

VILLAGE OF VANLUE

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Robert Wells, Mayor

Leo Hendricks, Village Administrator

Melinda Boyd, (Fiscal Officer)

April 22, 2024

On April 22, 2024, the Council met in regular session at the Vanlue Village Town Hall and was called to order by Mayor Robert Wells at 7:00 PM.

Roll call of Council Members Present by Mayor Wells:

Amy Wiseley
Becky Nye

Ann Burrell
Robert Greene Absent

Jeri Wenger (P)
Melissa Caudill

Village Employees in attendance:

Leo Hendricks (Village Administrator)
John Filkins (Village Solicitor)
Mindy Boyd, Fiscal Officer
Craig Bowman (Zoning)
John Nye (water/sewer clerk)
Mike Bakies, water operator

Village Residents or other in attendance were:

Lindsay Hollar from Sheldon Gas

All reports, minutes and agendas are sent electronically to all of the Council prior to the meeting so they can be reviewed by Council members and the Mayor. The same reports are available to the public at the meeting.

The reading of and a motion to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2024 meeting was made by Ann Burrell and Amy Wiseley seconded
Motion passed 5 - 0.

Reading of and motion to accept the agenda for the May 20, 2024 meeting was made by Melissa Caudill and Jeri Wenger seconded by
Motion Passed 5 – 0

Reading of and motion for approval of current expenditures Amy Wiseley motioned to accept the seconded by Becky Nye.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Reading and motion to accept the financial documents/bank reconciliation/fund summary as presented. Jeri Wenger motioned to accept, and Ann Burrell seconded it.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Public Participation:

Lindsay Hollar from Sheldon Gas attended the meeting to review and present the ordinance authorizing rate increases for the next 3 years. There was a place where there was just a blank line and incomplete statement. Council would like to know what the blank line is for and also would like John Filkins, Village Solicitor to review. Lindsay was ok with this. She was going to look into the blank line as well. She also informed Council there will be some projects starting this summer.

Departmental Reports:

VCO Sharon May:

Jeri spoke for the park and informed Council the park needs help to fill in ruts. Leo had talked to Jeff and told him the town will do the fill in south of the water tower.

2024 VCO yearly calendar

- June 14 and 15th Village garage sales
- July 25, 26, 27 Vanlue Fest
- September 21 Veterans Parkway chicken BBQ
- October 24th Trick or treat.
- November
- December 1 Christmas in the Park
- December 22 Village Christmas caroling

Committee Reports:

. Trees, Streets & Sidewalks – Amy Wiseley & Ann Burrell

- Ann is getting an updated estimate for the 4 trees that could not be done last year.

Zoning:

- Roger Tanner has a bench warrant out for him due to not showing up for court.
- Dave Wilcox will put the fence up around the pond when seeding is done.

Finance and Community & Public Relations–Melissa Caudill & Rebecca Nye:

- Becky and Melissa are both posting on Facebook.
- Becky has been reviewing payments and receipts, she has printed posters regarding the Spring cleanup.

Buildings and Grounds and Records: Jeri Wenger (P) & Robert Greene:

Both Becky and Jeri did research on solar panels. There is a good chance that some of the solar panels will have leakage and that is not alright. There also a question if the solar company would mow. The would mow twice a year.

Village Administrator, Leo Hendricks

The Eclipse went smoothly, with no disruptions in town.
Found the suspected leak in the water system. The service line to the Wildcat Café is the culprit. Shaferly will be replacing the line tentatively in the middle of next week. Discussed with Amy at the restaurant on water disruptions.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Submitted the required annual report for ARPA spending.
Have used all but \$72 of ARPA funds – all on water/sewer related.
Water Related
Mike has created the 2023 CCR report which will be available on the website, and notes will be added to next month's bills directing consumers to the direct link to view or request hard copies.
Mike switched chemical suppliers this month for substantial savings.
Mike Bakies is still diligently working on the softeners to alleviate taste/smell issues and get softeners fully functional.
Received needed replacement pipes for the softeners – one is defective, working with vendor on expedited replacement.
Submitted the Lead & Copper periodic sampling sites update which dovetails with the recent L & C Service lines inventory,
Applied for a SWAP grant and requested \$14,900. We will be required to develop and implement a Source Water Area Protection plan as per guidelines. If approved, should know sometime in May, and will have six months to spend monies. A committee will need to be formed by the Mayor of community and business persons to help develop the Protection Plan.
Had 20 delinquencies this month with no disconnects.
Website: 46 people have signed up so far for text or email alerts and news.
Paystar Statistics to date - during the March payment month:
45 customers or 25% of the total water/sewer customers used the Paystar option for \$4,510 in collections.
The 26-month average is 33 customers or 18.4% utilizing Paystar each month.
Total transactions of 863 and collections to date are \$91,834.

Sewer/Storm Sewer Related

The catch basin on Crawford St. at the water tower now has a screen over the grate to help alleviate being plugged up with stone in the future.

Amanda township installed additional culverts on Twp Rd 197 west of town to help alleviate flooding in times of heavy rains.

Streets

Awaiting letter of intent from Toby Brooks for the potential vacation of alley & street right of way between Shepherd & Brooks properties. Exploring whether additional property owners along 100 block of West North Street would consolidate alley vacation requests.

Mike & Austin serviced and repaired the mower and will be preparing the tractor for spring mowing.

The Kubota needed to have a rim and tire replaced after a blowout. The council should consider possibly replacing the mower this year. It is a 2005 model with almost 2,000 hours.

Veterans Parkway

Banners were installed by April 8th for the Eclipse.

Pine Tree was removed by April 8th .

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner was held on April 13th ,

Mayor’s report and New Business

- Next meeting is Monday May 20, 2024 at 7 pm at the town hall.
- Spring clean up is May 4th, 2024
- There have not been any updates on the approving of HB197 regarding the solar panels.

Old Business:

Fiscal Officer Melinda Boyd

- Ann is on the schedule for cleaning in May
- Mindy will be on vacation from May 4 - 12.
- Council had no objections to the renewal of the gas stations liquor permit.
- The Village received \$47.73 as of now, from the County’s reassessment fund.

A motion was made by Jeri Wenger and seconded by Ann Burrell to adjourn the April 22, 2024 Village of Vanlue Council meeting at 7:55 pm
Motion passed 5-0

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER