

Committee of a Whole
March 7th, 2023

Meeting called 6:38pm

Attending: Damon Cove, Bill Andrews, Madison Cove, Lani Forbes, Joyce Callihan

Absent: Shawna Hill, Shawn Hill

Staff: Duane Weeks, Tom Steensma, Russ Yarger, Ben Christie

Public: Melissa Blough

Admin Discussed:

- Working on posting more information to the Village FaceBook Page, but before posting on FB, a second person must review it. Both Lani Forbes and Madie Cove will assist.
- Connie will not be cleaning this week.
- DPW ad OK
- Public hearing ad for Clerk Ordinance March 13, 2023 at 7pm posted
- Clerk Vacancy

Water Discussed:

- Resolution needs to be updated
 - Commodities and ready to serve needs to be updated 2% annually
- State had questions about water tower permit
 - Duane is going water conference March 15-17th

Building, Streets and Grounds Discussed:

- Cemetery issues- who will be getting the messages

Park and Recreation:

- Softball field
 - Madison Cove will be helping with who wants to rent the field
 - Parts to fix the fence

Police:

- Zoning issues - 126 East St
- Free Range Chicken-
- Junk at general store

Public Input:

- Joyce Callihan – who will be reading water meters end of the month, water shut off-Russ Yarger
- Ben Christie- DPW should be paid what they are worth \$28-\$30 per hr.
- Melissa Blough- was present to request permission to work with Freeport Goodworks/Freeport Businessman's Association to build a vinyl white fence on the back side of the cemetery overlooking Buskirk Lumber. They would like to incorporate flags in the center area for a dedication area. We will need to look at the survey to identify proper property lines. They would also like to get some benches for people to sit on throughout the cemetery. They would use solar lighting from the ground up to light the flags. Melissa will bring a drawing to the Council meeting.

- Lavonne Yoder met with Madie and Damon to ask about using the Community Center to host intergenerational events such as crafting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.