

*Village of Fall Creek*  
*Minutes of Regular Village Board Meeting*  
*October 14, 2019*

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Pledge to Flag**
3. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Village President Chester Goodman, Trustees Joyce Aldrich, Bob Jenkins, Matt Mattoon, Tim Raap, Karen Strasburg, Dane Zook. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Police Chief Chad Dachel, Public Works Director Bryan Kaatz, Clerk-Treasurer Renee Roemhild. Also Present: Auditor Brock Geyen of Clifton Larson Allen, Wayne Grosskopf, and 3 citizens.
4. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted in the three public places and local newspapers were notified.
5. **Adopt Agenda:**
  - MOTION (Mattoon/Aldrich) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
6. **Act on Minutes:**
  - MOTION (Mattoon/Aldrich) to approve the 9/9/19 Regular Village Board meeting and the 9/24/19 Parks & Rec Committee meeting minutes. PASSED, without negative vote.
7. **Citizen Input:** None.
8. **Correspondence:** None.
9. **Budget Comparison Report/Financial Considerations:**
  - MOTION (Mattoon/Aldrich) to approve the 9/30/19 Budget Comparison Report and the Clerk-Treasurer's monthly report. PASSED, roll call vote: Goodman-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Zook-yes, Aldrich-yes.
10. **Consider Bills:**
  - MOTION (Mattoon/Aldrich) to accept the Check Register Report for payment of bills #25042-25104, CC19058-19071, V19250-19276. PASSED, roll call vote: Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Zook-yes, Aldrich-yes, Goodman-yes.
11. **Scheduled Speakers/Issues of Interest**
  - A. **Wayne Grosskopf, Request from Fire District for 2020 Proposed Budget:** Wayne Grosskopf reported on the fire department's proposed budget.
    - MOTION (Mattoon/Aldrich) to accept the Fire District's budget for 2020. PASSED, roll call vote: Mattoon-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Zook-yes, Aldrich-yes, Goodman-yes, Jenkins-yes.
  - B. **Norm Brunkow, Request for Location of and Addition to Randall Park Sign:**
    - MOTION (Jenkins/ ) approving the request to add on a section to the Randall Park Sign noticing the American Legion Veterans Memorial, per the discretion of the Public Works Director. Jenkins later retracted his motion.
    - MOTION (Mattoon/Aldrich) approving request to add a section on the Randall Park Sign noticing the American Legion Veterans Memorial, per the discretion of the Public Works Director, with the stipulation that the addition to the sign is made of similar material as the current sign and is aesthetically cohesive in nature. PASSED, with Jenkins opposed.
    - MOTION (Mattoon/Aldrich) to leave the sign in the current location. PASSED, without negative vote.
  - C. **David Bougie, Request for Placement of Boy Scout Storage Shed:**
    - MOTION (Zook/Mattoon) to rescind the motion made on June 13, 2016 which granted permission for a building to be constructed in Keller Park which would then become the property of the Village, and the Village would in turn grant a

lifetime lease given to Boy Scout Troop 79. Motion is now rescinded. PASSED, without negative vote.

- MOTION (Zook/Mattoon) to allow Pack 79 to purchase a tasteful storage shed, place on runners, and locate shed in the parking lot of the Public Works building at 530 E Lincoln Avenue. Motion includes direction that if the location doesn't work out, the Village Board will request it be moved to another Village property. DENIED, with Aldrich, Jenkins, Raap, Strasburg opposed.

**D. Auditor Brock Geyen of Clifton Larson Allen, Audit for Year-Ended 12/31/2018:**

Auditor Brock Geyen reported on the audit for year-end 12/31/18 stating the overall financial condition of the Village is good. Geyen presented a summary of revenues, expenditures, fund balance, and long-term obligations for the General Fund, as well as the Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Funds, and Enterprise Funds.

**12. Police Department**

**A. Monthly Report:** Police Chief Chad Dachel presented the monthly report of cases/calls for service.

**B. Consider Agreement with EC County Humane Association:**

- MOTION (Jenkins/Strasburg) approving agreement per the discretion of the Police Chief, to keep the agreement with EC County Humane Association the same as last year. PASSED, without negative vote.

