

**VILLAGE OF UNITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021**

- 1) Call to Order: Village President Heather Bender called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Roll call was taken with the following members in attendance; Trustees Scott Lull, Dean Schilling, Brian Michlig, Gene Smazal, Josh Bauer and President Heather Bender. Quorum established. DPW Jesse Bauer and Clerk Heidi Maldonis were also present.
- 4) Approve September Meeting Minutes: There was an issue regarding the minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting. Clerk Heidi Maldonis did not attend the September 13, 2021 regular meeting, so the minutes were taken by a trustee. The notes taken did not include the approval or denial of the minutes from August. The clerk was informed by the board that the August meeting minutes were in fact approved. Motion to approve September meeting minutes made by Michlig. Seconded by Bauer. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 5) Approve October Accts. Payable & September Treasurer's Reports: A motion to accept and approve October accounts payable and September treasurer's reports as presented was made by Michlig. Seconded by Lull. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6) Review/Approve Hall Security Deposits: Two rental dates were reviewed, September 4 and 18. Both rentals were satisfactory in their cleanups. Motion to approve refunds was made by Michlig. Seconded by Bauer. All ayes. Carried.
- 7) Committee Reports: None
- 8) Recognition of Visitors: None
- 9) DPW Report: DPW Jesse Bauer reported that the gazebo in park is being repaired. All of the spindles to be replaced. A swing in park is broken. The Village of Spencer does have a crew to perform sewer televising, but at this time are unavailable to help Unity due to their own schedules. The board instructed Bauer to go with Crane Engineering to work on lift stations and sewer ponds. The cost will be \$3478.00. Motion to approve Crane Engineering made by Michlig. Seconded by Schilling. All ayes. Motion carried. Bauer said that he completed the winterization of the ball park. The ruts in the ball park that were a result of this year's truck and tractor pull will be repaired before winter, Tom Smith will take care of it. End of report.
- 10) Board Business: Approve Operator's License-J. Zettler. Motion to approve made by Lull. Seconded by Smazal. All ayes. Motion carried. Approve Operator's License- M. Brost. Motion to approve made by Bauer. Seconded by Schilling. All ayes. Carried. Discussion/Action-Village Speed Limits. The clerk will write letter to North Central Region Dept. of Transportation Traffic Safety Engineer Anthony Kemnitz requesting a 35 mph limit within village boundaries. Discussion/Action-ARAP Fund Uses. Possible uses for the grant include sewer upgrades, road improvements, among other things. No action taken at this time. Set Date for Prelim. Budget Meeting. The preliminary budget meeting will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00

pm. The budget approval meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

- 11)** Old Business: USDA Grant. A publisher's affidavit is needed for release of funds. Televising sewer manholes subject for eligibility of fund usage. Sewer bills will include notice not to place posts in village right of way. Village streets should be cut back to standard widths. This should be done before winter, but may have to wait until spring. Trees and bushes should be trimmed back from street signs. The repeal of the leaf burning ordinance was discussed, will be addressed at next regular board meeting. There is a leak in the south sewer pond. DPW Bauer will check into new grader. The village will no longer mow the lawn at the American Legion for truck pull. Lighted crosswalks at highway, will contact DOT. Village costs amount to 20% of total cost.
- 12)** Clerk's Report: Marathon County property tax receipting will be done online this year.
- 13)** President's Report: CN Railroad has been purchased. Route extends from Spencer to Medford.
- 14)** Adjournment: Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Bauer. Seconded by Schilling. All ayes. Adjourned at 8:50 pm