

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Village of Mendon - Adams County, Illinois  
Held on Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**The Mendon Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the Village Office in Mendon, IL. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Village Mayor David Wittler. Trustees present were: Bastert, Cantrell, Harper, and Voss. Trustee Buss was absent and Trustee King arrived at 7:17. Village Superintendent Cantrell and Village Clerk Woodruff were present. There was no deputy in attendance. Others in attendance were: Rosemary Tenvorde and Tracy Hageman.**

<b>Public Comment:</b>			<b>Public Comments</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosemary Tenvorde was in attendance to present a copy of her recently published book - "The Underground Railroad in Mendon, Adams County, Illinois" to the Village. She has 125 printed copies for sale at her cost of \$20. Mayor Wittler thanked her for her donation.</li> </ul>			
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Voss</b>	<b>To approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023, meeting as read.</b>	<b>Approve Minutes</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Cantrell</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>All – Aye – Motion Carried.</b>	
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Harper</b>	<b>To approve the bills and payroll as presented and recommended by the finance committee.</b>	<b>Approve Bills</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Bastert</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>All – Aye – Motion Carried.</b>	
<b>Deputies Report:</b> No Deputy in attendance. Report read by Mayor Wittler.			<b>Deputies Report</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2) Traffic Stops -verbal</li> <li>Missing Person Report</li> <li>Suspicious Activity – gone on arrival</li> <li>Recovered items that were damaged</li> <li>Runaway Student – helped locate</li> </ul>			
<b>Maintenance Superintendent's Report:</b>			<b>Maintenance Superintendent's Report</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park restrooms have been winterized - superintendent has requested a quote for hand blowers from a local electrician.</li> <li>The Veterans' Memorial lights are not working properly and an electrician has been asked to check the eye for electronic operation of the lights from dusk to dawn</li> <li>An item listed as purchase of blanket in the bill listing, was explained as a grass seed blanket used in an area of the lagoon to reseed a ditch</li> <li>Tree bids were requested for the removal of 4 trees in the Chittenden Park. Bids to be opened later in the meeting</li> <li>Discussion was held regarding need for an air conditioner in the East Lift Station to help with humidity to be used instead of the louvers which allow dirt and bugs into the lift station. The maintenance superintendent reported that he had been unable to find an air conditioners in current stock, so he would revisit this issue in the spring.</li> <li>Culvert pipes have all been installed.</li> <li>Repairs have been completed on the village dump truck. The bed cost \$850, the remaining amount of the \$6,040.02 bill was labor and delivery. Discussion was held that the current rate for labor is approximately \$190. The truck has been used to haul dirt to the lagoon.</li> </ul>			

**Mayor's Report:**

- Tax Levy Ordinance – No taxes to be paid by residents
- Annual Treasurer’s Report Submitted – Has been filed and published in the Mendon Dispatch
- Audit Completed – Copies distributed – Mayor Wittler reported that the village was in good financial status and there was no indication of any discrepancies. Mayor Wittler asked for a motion to approve, which was tabled until the end of the meeting so trustees could look the report over before voting
- Liquor License – discussion regarding 11AM Sunday time for serving alcohol.
- Property Owner Burn Pit – No ordinances are being violated so no letters were issued. The Mayor discussed the complaint with the resident who had been doing the burning.
- The Mayor opened bids for removal of 4 trees in the Chittenden Park. The bids were \$2,360 from Spank’s Tree Service and \$8,800 from Backyard Barber

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**Committee Reports:**

- No reports from any of the committees

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Voss</b>	<b>To approve Ordinance 350.23.24 - Levying and Assessing Taxes as presented by Mayor Wittler.</b>	<b>Ordinance 350.23.24 Levying and Assessing Taxes</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Bastert</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>All – Aye – Motion Carried.</b>	

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Voss</b>	<b>To accept the low bid of Spank’s Tree service in the amount of \$2,360 for removal of 4 trees in the Chittenden Park</b>	<b>Accept Low Bid for Park Tree Removal</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>King</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Aye – Bastert, Cantrell, King, and Voss. Abstain - Harper. Motion Carried.</b>	

Mayor Wittler asked for any other comments from the board. Trustee King inquired about the annual board dinner – discussion was held and the January board meeting will include the board dinner and will be published with date and time on the monthly agenda prior to the meeting.

Mayor Wittler then announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Trustee Darla Moore effective at the end of this meeting. Darla will be spending part of the year at her other home and she will be unable to attend all meetings. The board thanked Darla for her years of service. She first took office in 1994. Mayor Wittler will appoint a trustee to serve until the next election when a replacement will be elected.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Voss</b>	<b>To adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>Cantrell</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>All - Aye – Motion Carried.</b>	

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Approved December 14, 2023</b>
<b>Village Clerk</b>	

