**#1 Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Shiocton for the December 11, 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. Van Straten, Tyler, Schmoock and Gomm. Also, present were Village Clerk Laurie Sweeney, Gary Bunnell, Matt Woods, Rich Woods, DPW Dan Conradt & Jesse Smith, Jane Dawes, Jim Fank, Lori Bellile, Michaela Woodward, Eugene R. Bunnell, Tara Nabbefeld, Doug Tyler, Elaine Conradt, Tammy Free, Ron James, Julie Gomm, Tabetha Smith, Chief Knapp and Jake Lamb.

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

**M/S/P Dawes/ Van Straten to Approve the minutes from the November meeting**

**#5. Discuss Amendments to 5-2-9 Open Burning**

Trustee Bunnell and President James reported on the Ordinance Committee meeting where they discussed and recommend Eugene R. Bunnell’s suggested amendments to the current burning ordinance. President James read over the minutes from the meeting that suggested banning burn barrels, adding the word “person” in the first paragraph, restricting burning of leaves, grass and brush to only April 1 to November 1 each year and adding the penalty section. The Ordinance Committee changed the April 1 date to May 31 and agreed with the rest of the suggestions.

Trustee Tyler stated she would be against banning of burning in the summer months. Trustee Gomm stated he understands both sides but would like to see no more burn barrels.

Richard Woods asked about the people who live on the outer edge of the Village who have larger yards. Trustee Gomm asked how many complaints there have been and President James stated only one. The Board discussed the DPW making a separate place for the lawn clippings to be dropped off. Chief Knapp suggested to get the ordinance to the residents and see how many complaints come in for a year then revisit next year.

**M/S/P Trustee Gomm made a motion to ad the word “person” in the first paragraph, eliminate burn barrels and track complaints for a year. Trustee Bunnell added the penalty section. Trustee Tyler second the motion and amended motion. Motion passed 5ays 1 nay.**

**#6. Update of River Rail Property**

The property is being cleaned up today.

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

DPW Dan Conradt reported that the plow truck in back and running fine.

One of the pumps in the basement at the DPW is being rebuilt.

**#8. Approve or Deny Operator license for**

**There were no licenses to approve**

**#9. Shiocton Police Department November Activity Report- Chief Knapp**

Chief Knapp reported that she and Officer Woods participated in the Lights of Christman event raising $2,000 in gift cards that the officers can hand out to residents over the holiday season along with some wellness bags.

Chief Knapp went to CIT training in November. The training was about mental health.

**Calls for November:**

DAMAGE 0

FRAUD 1

SUSP INCIDENT 2

JUVENILE 0

VEHICLE LOCKOUT 1

MEDICAL 4

BUSINESS CHECK 20

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| TRAFFIC SAFETY | 10 |  |  |  |
| ASSIST | 5 |  |  |  |
| DISTURBANCE | 0 |  |  |  |
| ORDINANCE | 1 |  |  |  |
| RECKLESS DRIVER | 0 |  |  |  |
| 911 HANGUP | 2 |  |  |  |
| ANIMAL | 1 |  |  |  |
| ACCIDENT | 0 |  |  |  |
| HAZARD | 3 |  |  |  |
| SCHOOL SAFETY | 12 |  |  |  |
| LOST AND FOUND | 2 |  |  |  |
| PARKING | 2 |  |  |  |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE | 0 |  |  |  |
| FIRE CALL | 1 |  |  |  |
| WELFARE CHECK | 1 |  |  |  |
| TRAFFIC STOP  CRIME PREVENTION | 45  5 |  |  |  |
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**#10. Range Report**

The range was closed the week of gun deer hunting but was very busy the week before that.

**#11. Committee Reports**

Michaela Woodward reported that the library had a November circulation of 1,027 checkouts. The December meeting is Dec. 13th.

**#12. Village President- Misc.**

President James reported on the Board meeting with the DNR to get clarification on the procedures for building in a wetland or flood zone.

**#13. Clerk- Update on Village Hall projects**

Clerk Sweeney reported that the ceilings are done, duck work is complete and ducts have been cleaned. The painting will be done in January and the sign is ordered.

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

**M/S/P Schmoock/Gomm to Approve the Bills as Presented.**

**#15. Forthcoming Events**

Trustee Van Straten reported that the 2024 Shiocton Steps for Suicide event will be May 4, 2024. They would like help from the police dept. if needed.

Trustee Bunnell asked about the upcoming school referendum in February. Trustee Gomm stated the School rep will be attending Board meetings in February.

Trustee Van Straten asked about the status of the bath house being torn down. DPW Conradt said they are just waiting for WE Energies to turn electric off.

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

**to address.**

**#17. Adjourn**

**With no further business to come before the Board meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.**

Posted and dated December 12, 2023

Laurie Sweeney, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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