

Meeting called to order by James Duncan Jr.

Members present: Corby Stark, Gary Johnson, Jena Paquette, Jamey Flaherty, Kellie Flaherty.

Members absent: Len Manning.

Others present: Eric Jorgensen, Linda Hemstad, John Thompson.

No Public Comments.

To consider and possibly act to approve the agenda. **Motion by James Duncan Jr. to amend the agenda by moving item number 4 to item number 6.1. Second by Corby Stark. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding bids for Municipal & PD Infrastructure IT Systems. Currently the Village does not have a computer shared drive. The BLCPD is also looking to have remote access however the current IT system that is shared with the Village Clerks office will not allow them as they are on their own network. Two bids were received by the Clerk Treasurer & Police Chief. The first bid that was reviewed was from Connecting Point, the Village's current IT provider and the second bid was from Sterling Technologies, the BLCPD's current IT provider. It was noted on the Connecting Point bid, there would be a monthly subscription fee of \$19.00 a month per machine and the NAS would have a total of 1,000GB of storage. Sterling Technology Systems, LLC does not have a monthly subscription fee for any of the machines or VPN and the NAS would have a 5TB of storage. **Motion by Corby Stark to recommend to the Village Board purchasing the new IT equipment for the Municipal & PD infrastructure IT Systems from Sterling Technology Systems, LLC along with the installation of the new system, for a total of \$11,126.00 splitting the costs evenly between, Police General Operations, Water Office Operations, Sewer Office Operations, Clerks Capital Equipment, M&E General Operations, Streets General Operations, and Parks General Operations. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding voucher pay request for Library Remodel. The Library Director submitted two voucher pay requests for a library remodel project. The first pay request was for cascade flooring for \$9,862.09 to remove and replace the carpet within the library portion of the Municipal Building. The flooring voucher was reviewed and approved by the Library Board. The second pay request for the installation of a new reception desk and cabinet from Stratis Industries for a total project cost of \$17,500.00. No Library Board signatures were on the Voucher page. The Library Director was in attendance along with John Thompson. It was stated by the Library Director that the Library Board approved both vouchers. It was also stated by John Thompson that the Village Board has no jurisdiction to take action on said agenda item because the funds that are being spent fall under the Library Board. Mr. Thompson referenced, this falls under state statute 43.58 sub paragraph 1. That reads:

43.58 Powers and duties.

(1) The library board shall have exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected, donated or appropriated for the library fund, and of the purchase of a site and the erection of the library building whenever authorized. The library board also shall have exclusive charge, control and custody of all lands, buildings, money or other property devised, bequeathed, given or granted to, or otherwise acquired or leased by, the municipality for library purposes.

James Duncan Jr. asked the library director if two bids were obtained for said projects. It was communicated that there were two bids for said projects and that the library board approved them,

however no formal minutes were submitted and are not reviewable online. James Duncan Jr. also stated the year end fund balance for the library was \$63,658.00. The calculated payout for employee benefits at the end of 2023 comes to \$27,885.00. With the approved purchases of \$27,362 for the library renovation projects and the employee benefits it leaves a final fund balance of \$8,411.00. It was noted that both boards should be aware of that moving forward. John Thompson stated that the Library Board budgets only \$8,000.00 for employee benefits and if an employee leaves the library and if their benefits were over \$8,000.00 then the difference would come out of the operating library budget for said year. No action was taken.

To consider and possibly act to approve general and payroll vouchers. **Motion by Corby Stark to approve all general and payroll vouchers. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Motion by Corby Stark to adjourn. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried. 5:50 p.m.

Amy VanDeBrake, Clerk Treasurer
Anna Ball, Deputy Clerk Treasurer