



# Village of Risingsun

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## REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | OCTOBER 26, 2021

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Larry Below	Dan Connor	John Dierksheide	Jared Capelle	Linda Krotzer	Tim Woodruff
P	P	P	A	P	A

**MOTION:** Accept minutes from previous meeting September 28th.

1<sup>st</sup>: Larry B. 2<sup>nd</sup>: John D.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**MOTION:** Pay voucher(s) 14641 -14691 in the amount of 16,074.65.

1<sup>st</sup> Linda K. 2<sup>nd</sup> John D.

### **MAYORS REPORT – *President of Council – Jared Capelle***

- Vacation was not long enough. Big Thank You to Gena and Jared and the entire council for taking good care of the Village in the Mayors absence.
- Another Thank You to the Fire Department for doing much needed yard work on the hall was really appreciated and looks great. The Mayor wanted Mike (Fire Chief) to make sure and tell everyone Thank you!!
- Surrounding communities wanted the village to rearrange Halloween festivities for the Lakota High School Football send off. All plans will stay the same for the Village. Congratulations to the Lakota Football Team!!!
- Recovery Plan Capital Project – needs for the village
- T – Mobile / Poggemeyer Design Group Grant Opportunity.
- Ordinance O2021-012 Assessment of Street Lights for 2022.

### **FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – *Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk***

**MOTION:** To accept emailed reports/financials.

➤ 1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan C.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**GUESTS –** No Guests

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## STREET DEPT.

- Limb pick up will be the Thursday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be last limb pick up. Please this service is not for you trimming it is only for storm damage. We are seeing to many people stacking up trimmings. This will not be picked up in the future.
- Street Maintenance Position needs to be filled Rick will no longer be doing this position. There is much more than just mowing to this position please put the word out if anyone is interested please contact the village hall or send resume into the hall at 420 Main St. / PO Box 37.

## FIRE DEPT.

- New pagers have been ordered and are being programed as we speak. The new pagers will accept VHS signal. Will need look into possibly updating our Seneca Cty radio in the radio room. The new radio will come at cost Mike C. plans to discuss with Jackson Twp. to see if they could absorb some of the cost.
- Movie Night on Saturday! Can't watch a movie in the daylight .... Movies will start at 7:30p.m. Hot Dogs, Popcorn and other snacks and beverages will be provided. The location will be in the Fire Department parking lot. Mayor Rick W. said a thank you to the Fire Dept. for putting this together.

## POLICE DEPT.

- Nothing to report.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY – John Dierksheide

- Plaque is going to be delayed due to Covid/staffing issues. So, the new date to receive the Historical Marker will be April or May in 2022. Tentative ceremony date will be May 21 – 22.

## ZONE REPORTS –

**Linda (Zone 4)** – She is keeping her eye on some items.

**John (Zone 3)** – Mayor stated there was a complaint in this zone, person is hanging no trespassing signs on property that doesn't belong to them. Mayor and John to go and address these issues and get the situation under control.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Halloween parade, trick or treat and movie night this Saturday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. All on schedule. Let's hope the weather holds.
- Limb Day this Thursday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. (last one)
- Bone fire for football team at the park Fri. night - Is a negative. Athletic Director for Lakota will not allow it. However, the Lakota Football Team will walk in the Halloween Parade.
- Election next week Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021. Please get out and vote we need to pass our operating levy (renewal). 4 council seats are up grabs and 2 people running. We will need to fill the other 2 open seats. If interested send information to the hall and the council will be holding interviews going forward in Nov. and Dec. Good Luck Tim Woodruff and Earl Morse.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Recovery Plan needs updated. Ideas for Capital Expenses need to get to Gena ASAP. We have also reached out to Fire Chief Mike Cox and Police Chief Shawn Beckley.
- T-Mobil is offering a non-matching grant opportunity. Rick W. I would like a motion to sit and discuss this opportunity with Michelle a representative from Poggemeyer. Rick would also like a member from council to sit in on these meetings. John D. asks what the cost would be to the village if Poggemeyer is involved. Mayor Whetsel indicated that if any compensation was made it would most likely come out of the grant funds.

**MOTION:** To allow Mayor and Council to discuss opportunities.

1<sup>st</sup> Larry B. 2<sup>nd</sup> John D.

All In Favor – Yes Motion Passed.

- Working Session for council will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> with auditors from 2p – 4p.
- Council Meeting in December will be moved up to December 14<sup>th</sup>. Auditors will be in attendance. Auditors are saying we could possibly be out of Fiscal Emergency sometime next year at the earliest only if the Levy passes.
- Tree Lighting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Kids Christmas Party will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Park Building from 7:30 – 9p.m.
- Ordinance O2021-012 An Ordinance to Assess special assessments for the cost of the street lighting and declaring and emergency.

**MOTION:** To Pass O2021-012 An Ordinance to Assess for Street Lighting

1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda K.

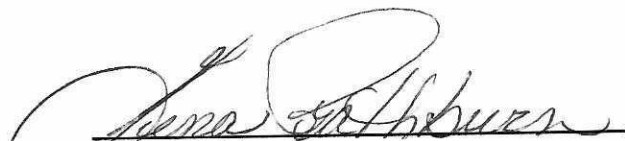
All In Favor – Yes Motion Passed.

Linda K – Y, Larry B. – Y, Dan C. – Y, John D. Y

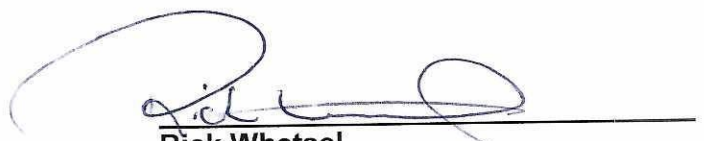
- Street Department Position is still available if you know anyone interested send info into the hall. This position will need BCI/FBI drug testing and will need to know light electrical and plumbing.
- 2 Properties are going to be cited in the upcoming month will get our lawyer involved to make sure we do not miss anything and do this by the book.
- Zoning Board – We will start meeting with candidates Nov. and Dec. and look at getting the committee established before spring. We would like to see some homeowners on the committee this is not a position that is compensated. You will also not be asked to confront any violators.

**MOTION:** To Adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda K. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting November 23, 2021 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall



**Gena Rathburn**  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk



**Rick Whetsel**  
Mayor