



Village of Risingsun

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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | MARCH 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rick Whetsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

John Dierksheide	Jared Capelle	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanietta Rodriguez
P	P	P	P	P	P

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting February 22, 2022.

1st: Jared C. 2nd: Juanietta R.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MAYORS REPORT – *Mayor Rick Whetsel*

- Executive Session: Time Out: 6:31P 1st Earl M. 2nd Dan C
Time In: 6:40P 1st Jared C. 2nd John D.
- Past Fiscal Officer was indicted. No comment until the proceedings are over as this is an ongoing proceeding.
- Pay raises for the Police Dept. in new business.
- Received a quote for fire extinguishers of around \$800.00. We had a lot that were out of date.
- Received 2 estimates for gutter work.
- I would like to ask council to appropriate 20,000. For repairs to the Village Hall.
- Message boards are in and will need assistance installing them here at the hall and park.

GUESTS – Justin Spencer (Village Little League)

- Sign up was a success. We will have 1 - 8u boys' team, 1 - 8u girls' team, Coed and T-ball. Also, we have a developmental group with 4 teams (Outlaws), Outside teams using the fields for Junior High (Lakota teams).
- Those players that were signed up but with not enough players were directed to other communities where they were able to get on a team.
- School ball is hurting the little league.
- Southwood League dissolved as they seen a decrease in sign-ups by 92%.
- T-ball will stay with Southwood.
- The remaining teams will play in a Hancock county league. There will be a north and south divisions so the teams will not travel far. Some teams from Southwood have also joined the Hancock league Cygnet, Bloomdale, and Bradner.
- Upgrades & Maintenance - 4 companies were contacted no one showed for bids. However, we did have one person come out and we are awaited a bid for some upgrades.

- Covid is finally out and the sponsorships and banners are coming in.
- John from JLB construction will be out to put windows in the block so the dugouts have a breeze and a window.
- Material will be delivered to take care of soft spots and wood chips will help with the mud and weeds.
- Salem / Vine field roofs on dugouts are safe but will be shoring them up.
- Will be moving and adding some signage as well at these fields.
- T Ball field will get more fencing.
- Pine field a 4H group to rebuild dugout with the help of Fremont Fencing. Mayor Whetsel added that the village has a bench for dugout if they would like it.
- Pine field will also be getting fertilizer
- Lakota, Fostoria, and Fremont will use Pine field for baseball due to the new grass infield. 1 – Safety 2 – Turning of tied slows ball down. Also, this field will and can be used for softball.
- While most villages seen enrollment down by 80% Risingsun has only seen a 50% drop.
- Accomplishments - Outlaws have signed a 3rd girl for a full ride scholarship to college.
- A memorial tournament to support a cancer research foundation is in the works hope to hear more in the weeks to come. The plan is to have it the weekend of July 29th will have other activities such as silent auction etc.
- Hope to have Saturday round robin as well for softball.
- THANK YOU! For the villages support.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.

- 1st Jared C. 2nd Tim W.
- All in favor (yes) Motion passed

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Cox

- Cinnamon roll fundraiser will be in May. Pre order and prepay only! See a firefighter if interested.
- Amvets donates to different organizations and have chose us this year.
- We have new recruits and have been told it is a 1 year lead time for turn out gear. Seems to be happening all over.
- Will try and find grant funding to cap all the old fire hydrants. Will try and keep 2 one at the hall and one at the elevator. The old hydrants just can't keep up with the modern trucks.
- Fire extinguishers need to be inspected on the trucks.

ZONE REPORTS –

- Earl M. stated last meeting he would get with Mr. Gallagher to see if he would be interested in talking with the village to see what we could do to take care of some of the run down properties that he and his family own. Earl M. reported back that Mr. Gallagher has no interest in discussing this matter.

STREET COMM. – John D. (Nothing at this time)

FINANCE COMM. – Jared C. (Nothing at this time)

ARP (American Rescue Plan) COMM. – Jared C. (Nothing at this time)

OLD BUSINESS:

- \$2000.00 for new signs will need help to install.
- 3 bids for the gutter / fascia project. Brown – No gutters just fascia \$4800., Timmons – No gutter just fascia and not the entire project 3750. Houston – 14,500. Entire job including rental of 2 lifts. (final cost contingent on how many fascia boards need replaced)


NEW BUSINESS:


- Pass pay raises for police dept. 4% starting in April.
MOTION: To pass Police Dept. pay raises.
1st Earl M. 2nd Jared C.
All In Favor – Yes Motion Passed
- Pass \$800.00 for fire extinguisher replacement.
MOTION: To approve \$800.00 to replace extinguishers.
1st John D. 2nd Tim W.
All in favor Yes motion carries.
- Appropriate \$20,000. To buildings and land to pay for the Village hall repairs.
MOTION: To appropriate \$20,000. For building repairs.
1st Earl M. 2nd John D.
All in favor Yes motion carries.
- Hire Matt Houston to do the gutter / fascia work on the village hall.
MOTION: To hire Matt Houston.
1st John D. 2nd Earl M.
All in favor Yes motion carries.
- Look at getting grants for new windows at the Village Hall.
- With all the repairs and ARP funds. It seems via Gena that the funds can be used on roads. (she will get support documentation to council). We will need to start looking into planning / bid process / and what projects we can do and is there time for grants funds to be used with ARP funds.

Finance Meeting will be at 6:00p.m. before the Council Meeting. March 22.

MOTION: To Adjourn 1st John D. 2nd Dan C. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting March 22, 2022 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall


Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk


Rick Whetsel
Mayor