

TIPPECANOE VILLAGE  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2024

Mike Gardner, First Vice President, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present except for President, Don Swanson.

**Prayer and pledge** by Al Anderson. The Sergeant of Arms, Patty Wisniewski, spoke about the rules of proper conduct and their enforcement at a meeting.

**Secretary**, Barbara Estep, read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer Report:** Bernice gave the report. Her report is attached.

**Maintenance Report:** Denny Putze said that the pump on one of the lift stations needs maintenance work. He called EMS this morning and the service came and pulled the pump. An evaluation will be done on the pump to see if it can be repaired.

Denny said that in response to several inquiries they would be repairing the slab behind the club house for a practice pickle ball court. Elizabeth has a portable net that can be used. The McMorrow's offered the use of their net and paddles and volunteered to give lessons. Bernice made a motion to allow Denny to keep infrastructure maintained. Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sue said it was an unnecessary vote. Motion withdrawn.

Michael Gardner suggested that walls be built up to protect the lift stations from sand washing in the door when it rains.

Denny reported that Skip has a crew painting the parking curbs and parking lines at club house and office. Skip and Denny will power wash and paint all the lines in the park.

A water valve has been reconnected by the travel trailers so if anyone needs to wash their trailers to contact him.

Denny asked the residents to not park their cars on the water lines or overnight on the grass. If you break your own valve you will pay for it yourself.

**Development Report:** Bob reported that his crew have several projects that need to be done. First, they will investigate the damage to the west wall of the club house with a camera and that may be the only project done this year due to finances.

**Finance Report:** Mike Westfall left copies of the 2024 budget on a table for members to review. It is a balanced budget with a net income of zero.

**Activities Report:**

Gadabouts went on a trip today.

Patty said the park wide sale will be on Saturday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. She asked that people guard their water lines. She asked for volunteers for the club house lunch and pie donations. She said the

Salvation Army will pick up your things that you don't sell. Sign up for tables. Bob Hammar said the shed is full. Take mattresses to the dump. RaeAnn volunteered her trailer to take things to the dump.

Patty said tickets can be bought for a quilt that will be raffled off in March.

**Old Business:** Barbara reported that Larry had three estimates for lawn care each at \$1,200 which is \$400 a month cheaper than current charges. He will research references and services.

Severin (Skip) Erickson gave a report about park spruce up. Ten people showed up to help remove the old and replace the new plants and trees. Due to all Jack's help, he will name it Jack's Corner. Volunteers and donations are appreciated.

Skip also brought up that Patty is the Sergeant of Arms and that the members of the board will support her in bringing order in the meetings.

**New Business: The Election.**

Mary has her election team in place for the February 5<sup>th</sup> election. The registrars are Wanda Stevens, and Dottie Cornell, door guards are Tom Key and Lee Bonzo, ballot box guards are Dean Scott and Sandy Hitchens, counters are Marcella Pritchard, Peggy Bonzo, Laura Shaw, Pam Kilbourn, Myrna Mallison and Joanie Sheeley. Door will be locked after the election for the count. Results will be announced at the meeting the night of February 5, 2024.

A motion to allow Mary Somma to destroy the old ballots was made and Jayne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It was approved. Mary will open the ballot box and the ballots will be shredded.

The people running for the board as candidates and write-ins were asked to introduce themselves and give their qualifications. Speakers were Regina Held, Lisa DuBois, Dave Joy, Sue Lentner, RaeAnn Heath, Severin Erickson and Jayne McMeans.

An interpretation of the By Law, Article III Sec 4, was discussed. One view was that a term served means full three years, the opposing view was that any length of time served on a term means a term served. Verle Wetherwax made a motion to go by the By Laws that a partial term is a term served. There was a second by Barbara. A debate ensued among the membership as to the interpretation of the bylaw. Verle asked for the question to be called and no more discussion. Nevertheless, the argument continued. There was confusion as to the clarity of the motion. Ignoring several requests to vote, the acting president refused to ask for a vote and lost control of the meeting. The membership left the building The vote was never taken.

Mike Gardner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary, Barbara Estep