**#1 Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Shiocton for the August 14, 2023 meeting was called to order by Village President Terri James at 6:00p.m.

**#2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

**#3 Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and present were Village President Terri James, Trustees Dawes, Bunnell, D. VanStraten, Tyler and Gomm. Trustee Schmoock was excused. Also, present were Village Clerk Laurie Sweeney, Gary Bunnell, Jim Fank, Lori Bellile, Eugene R Bunnell, Ashley Lehocky & Mike Pflughoeft-Town Counsil Law Firm, Ron James, Matt Woods, Zach Seitz-DNR and Tammy Free-Library President.

**#4. Approve Minutes from July Meeting**

**M/S/P Dawes/Bunnell to Approve the minutes from the July meeting**

**#5. Ashley Lehocky- New Village Attorney**

Attorney Lehocky just wanted to introduce herself to the Board.

**#6. Approve/Deny Operator License for Cameron Conradt & Debra Van Ermen**

**M/S/P to Approve Operator License for Cameron Conradt & Debra Van Ermen**

**#7. Street/Utilities Reports- Director of Public Works Dan Conradt**

DPW Conradt reported that the garbage truck will hopefully be done in the next week or two.

The grease and heat from the River Rail fire went into the sanitary lines caused the sewer lines to clog so Speedy Clean cam e in and cleaned them out and will bill the insurance company.

Dan presented a quote for street work in 2024. The quote was from MCC. Dan will contact Martensen & Eisele to handle the bidding process.

**#8. Shiocton Police Department July Activity Report**

**Calls for July:**

PARKING 4

CIVIL MATTER 1

SUSP INCIDENT 2

Disorderly conduct 0

ACCIDENT 0

MEDICAL 2

BUSINESS CHECK 19

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| TRAFFIC SAFETY | 1 |  |
| ASSIST | 3 |  |
| DISTURBANCE | 1 |  |
| ORDINANCE | 3 |  |
| RECKLESS DRIVER | 0 |  |
| 911 HANGUP | 6 |  |
| WARRANT | 0 |  |
| DRUGS | 1 |  |
| HARASSMENT | 1 |  |
| THEFT | 0 |  |
| LOST AND FOUND | 2 |  |
| ANIMAL | 2 |  |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE | 1 |  |
| FIRE CALL | 1 |  |
| WELFARE CHECK | 1 |  |
| TRAFFIC STOP  SEX OFFENSE | 38  1 |  |
|  | 91 |  |

Chief Knapp was on vacation so Clerk Sweeney reported on her behalf.

Chief Knapp and Officer Martinez participated in the Lights of Christmas event in July.

National Night Out on August 1st went well.

There was extra patrol in July for the construction on HWY 76. There were only a few minor incidents.

**#9. Range update**

There was nothing to report on the range everything is going well.

**#10. Committee Reports**

Tammy Free reported that the Library Board hired a Library Director to replace Shay. They hired Michaela Woodward and today was her first day.

The Library Board is updating their policies regarding the types of books they carry and customer concerns.

Village President James reported on the Fire Commission meeting where they discussed dissolving the ambulance and having Gold Cross Ambulance cover the medical call. The Shiocton EMT’s would respond as first responders. The reason is because the state has increased the training hours and they are having a hard time finding people to volunteer to take the classes. They are down to three advanced EMT’s and struggling to cover calls.

The committee met with the Town of Maine, Bovina and Liberty to update them on the situation. They will meet with Gold Cross in September to talk more.

President James reported on the Personnel Committee met to discuss an issue with an employee. It was resolved with the employee.

**#11. Village President-Misc.**

President James read a thank-you note.

Trustee Van Straten was appointed to review bills in Trustee Schmoock’s absence.

**#12. Finance Committee examination of bills & vouchers**

**M/S/P D. Van Straten/Tyler to approve the bills as presented.**

**#13. Discuss Buoys-Trustee Bunnell**

Trustee Bunnell presented the Board members with a packet of information he found on the DNR website. The information was the procedure for requesting a buoy. Trustee Bunnell state that in July the Board voted to amend the buoy ordinance and it was done wrong according the paperwork he had.

President James stated that the ordinance was not amended in July the motion was only to proceed with the

Application to request a buoy. It was stated that there have been no issues with that specific location. Trustee Tyler stated she had talked to the Dragonfly Paddlers owner and they said they have not had many complaints or issues with boaters on the river. James Fank stated that when he presented is information in July is was not mentioned that there were issues or complaints, only that he was concerned about the blind corner and the potential for issues.

Zack Seitz-DNR Warden stated that he was not familiar with the paperwork Trustee Bunnell presented. There is some gray area in the DNR’s process and the correct person to talk to is Marcus Medina from the DNR. He will forward the contact info for him. Zack suggested meeting with Marcus to go over the process. Most of the questions were regarding is when the Village should amend their ordinance and who polices the river and buoys.

President James stated the issue will be tabled until the Board can meet with Marcus Medina.

**#14. Forthcoming Events**

None reported

**#15. Public Comment – This is a time for the public to bring up any concerns they would like the Board**

**to address.**

**#16. Adjourn**

**With no further business to come before the Board meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.**

Posted and dated August 17, 2023

Laurie Sweeney, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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