

Village of Iola  
Regular Meeting  
January 2,2023 6:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Carol Oestreich

Trustees attended:	Absent:
Kevin Horath	Victor Mitchell
Michael Bryant	
Michael Butts	
Beth Jones	
Christopher Scott	
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Village Clerk Carol Oestreich and Treasurer Elise Budde present.

The reading of minutes of the regular meeting of December 5,2022 was made. Motion was made to approve by Kevin Horath and seconded by Michael Bryant. All were in favor.

Treasury report was read. Motion was made to approve by Kevin Horath and seconded by Michael Bryant. The motion passed.

#### Old Business

The Wabash construction is coming along. They will paint the hall and bathrooms and are waiting for the door to arrive. Some water and termite damage was discovered in the frame but the frame is to be replaced because the wall is load bearing. In addition, there is to be some concrete work to divert the standing water.

#### New Business

Victor wants to step down temporarily due to medical issues and recommended Michael Butts to fill in during his absence. According to the municipal league handbook, the board may vote for a mayor pro tem. Kevin made the motion that Michael Butts fill this position, Joe seconded, and all were in favor.

Michael Bryant brought up the tap fee charges on a village resident, and late fees associated with the balance on said fees. It was decided to waive the late fees and try to implement a payment plan so that the tap fees will be paid in a timely manner; for example: 6 months at approximately \$300.00 a month. This was decided due to a conflict in communication, but all future tap fees must be paid in advance before the service is started.

Michael Butts suggested that we buy a mini excavator for ditch work in the village. He had found a 2004 CAT 304 for \$28,500.00. Christopher Scott made the motion for him to investigate it and Joe seconded. All were in favor.

The \$1.00 an hour raise for hourly employees was then brought up. Kevin made the motion to pay the raise, Michael Butts seconded, and all were in favor.

A raffle to raise funds for the community building fund was discussed. Michael Butts and Carol Oestreich will investigate prices on shotguns and possible discounts. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The motion to pay the monthly bills was made by Christopher Scott and seconded by Michael Bryant.

The motion to adjourn was made by Michael Bryant and seconded by Joe Thomson.