The Andover Village Board met on Monday, May 3, 2021, with the following members present Elma Gay, Dan Heiar, Jennifer Hirsch, Travis Noyd, Aaron Willett, Garrett Adamson, Mike Mielke and Bev Josephson. Village employees Jon Blade and Ron Grymonprez were present as well Michael Halpin, Village Attorney.

The minutes of the April 5, 2021, meeting taken by Bev Josephson were accepted. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes and Elma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover, Illinois Statement of Financial Condition as of April 30, 2021, was presented for review. Dan made a motion to approve the Statement of Financial Condition. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover General bills for May 3, 2021, were reviewed for payment Elma made a motion to approve the bills and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Village of Andover Water Department bills for May 3, 2021, were reviewed for payment. Travis made a motion to pay the water department bills and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Visitors/Citizens Comments**

Jennifer Flaherty was present regarding the ditch drainage on Elm & 6th Street. She’s had 4 sump pumps since she moved in to handle the water issues. Mike said we have done a lot of water control. The grading of the ditch was discussed. She said it is fairly level until it gets to her house. Mike said we can check the grading and include ditching as part of the MFT budget. Dan said he talked to Steve Brandau, and he will include the maximum amount for ditching under MFT regulations in our 2021 street projects. Mike said we can Bruce Marshall laser the ditch and also clean it out.

**Correspondence**

Mike said he has received information on a virtual seminar for elected officials on May 15th. If anyone is interested, contact Mike.

**Water System Update, Meter Installs, IMEG Update**

Bev has sent John additional information for the application.

**Maintenance Building Security Cameras**

Travis reported Jon has said only 2 cameras are working. Travis would like to hire someone and get another router. The camera inside the building is working as well as west wall. Travis said he will contact Mickey Johnson.

**Gazebo Restoration**

Mike talked to Kevin Betcher. Kevin and Dan physically took boards down and looked up the ceiling of the gazebo. There was a squirrel inside the roof. Kevin felt the structure is good and he didn’t feel we need to tear it down and start from scratch. Kevin suggested rebuilding the benches and we could resurface the floor. Kevin is getting a price from another contractor. It was suggested to patch the holes in the roof. Dan thought we would have the bids soon to redo the roof and other basic maintenance. The handicap accessibility issues and sidewalks could be done at a later date.

**Andover 185th Anniversary +1 Celebration**

There is a parade committee is meeting on Thursday to finalize details and the other is on Monday May 10th. The Parade Committee Meeting is a virtual meeting. Travis talked to Bruce and trying to get a round robin tournament for the weekend of the celebration. We are awaiting a callback on the insurance for the fireworks. Mike asked about a petting zoo, but Elma said it was too expensive. Ron said we have some no parking signs. Steve Conrad looking at some banners to place at either end of the Village, but we may not get them back in time.

**Playground Equipment**

This was tabled until June.

**Employee Evaluations**

Mike asked that all evaluations be turned in to him and Mike will set up a time with Travis and the employees to do the evaluations.

**2021-2022 Budget**

Mike said he is waiting to hear from Jason West about the cost of the sidewalk for the ball diamond. This was tabled until the next meeting.

**Additional Old Business**

**Street Maintenance**

The church will reimburse for their portion of the street work on 6th Street. Dan will contact Steve Brandau to finalize the street work.

Elma said the cost of the historical signs is $380.05. Elma asked for a copy of our tax-exempt information to send to the company. All the signs have been installed.

**Swearing in Newly Elected Officials**

Bev swore in Mike, Elma and Jennifer to their positions. Mike swore in Bev. Valli will be sworn in at the June meeting.

**Seasonal Employee Duties**

The Board reviewed the list of duties for the seasonal employee. Minimum wage is $11.00 an hour and this was decided upon by the Village. Mike said Ron and Jon could split their shift for mowing purposes. Elma made a motion to approve the seasonal employee duties and salary and it was seconded by Travis. Motion carried. The duties will be posted online and at the post office. Applications are to be received by May 17th.

There was discussion about the Jenny Lind sign on Highway 81. Jon said he talked to the DOT and the sign was taken down because it should not have been posted in the first place because it does not meet the requirement for directional signage. Dan Swanson is trying to get approval to put up the sign. Mike Halpin said he would discuss this with Dan Swanson and a resolution developed if this is what is required. Mike said the Village would pay for the cost of any signage.

Mike has talked to John Peterson about a replica of the Jenny Lind Chapel. John Peterson is going to have another one built. It was suggested to talk to Mike Blade about the company that built the replica of the grange building on this property outside of Andover.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Bev Josephson, Village Clerk