

**VILLAGE OF FOUR SEASONS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023, TIME: 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL– Mr. Baldrige called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Trustees present were Mr. Baldrige, Mr. Perdue, Mrs. Ruck, and Mrs. Jones. The Village Attorney Mr. Miller was also in attendance. Mr. Wiehs was not in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited by those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES / OPEN SESSION –

- Approval of Minutes
 - September 13, 2023 – Regular Session Minutes
 - September 13, 2023 – Closed Session Minutes
 - Motion made by Mrs. Ruck to approve both sets of Minutes, Mrs. Jones seconded, and passed with unanimous approval.

REPORTS FROM COMITTEES, OFFICERS

Tony Baldrige

- Technology/IT – Moving forward with updating technology; office scanner, cameras, IT upgrades, and broadcast meetings.

Dave Perdue

- Law Enforcement – Sgt. Schilling highlighted the monthly report. September calls were up slightly over 2022 but nothing major. Had less calls over Labor Day than in past years. Bike Fest was average. Highway Patrol brought in an extra 25 troopers to help on the Strip. According to the highway patrol numbers there were between 109,000 and 200,000 bikes here which is about 40% of what Sturgis draws. This was the biggest crowd to date.
- Building Codes/Permits –
 - Revenue \$51,888.00 YTD down \$-31,888.00 from 2022
 - Scheduled Inspections YTD 21 down from 34 in 2022.
 - New homes YTD 13 up from 11 in 2022.
 - Permits YTD 70 down from 85 in 2022.
- Streetlights – Nothing to report.
- Fire Department Liaison – Nothing to report.
- Commissions (P&Z, BOA) – Nothing to report.
- P&Z Administration – Nothing to report.

Luanne Ruck

- Comparing budget to actual year-to-date, the Village has stayed consistent as previous months with one exception; the first-class money came in and has been paid out to the HBSRD. Sales tax revenue is up considerably from previous months. Expenses are down in most categories that we can control. Leaving our net income consistent with previous months.
- ARPA interest is the only income for this year. But the expenditures are in line with the projects we have planned.

Ron Weihs

- Not in attendance to report.

Ranita Jones

- Emergency Management – Nothing to report at this time.
- Garden and Parks – Nothing further to report.
- HBSRD – Light pole replacement at Duckhead Road has been completed from the accident in 2022. They are working on their budget. At their September meeting, there was lots of discussion regarding the road entrance to the new development at the beginning of Horseshoe Bend.
- Water District – From their September meeting they are doing well and working on their budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Storm Sirens Update**
 - Attorney Miller gave an update that he is still waiting for confirmation on who owns both properties. Once they are confirmed he will draft documents to be sent to move this project along.
 - Mr. Baldrige explained that these are sirens to replace our existing ones. They will have the capability to broadcast a spoken message not just the tone. They will also add more coverage to the area.
- **County and Village Pedestrian Trail License Agreement**
 - Mrs. Jones clarified that the Village would have access to the trails to do repairs when needed. Attorney Miller confirmed that yes, we will have access, but approval needs to be given by Camden County before repairs are made. This is a license agreement not an easement which means the Village can access and do what needs to be done but the County maintains ownership of land.
 - A motion was made by Mrs. Jones to sign the agreement and for Attorney Miller to present it to the County, seconded by Mrs. Ruck, unanimous approved.
- **License Plate Reader**
 - Mr. Baldrige stated he had recently spoken with the Presiding County Commissioner Mr. Skelton, regarding whether the county is going to ban them. Mr. Skelton indicated that the county will be creating an ordinance to ban license plate readers; the exception to this is incorporated municipalities, they can make their own decision on it.

- Mr. Baldrige proposed this item be tabled for now until the Board sees what the county does. Then at that time the Board will revisit to decide whether the Village wants to add them or not. All Board members agreed.
- Attorney Miller reminded the Board that these readers cannot be used to issue tickets. Mr. Baldrige confirmed and went on to say the company verified they only collect the plate, identifying bumper stickers and color/make of car. No other information is collected or stored.
- **Wayfair Online Tax on the April Ballot**
 - This is a sales tax that is already being collected. It would just ensure that the Village of Four Seasons is getting the sales tax from things ordered online by the residents that live in the Village opposed to it being sent to Lake Ozark.
 - Mrs. Jones suggested having the newspapers assist in getting the word out for residents to use Four Seasons instead of Lake Ozark for addresses.
 - It was determined to table this topic for now and readdress at the next meeting.
- **Inspectors Tablet**
 - Mr. Perdue made a motion to approve the purchase of the tablet, seconded by Mrs. Ruck, unanimously approved.
- **Code of Ordinances**
 - Attorney Miller discussed the importance of getting the Village ordinances online with Municode. It allows the Village of Four Seasons' ordinances to be searchable online. The cost is \$1,379 for the current update. Mr. Perdue made a motion to approve, Mrs. Ruck seconded, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dan McMurty from the USDA called in to discuss the deer hunt agreement for 2024.
 - There are plans for two more surveys, one in October and one in November.
 - Last year they imposed a female deer only removal to reduce reproduction.
 - Mr. Baldrige asked Mr. McMurty when the decision must be made if the Village of Four Seasons would like to continue this practice. Mr. McMurty requested the November Board meeting.
 - Mrs. Jones asked about the need for a Village Representative to travel with them during the hunts. Mr. McMurty replied that it was helpful to have one with them in the past but isn't required. He also stated that the Missouri Department of Conservation is with them on all the nighttime operations.
 - Mr. Perdue asked why the number of deer removed had gone down. Mr. McMurty stated it was because the previously controlled hunts have made a difference in the deer population.
 - Mr. Baldrige asked if Mr. McMurty could allow the Village time to see what the upcoming surveys indicate before the Board decides. Mr. McMurty agreed that was acceptable.
 - Mrs. Ruck asked if the Village didn't hunt for one year would it cause the bell curve to go back up. Mr. McMurty couldn't give a definitive answer but said he thought doing nothing would cause the population to start to increase again, at least in the areas that were landlocked.
 - The Board agreed to table this until November's meeting.

- Attorney Miller suggested the Board look at other options because the cost has increased significantly. He also suggested the Board may want to tell the USDA they have “this amount to work with, do what you can do”, or he suggested the Board work with the POA and do something similar to what Columbia is doing where they permit and train hunters for residential hunts.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Mrs. Jones asked for clarification on when and if the rest of Lodge of Four Seasons Golf Course will be annexed into the Village. Mr. Perdue said he remembered that the Palmer Drive neighborhood was against it. The annexation went no further.

CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

- Attorney Miller reported that court proceedings are going well.

CLERKS REPORT

- The scanner is in and works well.
- Facebook has been put on hold while the Board decides what the plan is going forward.
- The Village website is continuing to evolve.
- Election dates – First date to file for candidacy is December 5, 2023, and the last day is December 26, 2023.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

- The POA representatives (Mary Bustin, Della Miller, and Russ Mitchell):
 - Reminded everyone that the Annual Property Owners meeting is on Saturday, October 14th,
 - The new pool is still moving forward.
 - The POA is planning a strategic planning session next year and would like some, or all, of the Village Board to be part of it.

MOTION TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:45 p.m.

- Motion made by Mr. Perdue to go into closed session to address topics of personnel, ARPA Budget, and discussion with legal counsel, Mrs. Ruck seconded the motion, and a roll call vote taken:

Roll Call

- Mr. Perdue – yes
- Ms. Ruck – yes
- Ms. Jones – yes
- Mr. Baldrige – yes

CLOSED SESSION – Held from 6:50p.m. to 7:49 p.m.

- Personnel
- ARPA Budget
- Discussion with legal council

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:50 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Perdue to reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Mrs. Jones, and a roll call vote taken:

- Roll Call
 - Mr. Perdue – yes
 - Ms. Ruck – yes
 - Ms. Jones – yes
 - Mr. Baldrige – yes

The Board entered back to Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion made by Mrs. Jones to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ruck, and with all approving, the regular meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING- November 8, 2023.

Recorded and prepared by:


Danielle Glover, Clerk


Tony Baldrige, Chairman