

**COAL CITY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

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

At 7:03 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, Mayor Dave Spesia called to order the meeting of the Coal City Village Board in the boardroom of Village Hall. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Also in attendance were Ryan Hansen from Chamlin Engineering, Village Attorney Mark Heinle, and Matt Fritz, village administrator.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes for the regular Village Board meeting on October 25, 2023, were presented for approval. Bradley moved to approve the minutes second by Beach. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

The minutes for the regular Village Board meeting on November 8, 2023, were presented for approval. Mayor Spesia mentioned a section that needed to be revised. Greggain moved to approve the minutes with changes second by Togliatti. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; Bradley. Motion carried.

The warrant list was presented and reviewed by the Board. Greggain moved to approve the warrant list as written, second by Beach. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

During public comment, Charles Woychek residing at 115 E. Oak St. commended Coal City's Police Department and Fire Department for their service. Mr. Woychek gave special recognition to Officer Casey Roth for the heroic acts he showed towards his son-in-law by saving his life on November 6, 2023.

Police Chief Chris Harseim commended Officer Casey Roth for his heroic actions performed on November 6, 2023. Officer Roth was dispatched to a residence within the Village of Coal City in reference to a overdose of a male; Roth then proceeded to administer Narcan nasal spray. Chief Chris Harseim awarded Officer Roth a life-saving accommodation award and thanked him for his service. Mayor Spesia commended Officer Roth and showed appreciation towards the hard work of all the officers at the police department.

Ordinance 23-32, granting a variance for a detached garage at 225 E. Third Street. Nathan Shain, who was present at tonight's meeting, is requesting to add a 1,600 sq. ft. detached garage within the rear yard of his residence. The garage plans included a 10' x 40' carport along one side. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended adoption of the variance request. Greggain moved to adopt Ordinance 23-32, granting variances for the construction of a detached garage at 225 W. Third Street. second by, Mincey. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

Mr. Fritz recommended postponing Ordinance 23-33, granting a conditional use at 435 W. Division along with a variance for certain multi-tenant signage due to the new owner background check not being completed. Greggain moved to postpone Ordinance 23-33, granting a conditional use to allow liquor to be served as well as variances regarding the placement of signage, second by, Togliatti. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 23-34, abating the 2023 Property Taxes Levied upon the Coal City Area club. Mr. Fritz explained alongside the annexation of the Prairie Oak Estates subdivision in 2014, the Village also annexed a portion of the Coal City Area Club. Due to the annexed agreement with the property owner, no taxes are to be collected upon the property. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance 23-34, abating the 2023 Property Taxes levied upon the Coal City Area Club, second by Greggain. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.



Ordinance 23-35, abating the 2023 Property Taxes Levied upon the Cullick Farm. Mr. Fritz explained alongside the annexation of the Prairie Oak Estates subdivision in 2014, the Village also annexed a portion of the Cullick Farm. Due to the annexed agreement with the property owner, no taxes are to be collected upon the property. Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance 23-34, abating the 2023 Property Taxes levied upon the Cullick Farm, second by Beach. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

Resolution 23-17, actions related to the tornado project annual debt payment. Mr. Fritz explained that the Village of Coal City experienced an EF-3 tornado on June 22, 2015. The total costs failed to reach the level of which federal funds from FEMA would assist. In 2015, the Village utilized its existing debt issuance capabilities and pledged alternative revenue bonds to recover after the storm. Mr. Fritz explained this resolution highlights consideration of allowing the bond debt to be passed onward to the Village's taxpayers. Bradley moved to adopt Resolution 23-17, establishing essential services and their supporting revenues source resulting in the alternative revenue bonds of 2012- the Tornado Bonds, to be paid via property taxes collected in the upcoming annual levy, second by Beach. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

Resolution 23-18, entering into an agreement with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) to complete the DCEO Housing Rehabilitation program. Mr. Fritz explained the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities awarded Coal City a housing rehabilitation grant of \$650,000 within the past year. Mr. Fritz explained DCEO is providing a \$35,000 allowance which requires interactions with certified contractors and qualified homeowners. Homes are set to be selected for the program in the first quarter of 2024. Bradley moved to adopt Resolution 23-18, entering into an agreement with NCICG for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Grant #22-243004, second by Beach. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

Chief Harsiem explained with transitions at the Police Department there is a need for two additional officers to be staffed. The FY24 Budget has allocated these two positions. A list of potential candidates has been created. Togliatti moved to instruct the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners of the need to appoint two new candidates to fill currently available vacancies second by Bradley. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

Lori Bonarek presented to the Board the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Hustle 5K Run/ Walk to be held on November 26, 2023. The 5K will benefit local organization Coal City Junior Woman's Club. Lori explained every year they choose a different local charity to benefit. The Run/ Walk will start at Babes Tap travel out to Cardinal Transport and end at Babes Tap. Chief Harsiem he has scheduled officers to be on patrol during the event. Mayor Spesia thanked Lori for organizing the event and the Board gave their full support.

Mr. Fritz explained to the Board of the annual liability & workers compensation renewal. The Village gains access to the insurance market for general liability insurance as well its associated coverage lines and workers compensation coverage via Illinois Municipal Insurance Corporation (IMIC). Mr. Fritz went over the attached informational pieces for the renewal coverages. Mr. Fritz explained Cyber coverage has provided savings.

The Board has a discussion and asks follow up questions regarding the provided charts. Bradley moved to authorize village administrator to bind coverage within the IMIC proposal for general liability and workers' compensation coverage totaling \$435,387 for the policy year December 31, 2023 through December 30, 2024, second by Beach. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Abstain; none. Motion carried.

Mayor Spesia reported he attended the Blu Taco ribbon cutting and wished them the best of luck in the future business. Mayor Spesia wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Trustee Beach reported Small Business Saturday was this upcoming weekend and Sunshine Garden Center is hosting an event. Beach reminded everyone of the upcoming Holiday Hustle 5k on Sunday. Beach also reported the Meadow Estates playground is ready for use.

Trustee Bradley commended the maintenance department on the quick and efficient work on getting the sidewalks repaired. Bradley also stated he received good feedback from the Meadow Estates playground. Bradley commended Officer Roth on his heroic acts. Bradley asked follow up questions pertaining the water tower painting.

Trustee Togliatti commended Officer Roth on his heroic acts. Togliatti showed his appreciation towards the police department for their training and feels confident in their service.

Village Attorney, Mark Heinle reported the property on Big Timber has closed. Heinle reported he has associates working closely on the Paid Leave Act and will keep us updated.

Village Engineer, Ryan Hansen reported they are still working on the water main on Second Ave and everything is running smoothly.

Chief Harseim commended Officer Roth on his actions and showed his appreciation towards all the officers at police department. Chief said he attended the Hope for Helps turkey drive, it was a great event with a good turnout. Chief informed the Board he has scheduled more patrols for the upcoming community events held on November 26, 2023.

Village Administrator, Matt Fritz explained Linda Sula and Sergeant Clark has updated the sex offender list and it is uploaded on our website. Mr. Fritz explained that Riverside is working on a redevelopment agreement, and it will be ready by the end of the year. Mr. Fritz wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting second by Beach. Roll call- Ayes; Togliatti, Greggain, Noffsinger, Bradley, Beach and Mincey. Nays; none. Absent; none. Motion carried at 7:53 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexis Stone', with a stylized, cursive script.

Alexis Stone, Village Clerk