

**VILLAGE OF DIGGINS  
BOARD MEETING**

February 10, ~~2024~~ 2025

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Gerald Street, Doris Shover, Shelly Lee, Davey Lee, Gary Dedmon, Courtney Riddle, Crystal Fore, Brent Daniels, Jodi Daniels, Ava Newman

**1. Roll Call of All Trustees Present:**

Michael Newman, David Bowers, Beth Joyce, and Kevin Knifong

**2. Trustees Absent:**

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**3. Call to order: Establish a Quorum**

- a. Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm after it was determined that there were enough Trustees present to establish a quorum.

**4. Opening Prayer – Pastor Gary Dedmon**

**5. Pledge of Allegiance**

**6. Approve minutes:**

David Bowers made a motion to accept the minutes of January 13, 2025, Board Minutes. Beth Joyce seconded the motion. All Trustees were in favor and the motion passed.

**7. Approve the Financials:**

David Bowers, Trustee, made a motion to accept the financials as presented which was seconded by Beth Joyce, Trustee. All Trustees were in favor and the motion to accept the financials as presented was passed.

## **8. Water/Sewer Department:**

Brent and Jodi were both present.

- Two meters on East Ragsdale were replaced due to the being frozen on the bottom of the meters.
- Andy Novinger is now in place at Shaffer and Hines. Penny Bowers should be receiving an email with his contract.
- The meter has been installed at the Caswell property.
- Lift station D has finally been fixed. The check can now be released.
- We are still waiting for the new mixer motor for the plant.
- A load of sludge had to be hauled out of lift station D.
- The main lines at the end of NN and O Highway were flushed.
- Tri-plex – CCW has been awarded the plumbing portion of the project and have been in contact with Brent. He is going to hook at 2" line with all the meters running to it. (We might have to adopt the 2" line at some point.) This will prevent all nine meters from hooking into the main line.

## **9. Park Department:**

David Bowers presented the quarterly agenda. Activities will pick up in April with the Easter Egg Hunt and Saturday in the Park.

- Saturday in the Park is moving to a quarterly event instead of every Saturday.
- David is looking into the Webster Electric Foundation Grant to fund the ADA bathroom expansion project. He has broken down the work by phases which should make it easier to obtain the grant and for the workers to stay on task to complete the project.
- The maintenance shed has been cleaned.
- David is working on the plans for the proposed Patterson Park.
- Monthly bingo nights will begin in March.
- Lunches/Dinners will start in March. Lunches will be served on Tuesdays from Noon-4 pm. Lunches are paid on a donation basis.

**10. The Clerk's Report**

- a. Penny Bowers has submitted the necessary election information to the County Clerk.
- b. Penny called the fire department to schedule the fire extinguisher inspections. The Fire District does not inspect fire extinguishers; however, Bobbi gave Penny the name and phone number of the company that inspects theirs. Faith Fire Protection out of Seymour has been called and Penny is waiting for a return call to schedule the inspections.
- c. Penny is to draft an ordinance concerning landlord responsibilities concerning water connections and payments.

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

1. Crystal Fore and Courtney Riddle came to inquire about Palmer Street. The Board has agreed that Palmer Street is a private drive and was named Palmer Street to give direction to 9-1-1 in case of emergencies. Penny will write a letter to Courtney with the Board's decision. David Bowers will call Sheila at the 9-1-1 office and explain the decision to her. The Board will have a Private Drive sign attached below the street designation on the sign so all will know that it is a private drive. They left satisfied with the decision of the board. The Board stressed that anyone injured on that street is the sole responsibility of Crystal and Courtney. They agreed.
2. Gerald Street presented to the Board his water leak. He has had it fixed for over \$2,000. He asked if the Board would consider an adjustment to sewer portion of his bill. The Board agreed to allow this adjustment. Penny will look at the amounts combining this month's bill and the reading Jodi will obtain this weekend.

Gerald was not pleased with JL&F Plumbing's attitude toward the work and his requests for certain aspects of plumbing. They have apparently had words with Kevin Knifong, Trustee, as well.

The Board has asked Penny to draft an ordinance like the one Lebanon, Missouri has in that a once-a-year adjustment will be granted if the resident can present proof that the leak has been fixed.

3. Tom Burkhardt, GIS Mapping Specialist, presented Diamond mapping to the Board along with an estimate as to what it takes to get the water/sewer lines placed into the system. The Board is interested in having this technology. Their return on investment would not be seen until future Boards are in place; however, this seems to be the right time to have this in place. The Highway 60 expansion project will necessitate Village of Diggins know where the pipes are run and where the shut off valves are. Tom said he charges \$150 an hour for his labor. The Board is looking to break the estimate into financially justifiable parts. They will have a special work session before the next meeting to discuss this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Michael Newman – Planning & Zoning**

This topic was tabled until next month when all Board members are present.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Keys – Kevin Knifong**

There was an incident where the gates to the treatment plant were unlocked when Jodi arrived. This is an unsafe situation due to the remote location of the treatment plant. The Board decided to change the locks on the treatment plant gates (2) as well as the lift stations (4), well houses (2), and maintenance shed (3). All locks will be keyed alike so the necessary people will only need to carry one key.

2. **Highway 60 Expansion Update – Branding – David Bowers**

David reported to the Board a conversation he had with Scott Hanson, AICP, Senior Planner with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT), Bud Sherman, PE, PMP, Transportation Project Manager with MODOT, and Mark Mais, PE, Senior Utility Project Manager with CMT. There was discussion concerning the “branding” of Village of Diggins on the proposed overpass like what Rogersville did. It will cost Village of

Diggins \$2,500 each to have this done. The Board voted unanimously to have the current logo with the train as the branding.

MODOT will begin the expansion project with the north outer road in March 2025. The entire north side expansion must be completed by September 2026. The south side expansion must be completed by 2027.

MODOT will keep the Trustees informed periodically of the progress. They still have property purchases to finalize.

Signage cannot be completed until all areas (north and south) have been completed. Population information will no longer be posted on the signage. There will be green metal highway signage at the overpass to indicate Route A, Springfield Street, South Outer Road (Business NN), Round-about and north indicating City Hall, Museum, and Community Center.

The projected completion date coincides with our 140<sup>th</sup> Founders Day for the Village!

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Michael Newman, Chairman, has been in contact with our attorney, John Gold, concerning adoption of International Building Codes. We will establish an ordinance to state such.

#### **CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

As there is no further discussion from citizens, visitors, or Trustees, David Bowers gave a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Joyce seconded the motion that passed with all members in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.