Present – Members Ken Aselage, Gary Strasser, Angie Wildermuth, Laura Lentz-Fogt, Justin Radick, Carol Ferguson; Mayor Mark Pulfer, Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Public Works Superintendent Lindsey Alexander, Solicitor Lowe, Officer Sarah Wise, Amber Zimpfer, Kaylie Kipp, Madison Jeffries, Brynn Billing, Carter Gordon, Leah Meyer, John Shaffer, Linda Shaffer.

Mayor Pulfer called the meeting to order with roll call followed by opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Aselage made a motion to waive the reading of the March 9, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Strasser. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Strasser moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting, seconded by Aselage. Roll call – All Yeas.

Invoices totaling $27,927.32 were presented for payment. Aselage moved and Lentz-Fogt seconded to approve payments. Roll call – All Yeas.

Amended agenda approved by verbal vote. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Citizen Concerns:**

Members of the Anna FFA presented on the importance of honey bees, crop production yield and how chemicals influence their habitat.

Linda and John Shaffer are requesting a second yard drain to be installed on their property within the NE drainage project. They are willing to contribute to the added cost.

**Legislation:**

Resolution 21-914 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Strasser moved and Wildermuth seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call – All Yeas

Strasser moved and Aselage seconded to adopt the Resolution. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Reports:**

Mayor Pulfer – There will be a Mayor’s meeting on March 29th in Russia. The annual report from the health department is available for review. Congratulations to the Botkins boys basketball team on their State Championship.

Fiscal Officer – New American flags and poles for West Main Street have been ordered and most have been delivered. Lowe has drafted the annexation agreement for the Middendorf property. The first half of the real estate tax settlement has been deposited. The CRA forms for the commercial properties have been returned and are ready to be filed by the end of the month.

Fire Chief – The department responded to two structure fires last night. One was a barn fire and the farmer did remove some objects safely, prior to the department arriving. The other was a house fire that was natural gas driven. Everything went ok.

Police – There are various locations in town were sidewalks are obstructed. The department will look in to those.

Public Works Superintendent – Filter media quotes are being obtained for the water plant. Quotes for Second Street paving have been received and will be reviewed. We did have them break the quote into two separate phases. As of right now, we have one application turned in for the seasonal mowing position. The stage and playhouse have been painted at the park due to vandalism. Tennis and pickleball nets have been put up for the season. There are some repairs that need to be done at the park bathrooms before they can be opened. Dawson has been working on trimming the trees. Plows have been put away and the mowers are ready for the season.

Finance and Personnel – Next meeting is April 13, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Works – Next meeting is April 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. This time change will be ongoing.

Safety and Refuse – Next meeting is April 6, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting is April 13, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Planning Commission – Next meeting is April 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

**Old Business**

* Construction has begun on the northeast drainage project at the intersection of Mill and Tamala Sts. After discussion, a quote will be obtained to add a second drain on the Shaffer property at 406 Shannon.
* Interview dates and times have been set for March 30th for the Village Administrator’s position. These will be done via zoom.
* Stolly went back to Anthem to negotiate a better premium rate. It went from a 2.96% increase to a 1.1% increase from current rates. Strasser moved and Aselage seconded to contract with Anthem for health insurance, renewing May 1, 2021. Roll Call – All Yeas.
* After discussion, the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) topic will be tabled.

**New Business**

* The minimum dollar amount eligible to send to the Attorney General’s office for collections is $100. The Village will try to collect anything less than that.
* Multiple reports have been reported regarding105 West South Street. Unattended young children playing with arrows, garbage and trash throughout. Officer Wise will look into the situation.

**Any Other Business**

* The garden club has a number of hanging baskets that used to hang on poles down West Main Street. Meyer proposes having the Anna FFA fill the baskets with the flowers they have grown. The FFA will plant one basket as a demo and they will coordinate the colors with the pots that the garden club plants.

Strasser moved and Aselage seconded to go into executive session for pending litigation. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Return to open session.

There being no further business to come before the group, it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

This meeting is held in compliance with Amended Section 121.22 of the ORC.

Time: 8:58 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer