

Village of Pocahontas
Regular Board Meeting
Monday May 5, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Village President, Karen Heilig. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll call was taken with the following trustees present: Matt Hawley, Dave Crawford, Pat Forhan, Adam Evans, and Danny Beard Jr. Trustee Sue Kovach was absent.

Also present were Loni Hensler, Diane Griffith, Briar Weiss, Randi Smith, Tina Aper, Don Hawley, Shannon Links, Terry Huber, Brenda Kleinik, Jeff Kleinik, Allie Hunter, Katie McCall, Amanda Bodi, Molly Kious, Jennifer Rick, Rich Accornero, Karen Accornero, , Chris Timmermann, Dawn Weiss, Carol Heilig, David Hunter, Donna Hill, Mel Griffith, mike Haberer, Nancy Haberer, Nikki Anthony, Denny Maroon, Johnnie McNeece, Howard McNeece, Andrew Wilfong, Rachel Wilfong, and Attorney – Michael Geaschel.

New Business

Consideration/Action: *Swearing in of new Trustees*

Karen Heilig swore in newly elected trustees, Danny Beard, Pat Forhan, and Allie Hunter.

Consideration/Action: *Appointment of vacant mayor position*

Adam Evans made a motion to appoint Pat Forhan as mayor. Dave Crawford 2nd – roll call on motion: with Dave Crawford - Aye, Adam Evans - Aye, Danny Beard - Aye, Allie Hunter – Aye and Pat Forhan – Abstain, motion carried.

Consideration/Action: *Declaration of vacant trustee(s) position and appointment to fill*

Pat advised that he would like to appoint Shannon Links for the vacant unexpired 2-year term and Brenda Kleinik to take over his position as Trustee. Adam made a motion to accept the appointments. Danny 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved. New members were then sworn in by Clerk Loni Hensler.

Consideration/Action: *Add mayor to First Mid accounts as an additional signer*

Adam made a motion to add Pat to all First Mid accounts as an additional signer. Dave 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Consideration/Action: *Add Diane, Loni, and mayor to all FNB accounts and remove all others currently listed*

Adam made a motion to add Diane, Loni, and Pat to all FNB accounts and remove all others currently listed. Dave 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Consideration/Action: *Cost of Living Raise for Public Works and Treasurer*

Dave made a motion to approve a cost-of-living raise for public works and the treasurer at a 2.5% rate. Adam 2nd – roll call on motion, with all yes, motion approved.

Discussion: *Committee Updates*

The mayor will assign the new committee replacements and will bring this information to the next meeting.

Pat wanted to state that he is excited about this new board and thinks that they will be able to accomplish many things.

Public Comment:

Chris Timmermann advised that there were 214 Side-by-Side permits issued this past year and each town will receive \$2,140.00.

Matt advised that with he and Susie not being a part of the board, someone else will need to be a part of the SIMPAC committee to represent the Village.

Pat wanted to thank Karen for her years of service to the community.

Andrew and Rachel Wilfong were present representing the fire department. The fire department is willing to pay to add extra power to the southeast side of the park as well as add extra lighting on one of the poles on the east side. They are seeking permission to do so from the Village. They were advised to go ahead and get quotes and once they have them, a special meeting can be held to make the approval.

Molly Kious asked if the meetings could be live-streamed and spoke about her concerns of a member on the board having too much access to funds.

Carol Heilig wanted to ask about the status of the Problematic Property.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.