

SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2024

VILLAGE OF LYONS

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The meeting was called to order by President Charles at 12:00 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Formation of the roll was taken and a quorum was declared.

Roll Call:

Fred Charles P Joe Farrington P Erin Randall AB Patty Priest P
Jennifer Spearling P Bernie Russell P

Staff Attending: Lyndon Randall AB

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Spearling made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Public Comments: None

Trustee Spearling stated that Laura Schoenmehl was interviewed for clerk and would be qualified for either position. Discussion was had regarding cross training the new hires for both positions. Trustee Spearling made a motion to hire Laura as clerk at starting base pay and move to Step 1 after 90 days, based on performance and considering her experience, seconded by Trustee Farrington. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Trustee Spearling stated that a second candidate, Vanessa Mitchner has applied for clerk, treasurer, and is interested in updating and maintaining the village's website. Trustee Farrington made a motion to hire Vanessa as a substitute clerk/treasurer who will be cross trained for both positions, at starting base pay and move to Step 1 after 90 days, based on performance, seconded by Trustee Spearling. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Trustee Spearling stated that Neil Hammerbacher is planning to come in starting Thursday February 29 at 8am to begin training of the new employees. Engagement letter agreeing to his services was signed by President Charles and President Pro Tem Farrington for this to begin.

Jon Houserman has sent a letter of interest to the council regarding finishing out the Trustee term, ending in November 2024, vacated by Kenton Eavey. Trustee Farrington made a motion to bring Jon Houserman on as Trustee to finish out the remainder of the term ending in November 2024, seconded by Trustee Russell. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Trustee Farrington stated that the office has received notification regarding people living in a shed. Trustee Priest stated that people have been living in a shed for 3 years with lights and heat. Trustee Farrington stated that a cease and assist letter will be sent and the matter will be handled accordingly.

Adjournment: A motion was offered by Trustee Russell seconded by Trustee Spearling to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted By: Jennifer Spearling, on behalf of the Village Clerk.