

**VILLAGE OF DIGGINS
BOARD MEETING**

May 12, 2025

VISITORS PRESENT: Gerald Street, Courtney Riddle, Crystal Fore, Brent Daniels, Jodi Daniels, Doris Shover

1. Roll Call of All Trustees Present:

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

2. Trustees Absent:

3. Call to order: Establish a Quorum

- Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm after it was determined that there were enough Trustees present to establish a quorum.

4. Opening Prayer – Moment of Silence – All prayed

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Approve minutes:

David Bowers made a motion to accept the minutes of April 21, 2025, Board Minutes. Beth Joyce seconded the motion. All Trustees were in favor and the motion passed.

7. Approve the Financials:

Tresa Coday, Trustee, made a motion to accept the financials as presented which was seconded by David Bowers, 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.

- The hydrants at the end of NN and Highway O were flushed.
- A new meter was installed at 686 S. Diggins Main Street (Bill Elgie's old place.)
- Sludge needs removed. The Board told Jodi to proceed.
- Weeds were pulled at the treatment plant. Penny is to use the old accepted bid for that and write a check to Jodi.
- Shutoff valves will cost around \$6,000.00 including parts and labor. David Bowers, Trustee made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the valves with Beth Joyce, Trustee seconding the motion. All Board members were in favor. Michael Newman, Chairman, will let Andy Novinger, Engineer, know the he is to move forward with the valves.
- The valve by the new water tower leaks.
- The incident with Mark Boring hitting the water line while installing a new fence will result in him getting a bill to cover the cost of the repair.

9. Park Department:

Founders Day is quickly approaching.

- Marcia Curtis is working on the music groups.
- Billy Thomison confirmed that the Baptist Church will again supply the fish dinners for the event.
- Zion Lutheran Church will again supply ice cream.
- David is going to contact Greater Life about cupcakes.

10. Insurance

- We need to get a couple more bids on insurance before we accept the amount quoted by Higginbothom. David Bowers, Trustee made a motion to obtain the bids and Tresa Coday seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor.

- Material to fix the roof was discussed. We would need eight rafters, purlins on two-foot centers, all the metal needs replaced, and insulation since the current insulation is filled with black mold.

11. **The Clerk's Report**

- Penny has had trouble contacting Faith Fire Protection out of Seymour to schedule the fire extinguisher inspections.
- Penny drafted an ordinance concerning landlord responsibilities concerning water connections and payments. This will be read and voted on at the next Board Meeting.
- Penny drafted an ordinance that offers a once-a-year adjustment granted to residents when proof that a leak has been fixed. This will be read and voted on at the next Board Meeting.
- There was a brief discussion concerning the number of Landlords who rent property within the city limits. The Board was surprised at the number represented.
- Penny let the Board know that she is now officially a Notary.
- No one expressed a desire to attend any of the upcoming Board-related training.
- Penny informed the Board that she is registered to attend the Missouri Rural Water Association's Clerk's Workshop May 21-22. She asked Tresa Coday, Trustee, if she would like to attend with her.

12. **Mowing Bids**

- Only one bid was received for mowing this year.
- Michael Newman, Chairman, said he would mow the old water tower.
- Take away the lift stations – the Board will consider weed killer
- Mow the park and treatment every two weeks, unless the Board wants those locations mowed between the times. They will contact Chris Helms if that is the case.

13. Ordinances

- The following Ordinances were read once at the meeting since they had been distributed to the Board members last month for their reading and comments. No comments were offered.
 - Ordinance 492 – Establishing Building Permits
 - Ordinance 493 – Adopting International Building Codes
 - Ordinance 491 – Landlord Liability for Unpaid Utility Bills
 - Ordinance 494 – Tabled until the next meeting due to typographical errors
 - Ordinance 490 – Hiring an Engineer
 - Ordinance 495 – Remedy to Consumers Experiencing Leaks
- All Ordinances were passed with the exception of 494 which will be presented at the June meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT:

1. No additional citizen input was

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Michael Newman – Highway 60 Expansion Update

Water interruptions can be expected during the expansion due to unidentified location of some of the water/wastewater lines. Interruptions will be kept at a minimum and additional shutoffs have been identified. Work will begin May 19.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Crystal Fore and Courtney Riddle** came to present their additional information for the establishment of a two-bay mechanic shop (1700 square feet) in North Diggins on their property. The garage will have a

separate address from the dwellings on the property. The garage will be located on the south side of the property with the north side remaining residential.

Michael Newman, Chairman, said the Board would need approve the rezoning of the south side of the property to commercial. He asked that a public hearing be held at 5:30 pm before the next meeting to discuss the rezoning.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Michael Newman, Chairman, asked the Board to consider seeking additional assistance with our website. Gov.card will charge around \$100 a month to build and maintain it. We will keep our Diggins.gov address. This topic will be discussed at the June meeting.

CALL FOR THE ADJOURNMENT:

As there is no further discussion from citizens, visitors, or Trustees, Beth Joyce, Trustee, gave a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Bowers, Trustee, seconded the motion that passed with all members in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm.