Village of New Holland

May 10, 2023

6:30 pm

**Public Forum:**

**Solar Panels:** A representative of the Stone River Group discussed solar panel quotes. He gave quotes for the Village Hall, café and, the pumphouse.

**Café:** Val Carnes and Paul Saba, owners of the New Holland Café, expressed their concerns about the rent increase.

**Roll Call:** Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**Oath of Office:** Chris Cochran, Steve Andersen, Jim Rehmann and Kahlan Merriman were sworn into office.

**Secretary’s report:** Jim Rehmann made a motion to amend the minutes to approve the amendment of the liquor license. Chris Cochran seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

Chris Cochran motioned to approve the secretary’s report with the amendment. Steve Andersen seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**Treasurer’s report:** Jim Rehmann motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Steve Andersen seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

Old business:

**Water Project:** The agreements cannot move forward until Middletown elects a new mayor.

**Well:** The test results on the water from the new well are good. They are waiting on some supplies to finish the well.

**Solar Panels:** Jim Rehmann motioned to purchase solar panels for the Village Hall. Chris Cochran seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran. All opposed: Val Goin. Jim Rehmann motioned to allow the bank to put some solar panels on the café roof, if they decide to purchase them. Chris Cochran seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**Budget:** Val Goin motioned to approve the budget. Jim Rehmann seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**Installation of Doors:** Sharon Tibbs donated two new doors for the library in memory of Dave Tibbs. Val Goin is going to talk to a couple of people about getting them installed.

**Sheridan Township:** The Sheridan Township is going to pay half of the postage to send newsletters. They have discussed renting the Village Hall for meetings for $500 a month. They also have discussed renting an office for $200 a month.

**HVAC:** The Village Board has received a couple of quotes. The board has a few questions about the quotes that need to be addressed before a decision is made.

**Café lease:** Jim Rehmann motioned to not raise the rent. Chris Cochran seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran. All opposed: Val Goin

**Veterans’ banners:** Chris Cochran is going to talk to Cameron Harnacke about helping him put the banners up.

**New Business:**

**Audit:** Steve Andersen motioned to use the same company that did it last year. Val Goin seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**New Holland Developmental Foundation:** A New Holland Developmental Foundation needs to be formed. It will be formed under the Village as a 501-3C. The previous foundation disbanded and gave their funds to the Village.

**Clean up grant:** The Village received a $500 grant to clean up the town. Jim Rehmann motioned to rent a dumpster. Steve Andersen seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**Semi traffic on Lincoln St.:** Restricting semi traffic on Lincoln Street was discussed.

**Sidewalks:** There are a few sidewalks that need fixed. Steve Andersen motioned to hire Bill McPherson to fix the sidewalks. Val Goin seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**Street party:** The Village Pub and the New Holland Café are working together to host a street party on June 3rd. They are looking for donations for the kids’ activities. Steve Andersen motioned to donate $200. Chris Cochran seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**Summer crafts:** The woman that was originally approached about having crafts over the summer is no longer available. Instead, a different woman is going to do a week long art camp.

**Part-time employee:** Val Goin motioned to hire Jared Merriman as a part time employee. Jim Rehmann seconded the motion. All in favor: Steve Andersen, Val Goin, Jim Rehmann, Chris Cochran

**Stop sign:** A new stop sign needs to be at the church.

**Easton:** Easton is having its 150th celebration. They are looking for help and donations. Jim Rehmann motioned to spray for mosquitos. Steve Andersen seconded the motion.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Merriman