

**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Village of Leaf River**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**March 11, 2024**  
**RVC - Cafeteria - 7:00 pm**

The Village Board of Trustees held their regular meeting and was opened by Village President Timothy C. Morris by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Krueger administered the Oath of Office to Sandy Simms.

**In attendance** at the Meeting: Village President, Timothy C. Morris, Trustees: Dea Groen, Bradley Plock, Nicki Shelton, and Sandy Simms. Treasurer Jan Myers, and Clerk Tena Krueger Absent from the meeting were Trustees O'Rourke and Green\*.

\*Trustee James Green resigned from the Board effective immediately – he and his family moved out of The Village.

Trustee Groen motioned to accept the February 2024; meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Shelton seconded this. Ayes -Trustees Groen, Shelton, Plock, and Simms; Nays – 0; Absent – Trustee O'Rourke Motion Carried.

Trustee Plock motioned to accept the Bills/Claims as presented. Trustee Simms seconded this. Ayes -Trustees – Plock, Simms, Shelton, and Groen Nays – 0; Absent – Trustee O'Rourke. Motion Carried.

Trustee Shelton motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Plock seconded this. Ayes – Trustees Plock, Green, O'Rourke, Shelton and Groen. Nays – 0; Absent – Trustee O'Rourke. Motion Carried.

**OPEN COMMENT –**

Candidate for Ogle County Coroner, Christie Cox addressed the board and audience by giving her qualifications to be the next Coroner for Ogle County.

Two interested parties addressed the board to be considered as a replacement on the Village Board of Trustees due to the resignation of James Green. Leann Taylor – lifelong resident with a finance background and Aaron Shelton also a lifelong resident with considerable connections through his employment at LR Comm and at Leaf River Fire Department.

Trustee Plock motioned Resolution 2024 R -1 Trustee Groen seconded this. Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Absent – 1 Trustee O'Rourke.

Discussion regarding Aegion/Corpro (Water Tower Corrosion Control System renewing the Cathodic Protection Control System for our Water Tower located at 806 Main Street. This will be discussed at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Trustee Groen motioned to go into a closed executive session at 7:13 pm to discuss Village Board Appointment. Trustee Shelton seconded this. Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Absent- 1 Trustee O'Rourke

Regular meeting resumed at 7:17 pm.

Leann Taylor was selected to replace James Green – beginning with the April 2024 Village Meeting.

President Morris informed the Board that residents on First Street have two (2) goats as well as non-permitted chickens. The Village Attorney, Rob LeSage, is addressing this infraction with a letter. There was an ordinance from 2017 that allowed one goat. The board has decided to rescind this ordinance as well as any mention of poultry inside the Village Limits.

Resident Aaron Shelton addressed the board regarding the flooding of his basement (located at 501 S. Main Street)during any rain. The water is coming from across the street (501 S. Main Street). There will be a tube placed under the driveway at 411 Main Street (Fifth Street side) and this should correct the flow of water run-off.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Joe Penn fixed some of the problem areas in the Village and will investigate tube pricing from Sublette Farming Elevators.

Karen Dietrich from the RVC notified the Board that rent is going to increase to \$100 from \$75. The next RVC Meeting will be held on April 3, 2024.

Kaylin Hubbard will be the new RVC scheduler and Kim Dickinson will be cleaning for the RVC. The BMX Swap Meet will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

President Morris suggested the community bonfire be held on the Saturday of Clean Up days. (Dumpster Days). The Forest City Riders will once again supply pizzas for the occasion,

Next Meeting will be held on April 8, 2024, at 7 pm in the RVC.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 pm

Attest: Tena L. Krueger (Village Clerk)

**Approved April 4, 2024**