SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

APRIL 5, 2022 5:00 PM

**MINUTES:**

The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM by Mayor Evelyn Deverell.

Present: Trustees Teresa Acree, Les Jenkins, Kourt Mooney and Jay Trusner. Also present: Andrew Weatherford, Village Attorney, Treasurer Julie Rose and Mayor Evelyn Deverell.

The purchase of the property at 210 N Kembark, Decatur, Il 62522 was discussed. Attorney Weatherford explained the current requests by the property owner, Heidi Ashworth. The Board of Trustees, at the March 28, 2022 meeting, had approved offering $6,500.00 for this property. Ms. Ashworth has agreed to this amount. She would like the funds to be in two separate checks: $5,000.00 as a Village check and $1,500.00 in a Cashiers Check. In addition, there are closing costs, title opinion, recording fees and possible property taxes that will need to be paid. Attorney Weatherford estimates these costs to be around $1,082.75. Trustee Acree asked if the property taxes are “sold taxes”. Attorney Weatherford explained these are taxes for the tax year 2021.

Mayor Deverell stated that the question is whether or not the Village wants to pay those additional costs. Troy Page has given a quote for $5,500.00 for demolishing the property. So, the entire cost to the Village for this property would be $13,100.00. Possible uses of the property were discussed.

Trustee Vessels moved, Trustee Trusner seconded, to approve purchasing the property at 210 N Kembark for $6,500.00, with two separate payments as asked, and to pay the additional costs of up to

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$1,100.00 incurred for this purchase. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

Attorney Weatherford asked how the Board would like to handle the payments to Ms. Ashworth for this property. A discussion followed regarding a Cashiers Check. Trustee Jenkins asked if a motion should be made to officially make these payments since the motion at the March 28th meeting was to offer the amount of $6,500.00. The sellers disclosure form was discussed. Attorney Weatherford stated that if the Village plans to rehab the house on the property, we may want to closely looked at as it is not filled out properly.

Les Jenkins moved to pay $6,500.00 purchase price, the additional costs of up to $1,100 and for the Mayor to sign the Contract. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Vessels moved to adjourn. After a second to the motion by Trustee Trusner, the vote was 4 to 0 in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM by Mayor Deverell.

Evelyn Deverell

Mayor