The Village of Andover met on Monday, February 7, 2022, with the following members present: Elma Gay, Dan Heiar, Jennifer Hirsch, Travis Noyd, Valli Putnam, Mike Mielke, Garrett Adamson and Bev Josephson. Also present were Village Employees Jon Blade and Ron Grymonprez.

The minutes of the January 3, 2022, meeting taken by Jennifer Hirsch were reviewed. A motion was made by Travis and seconded by Elma to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover, Illinois Statement of Financial Condition as of January 31, 2022, was presented for review. Elma made a motion to approve the Statement of Financial Condition and Valli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover General Bills through February 7, 2022, were reviewed for payment. Jennifer made a motion to pay the Andover General bills and Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover Water Department bills through February 7, 2022, were reviewed for payment. Dan made a motion to pay the Water Department bills and Valli seconded the motion.

**Visitors/Citizens Comment**

Elma stated she was contacted by Ron Peterson to see if the Village would shovel the sidewalks at the Women’s League Building and the Andover Historical Building. The Board agreed with the request and Bev will contact Conner to see if he would be willing to do it. The Village would pay him an hourly rate.

**Correspondence**

Mike reviewed a letter he received regarding the census and boundaries.

There are grants available through the Illinois EPA in regard to unsewered communities.

Elma contacted DOT about the Jenny Lind sign and the person she contacted is no longer responsible for signage and she was a different individual to contact. The Jenny Lind signage does not meet IDOT criteria to have it placed along Illinois 81. The sign that was placed along 81 is in Dixon and we can get it if we go to Dixon for it.

Bev said Helen Brodd’s granddaughter send a donation to the Park Memorial Fund and Bev reported a thank was sent.

**Old Business – Water System Update**

There was nothing to report at this time. We have talked to Jeff Hutchinson about new controls for the water plant, but Jeff has not received a response back from the individual who is knowledgeable about the controls.

**Gazebo Restoration**

Nothing new to report.

**Repair South Wall in Village Hall and Mount Television**

Elma made a motion to accept the bid from Hirsch Construction with an inspection of the wall below the chair rail to see if there is any additional damage. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Purchase of Additional Tables & Chairs for Village Hall**

Bev presented information on prices for tables and chairs for the Village Hall. The 6’ folding tables are $59.99 at Menards. Due to the price for the chairs, it was suggested we shop around for better pricing. Travis made a motion to purchase 6 tables at Menards and Valli seconded the motion when Menards offers the 11% rebate. Motion carried. Ron and Jon will purchase them when Menards offers the 11% rebate,

**Upcoming Events**

Elma reviewed the 2022 events for the park. She said the gazebo dedication can be added any time once it is completed. She is working with Cambridge to avoid scheduling and duplicating events. She also said she is trying to get the Orion Choir to sing at the Jenny Lind Chapel and then come to the park and sing.

She stated each individual event would have their own flyer and these would be posted at local businesses. Ron Peterson will handle the advertising. Elma is working with Cambridge on the movie night event as they have a screen and projector, we might be able to use or rent.

Elma said the cannon must be moved by the veterans’ monument since the Legion is disbanding and if it is not moved, we will lose it as it is property of the United States.

Ron has gotten $1500 of grant money for the events. It was stated The Nutty Bar could tie into some of the events. Mike thanked Elma for her work. The calendar of events will be sent to Jim Kelly, Henry County Economic Development as he requested a list of events from Andover. Bev will also post the calendar events on the website.

**New Business – Henry County ARPA Funding Application**

Mike reported Henry County has contacted municipalities about the ARPC Funding available. Mike said we will complete the application and see if we can get additional funding towards our water project. The application is due by April 1.

Mike said $3.5 million out of the $9.1 million allocated for Henry has been allocated for broadband enhancement. Mike said he is also putting together an application for the fire department.

**Maintenance Equipment Purchase**

Mike said that Ron and Jon have price 4-wheelers and Ron got a bid for $13, 400 but said we probably wouldn’t be able to order it until March. Mike contacted Triple E and a Polaris would cost between $12,000 and $15,000.

Mike shared a picture of a 4-wheeler from Byron Hills Golf Course. Quality Repair services them and the golf course is replacing 7 of them. They are selling the used one for $7,000. Mike had Ron and Jon look at them. They operate like a golf cart. They have an electric dump cart and gate. There was a rip in the seat of the one pictured, but the Village would have their choice. Travis made a motion to purchase one of the 4-wheelers from Byron Hills for $7,000 and Elma seconded the motion. Motion carried. Our current sprayer would work with this type of machine. We would not get it until Byron Hills gets their new 4-wheelers.

Jon got an estimate from Tucker Equipment for 20’ car hauler trailer. The price would be $5,468 including license and title. We would be able to haul our culverts on this size trailer and not have to borrow one when trailer is needed. Elma made a motion to purchase the trailer and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Elma made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Travis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk