**#1 Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Shiocton for the March 11, 2024 meeting was called to order by Village President Terri James at 6:00p.m.

**#2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

**#3 Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and present were Trustees Dawes, Schmoock, Gomm, Tyler, and Bunnell. D. Van Straten. Was excused. Also, present Village President Terri James, Police Chief Sara Knapp, Village Clerk Laurie Sweeney, DPW Dan Conradt, Gary Bunnell, DPW Dan Nabbefeld, DPW Jesse Smith, Michaela Woodward-Library Director, Jim Fank, Lori Bellile, Patti Woods, Richard Woods, Rob Brownson and Kevin Conradt.

**#4. Approve Minutes from February Meeting**

**M/S/P Dawes/Gomm to Approve the minutes from the February meeting**

**#5. Kevin Conradt & Rob Brownson-Shadows Project at Bamboo Bend**

Kevin and Rob explained that Shadows on the Wolf would like to pave a 6’ wide path at Bamboo Bend. They are waiting for permission from the DNR for the DNR owned portion and are now asking for the Boards approval for the Village portion. The path would tie into the benches that are there and will be ADA compliant. Once the path is complete, they would turn it over to the Village to maintain.

There was some conversation about the culvert under the parking lot that is on the DNR part of the property. The DNR stated they have no plans or funds to replace the culvert so if the path is done part of it may have to be torn up in the future if the culvert is replaced. Then it would be up to the Village to fix the path at that time.

Rob Brownson stated they are applying for a grant to clean out by the boat landing. The Board has no issues with that project.

**M/S/P Bunnell/Schmoock to Approve Shadows request to pave a path with DNR approval and no cost to the Village.**

**#6. Approve Resolution to Borrow $475,000 from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin**

**for financing the 2024 Street Projects**

Trustee Tyler read the resolution to Borrow $475,000 from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for financing the 2024 Street Projects

**M/S/P Bunnell/Dawes to Approve Resolution to Borrow $475,000 from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for financing the 2024 Street Projects**

**#7. Approve/Deny Operator License for Brett Bubolz**

**M/S/P Gomm/Dawes to Approve Operator License for Brett Bubolz**

**#8. Department of Public Works February Report- Dan Conradt**

DPW Conradt reported that the truck is back.

Dan looked into the ARIP grant for the Elm St bridge but we do not qualify.

The DPW requested to put signs by the bridge near the lift station on Mill St. that say no driving on the grass. There is one resident who drives under the bridge and it has not been an issue until lately. Now other people see the tracks and are driving down there as well and leaving ruts and a mess under the bridge.

The Board agreed to put the signs up.

**#9. Lower Speed Limit and post sign on Mill St.- Dan Nabbefeld**

Village president Terri James had requested a speed limit sign on Mill St. There had been one there a few years back but it was taken down. Her concern is the speed of the drivers that come down as far as the dead end. In years past she had asked them to slow down but it is still a concern. DPW Nabbefeld suggested before they put up a 25MPH sign the Board consider lowering the speed limit to 15MPH due to the short length and the dead end. The Board discussed if there was a need for the lower speed limit. Trustee Bunnell did not agree there needs to be a sign and questioned where the street actually ends and Clerk Sweeney stated she has an email in to the county to find that information out. It was mentioned that a sign would not hurt anything. After the discussion a motion was made to lower the speed to 15MPH on Mill St. The ordinance will be revised at the April meeting as Gary Bunnell pointed out.

**M/S/P Bunnell/Tyler to Lower Speed Limit and post sign on Mill St.**

**#10. Shiocton Police Department February Activity Report- Chief Knapp**

Chief Knapp reported that the new squad is ordered and will be here by the end of the year.

Chief Knapp, the DNR and the DPW had met to discuss the upcoming HWY 54 project and the culvert being replaced by 54/76. Chief Knapp contacted the DOT and was informed that the culvert and HWY 54 in Shiocton will not be done until 2025. They are doing HWY 54 from 76 to New London this year.

**Calls for February:**

HAZARD 1

ACCIDENT 1

MEDICAL 2

BUSINESS CHECK 23

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| TRAFFIC SAFETY | 10 |  |
| ASSIST | 3 |  |
| VIOLATION COURT ORDER | 1 |  |
| ORDINANCE | 2 |  |
| PARKING | 3 |  |
| 911 HANGUP | 1 |  |
| JUVENILE | 2 |  |
| SCHOOL SAFETY | 14 |  |
| ANIMAL | 1 |  |
| SUSP. VEHICLE | 1 |  |
| LOST AND FOUND | 2 |  |
| EMERGENCY COMM | 1 |  |
| WELFARE CHECK | 1 |  |
| CRIME PREVENTION | 8 |  |
| FIRE ALARM | 1 |  |
| TRAFFIC STOP  DAMAGE TO PROP  VEHICLE LOCKOUT | 48  1  2 |  |
|  | 131 |  |

**#11. Range Update –Chief Knapp**

Chief Knapp reported that the contractor for the archery platform is starting to work on the plans.

With daylight being later now the range will soon be open until 7pm

**#12. Committee Report**

Michaela reported on the library. In February they had 815 checkouts and 300 visitors.

President James reported that the Board met on February 27th to make a decision on the bids for the street projects. The Board chose the bid from MCC. Fire Chief Dan Nabbefeld reported that if the fire danger increases, he will issue a no burn ban. He is keeping an eye on it daily.

**#13. Clerk Misc.-Audit update, Recycle Event**

Clerk Sweeney reported that the audit was done if February and the auditors were able to finish a day early with no issues noted. They will have the final report by April.

The annual spring recycle event will be April 27th at Lake Park. The Summer Sports people have been informed not to schedule anything for that day at the park.

**#14. Village President-Misc.**

President James reported that the Village of Black Creek has a new Clerk with no experience so Clerk Sweeney and Deputy Clerk Free have been going to Black Creek to help her out. President James had talked to Black Creek’s Village President so he is aware of what is going on.

**#15. Finance Committee examination of bills & vouchers**

**M/S/P Schmoock/Bunnell to Approve the bills as presented.**

**#16. Forthcoming Events**

Trustee Gomm mentioned the wrestling club is having a cornhole event at the Flyers Club on May 4th.

**#17. Public Comment – This is a time for the public to bring up any concerns they would like the Board to address.**

**#18. Adjourn**

**With no further business to come before the Board meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.**

Posted and dated February 14, 2024

Laurie Sweeney, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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