

**COAL CITY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 28, 2021**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTIES OF GRUNDY AND WILL
VILLAGE OF COAL CITY**

On Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the boardroom of the Village Hall, Mayor Terry Halliday called to order the meeting of the Coal City Village Board. Roll call-Trustees Dave Togliatti, Ross Bradley, Dan Greggain, and Tim Bradley. Absent were Sarah Beach and Dave Spesia. Also in attendance were Matt Fritz, village administrator, attorney Mark Heinle, Ryan Hansen from Chamlin and Associates, and Police Chief Chris Harseim.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the July 14, 2021 Public Hearing were presented. Greggain moved to approve the minutes as written, second by R. Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Beach and Spesia. Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 14, 2021 regular meeting were presented. R. Bradley moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Beach and Spesia. Motion carried.

The warrant list was presented for approval. Following review and discussion, Togliatti moved to approve the warrant list, second by R. Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Beach and Spesia. Motion carried.

There was no Public Comment at this meeting.

Ordinance 21-23 a variance request at 80 N. 4th Avenue was presented to the Board. Mr. Fritz explained that the petitioners are seeking a 41 ft. corner side yard variance for the construction of a fence. The petitioners have combined their two adjoining lots into one lot with only one permanent index number. The line of site to the street will not be compromised. A four foot area on the north border of the corner side yard will be left for a possible future sidewalk. The petitioner, Rebecca Curran, was present for questions. Mr. Fritz stated that this was approved by the Planning and Zoning Board and they are making the recommendation for approval to the Village Board. Togliatti moved to adopt Ordinance 21-23 granting a fence to be located within the corner side yard at 80 N. 4th Avenue, second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Beach and Spesia. Motion carried.

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Ordinance 21-24 extending the lease for the property at 55 W. Maple was presented to the Board. Mr. Fritz stated that the building houses the Village's building department along with storage of park equipment, and police storage. The property owner, Jeff Halliday and the Village cannot agree on a purchase price at this time. The increase per month is \$300.00 from \$1,300 to \$1,600 for a one-year lease expiring on July 31, 2022. Several items were discussed including:

- Possible future purchase
- Possible facility analysis
- Conduct a mid-term plan for the future of this property

T. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance 21-24 authorizing an extension of the lease another year for the utilization of 55 W. Maple, second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain, Bradley and Mayor Halliday. Nays; none. Absent; Beach and Spesia. Motion carried.

Resolution 21-11 amending the employee handbook regarding Whistle Blowers and Anti-Retaliation Policy is being introduced to the Board by attorney Mark Heinle. He explained that since the passing of the Safety Act and in compliance with the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act, it is necessary to inform our staff of the policy regarding improper governmental action or retaliation. If an employee believes they have witnessed an improper governmental action, the employee will submit a written report of the action to the Village Administrator who will be the designated auditing official. If that employee feels they have been retaliated against for reporting the incident, then the employee will report the retaliatory action to the Village Administrator. The Village Administrator has the duty of investigating the complaint. Each employee shall receive a copy of this ordinance and place it in their employee handbook. The Village's intern, Tom Phetmeuangmay is presently working on reviewing and updating the employee handbook and this will be included in that update. T. Bradley moved to adopt Resolution 21-11 adopting the Whistle Blower and Anti-Retaliation Policy, second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Beach and Spesia. Motion carried.

Mr. Fritz reported that Well #3 is nearing completion of repairs and should be back up and on line shortly. The total amount of the repair is estimated at \$51,292.00 by Layne Christensen Company. R. Bradley moved to approve the completion of repair work to Well #3 by Layne Christensen for an estimated amount of \$51,292.00, second by

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Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Beach and Spesia. Motion carried.

Mr. Fritz gave an update handed down by Nancy Norton of the GEDC regarding the Energy Bill and the de-commissioning of the Dresden Nuclear Station. Congressman Adam Kinzinger has scheduled a meeting on August 25th regarding this issue. The closing of the Dresden Nuclear Station will have a huge impact on the community. The Village has been actively supporting that the Dresden Station remain open.

Mr. Fritz also presented the plans for the Fall Fest to be held in the Village on September 18, 2021. Details are still being finalized. The event will include a car show, live music, food trucks and the dedication and ribbon cutting of the South Broadway rehabilitation.

T. Bradley asked for an update regarding the art on Broadway. Mr. Fritz stated that the Village did not receive the ITEP Grant. However, a painted mural is still being considered and the Village has a few sculptures to strategically place in the Village. Coal City could consider applying again for the ITEP Grant.

Greggain announced that on Thursday, July 29th at 1 p.m. will be a Public Health & Safety Committee meeting in the boardroom of the Village Hall.

R. Bradley complimented Mr. Fritz in the play presented over the weekend by Small Town Theatrics of which Mr. Fritz held a part.

Attorney Heinle announced that there is a status hearing scheduled for the three railroad crossings on Thursday, July 29th and he will keep the Village Board posted.

Ryan Hansen announced a bid letting to be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2021 for the crack seal project.

Chief Harseim said he was researching the traffic flow on the proposed 12-unit apartment complex on Vermillion Street and will meet with Mr. Fritz and relay his opinion of possible solutions.

Mr. Fritz made the following announcements:

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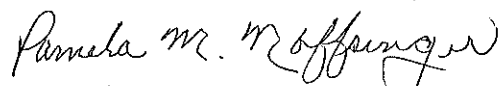
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- Farmers Market is scheduled for Saturday, July 31st from 8 am-12 pm in Campbell Memorial Park
- Through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Village of Coal City is slated to receive \$735,322.23 in funding from the coronavirus local recovery fund
- The Grundy County Chamber Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, September 10th
- Kankakee Water Alliance continues and a possible Intergovernmental Agreement may be prepared for the Village's participation in the project along with a support resolution regarding private funding
- Verizon retail space on E. Division Street has been finalized and the Village will be vacating an alley for the project in the near future
- The first of three Housing Rehabilitation homes is under construction; three more homes are presently out to bid
- O'Reilly's Auto has still not purchased the intended development property
- The burned building located at 30 North Broadway has been sold and the new owner is rehabbing and repairing the premises for apartments and business/offices
- McDonald's construction-no update but the project is scheduled for 2022
- Dunkin Donuts is still negotiating with D Construction for the purchase of the property on the corner of Rt. 113 and S. Broadway. Attorney Heinle described the Village's responsibility in the process regarding the parking lot located next to the corner property

T. Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m., second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Beach and Spesia. Motion carried.



Pamela M. Noffsinger, Village Clerk