Many times, residents get their water bills late or in some cases not at all.

Borders presented to the Board an online payment program that is through United Systems and Nexbillpay. This program would allow customers to see their bills, get reminders that their bill is due, and pay online or they could elect to have automatic withdrawal from their bank. The cost to implement the system would be \$2,500.00, and there would be a 2.75% customer fee to use the system.

Motion 5: Oetjen made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to implement Online Payment for Village Water Bills; initial cost to set the program up will be \$2500.00. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Street/Water—Sewer (Ryan Farrar)

1. Put in one new water services.
2. Hauled dirt for Crainville Gardens to cover rock
3. Passed state pesticide test, and started spraying for mosquitos
4. The lagoon turned over had to recirculate and aerate the water to help with the odor.
5. Still having issues with the water tower telemetry. Still getting communication failures between the water tower and booster station.

David Lindley

Chief Lindley presented a written report. The Chief would like to apply for a grant from the Harrison Bruce Foundation to put the ALPR system in the squad cars. The Board asked for more information on the ALPR system before they will give him permission to apply for the grant.

Old Business

Crainville Gardens—Flag Pole

The flag pole base has been set, and two loads of dirt have been spread around the garden area.

Fire Hydrant

In May a truck ran over one of the Village's fire hydrants located off of Old Route 13. The cost to replace the fire hydrant, labor involved, and equipment used was \$5,322.20. State Farm Insurance sent a check to cover the Villages damages.

Tiny Homes

Shawn Griffith told the Board that he has sold his house in Crainville to his son. He built a "tiny home" beside his son's house that he will live in. He has water and sewer hook-up for the "tiny house." His "tiny home" is mobile, and he originally built the "tiny home" with the idea that he could move the house to different locations and stay in the house when he wants to visit relatives that live in different areas across the country. The home base of his "tiny home" would be behind his son's house. Griffith also told the Board that the previous mayor gave him permission to keep the "tiny home" on his son's property. The Board decided to let him keep the "tiny home" behind his son's house, but he will not be able to move the "tiny home" between locations. Once the he moves the "tiny home" he will not be able to bring the house back to his son's property.

There are other residents that might be interested in putting "tiny homes" on their property for myriad of uses. The Village does not have any ordinances that specifically address "tiny homes." There are Zoning Ordinances that refer to set backs, lot size, and mobile homes. The Village Attorney will look into Ordinances other municipalities have adopted regarding this issue and will report back to the Board.

Raymond James

The Village annuity has come due after the death of Ron Mitchell. The Board decided to reinvest the \$500,000 of the \$545,000 annuity in CDs with Raymond James. Thirty thousand of the money will be invested in CDs from the Bank of Herrin, interest from the bond will support the Childress Scholarship that the Village gives out each year. Jones also proposed that \$15,000.00 be put into the General Fund under the Crainville Garden line item. Jones will check on CD rates at the Bank of Herrin.

New Business.

Ryan Fulton-Solar Garden (SV CSG Corbell LLC located at 1405 E. Grand Ave/ Garrett Slack

Ryan Fulton and Denny Corbell made a presentation to the Board at the August Meeting regarding a Solar Garden that Denny Corbell wants to develop on his property which is located off East Grand. Mr. Corbell's property is zoned agriculture and if he wants to put a Solar Garden on his property, which is a business, he will need a "Special Use Permit." The Village sent out letters in August to all property owners that border Corbell's property informing them of his proposal to construct a Solar Garden. There was a property owner, Garrett Slack that would like additional information before he would agree to the Solar Garden. Jones told Corbell that the Village will set up a Zoning Board Meeting to review the issue and make their recommendation to the Board at the October Meeting.

Honor Wreaths

Motion 6: Oetjen made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to purchase ten wreaths for \$170.00 that will be placed on local veterans' graves at Christmas time. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Electric Rate Homefield

There have been several residents that are complaining that they are receiving several letters from Homefield regarding opting out of Homefield electric rate. Jones explained that every time that Ameren increases their electric rate Homefield has to send out a letter with their electric rate and give customer the option to opt out. The contract the Village has with Homefield Electric is up in 2025.

Online Payment

See under Water Report

Executive Session

Motion 7: Oetjen made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 pm for personnel issues. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

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The Board returned to general session at 8:20 pm.

Motion 8: Rains made the motion and Bruyns seconded the motion to adjourn the September 10, 2024 Board Meeting at 8:35 pm. All present voted yea and the Acting President declared the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Jacquelyn Chapman, Village Clerk