**C. Consider Bartender Operator License Applications:**

- MOTION (Mattoon/Zook) granting a bartender operator license for the remainder of the 2019/2020 license year to Tanya Wasson, Jack Nelson, Jeffrey Manor, Trista Jacobson, Kimberly Geske, and Corrinna Scoville. PASSED, Strasburg and Aldrich opposed.

**D. Set Halloween "Trick or Treat" Hours:**

- MOTION (Jenkins/Mattoon) setting the trick or treat hours as October 31 from 5-7 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

**13. Public Works Department**

**A. Monthly Report:** Director Bryan Kaatz gave his monthly report on various matters concerning the public works and utility departments.

**B. Consider 2019/2020 RD Projects: McKinley Avenue Reconstruction Project:** PWD Bryan Kaatz updated the Board on the construction progress.

**C. Consider Rental of Village Land (Water Tower, Seepage Cells, Industrial Park)**

- MOTION (Jenkins/Aldrich) authorizing the rental of land at water tower and industrial park, and for an ad to be placed in the Ad-Delite newspaper stating same. PASSED, without negative vote.

**14. Committee Related**

**A. Community & Economic Development:** No report.

**B. Finance & Personnel:** No report.

**C. Parks & Recreation**

**a. Consider Lions Club Plans for Pavilion in Keller Park:**

- MOTION (Jenkins/Strasburg) approving Lions Club request to build a pavilion in Keller Park, directing the plan be brought back to the Village Board for approval. PASSED, without negative vote.

**b. Consider Opening North Side of Keller Park:** Committee Chairperson Matt Mattoon discussed options for opening the north side of Keller Park. No action taken.

**D. Public Property & Health:** No report.

**E. Public Safety:** No report.

**F. Public Works & Streets/Sidewalks**

**a. Consider Semi Trucks Driving on McKinley Avenue:** Committee Chairperson Joyce Aldrich reported the committee did not feel it practical to prohibit semi's from

driving down one road, as it would only push the traffic to another. Semi's are a necessary means of transportation for local businesses to receive and ship merchandise.

**b. Consider Speed Limits on State Street:**

- MOTION (Jenkins/Mattoon) authorizing Chief Dachel to contact the E.C. Co. Highway Commissioner and find out if there are options. PASSED, without negative vote.

**c. Consider Construction of Bike Path in Crystal Creek:** Aldrich reported on a bid from Tanner Excavating, showing the cost to construct a paved path was much higher than previously expected.

- MOTION (Mattoon/Raap) to address Developer Michael Benrud and request his agreement to NOT go forward with paving the path and to discontinue its existence because it is cost prohibitive and does not have a contiguous route to Railroad Avenue. The Village would return the money he contributed in 2006 for that purpose. PASSED, with Zook opposed.

**15. General Business**

**A. Consider Requests for Training:** Tyler Geske would like to attend Operation RUSH Drug Intervention training October 29 & 30 in Sparta.

- MOTION (Jenkins/Mattoon) approving the request for training for Tyler Geske at an amount not to exceed \$300. PASSED, roll call vote: Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Zook-yes, Aldrich-yes, Goodman-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes.

**B. Consider 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Possible Adoption of Amendment to Building Construction Ordinance §118-4. Electrical Code:**

- MOTION (Mattoon/Strasburg) to hold the second reading and adopt the above ordinance amendment. PASSED, roll call vote: Strasburg-yes, Zook-yes, Aldrich-yes, Goodman-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Raap-yes.

**C. Consider 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Possible Adoption of Amendment to Weeds, Yards and Lawns Ordinance §256-3 Objectionable Weeds:**

- MOTION (Mattoon/Raap) to hold the second reading and adopt the above ordinance amendment, which removes dandelions from the list of objectionable weeds. PASSED, roll call vote: Zook-yes, Aldrich-yes, Goodman-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes.

**16. Adjourn:**

- MOTION (Jenkins/Mattoon) @ 8:35p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Renee Roemhild, Clerk-Treasurer