

# City Council approves annual bid for oil and chip for roads

It took just 8 minutes for the Tuscola City Council to make its way through Monday's scant agenda. Alderman Dave Slaughter presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Dan Kleiss. Alderman Tim Hoey also was absent.

The Council approved the annual bid for oil and chip for roads. Earl Walker Company was the successful bidder at \$72,967.80.

Also approved was \$7,645 for electronic locks at City Hall. City Administrator Drew Hoel noted that the Council had previously approved new security measures, including doors and electronic locks, for City Hall. The locks are part of that project, which includes an intercom system so staff can better control access to the building.

The Council also again approved a wage increase for Police Officer Jason Simpson. Hoel explained that he had accidentally copied the wrong

salary figure for Simpson, so the previous amount approved would actually be a pay cut. The wage was approved this time for \$26.78 per hour.

In the consent agenda, a Community Building lease was approved with alcohol for Friends of the NRA July 30-31.

The Council will hold a special meeting next Monday to consider an annexation request and for a bid opening.

Hoel's written report to the Council is as follows (in part):

Building Improvements: The contractor has informed us that some the of the site clearing and foundation work may begin earlier than expected due to subcontractor availability, but then the remainder of the project will start as expected in early September. We expect to see site prep beginning as early as the first week of August. We are also looking at some "value engineering" options with the contractor that may change the

HV AC system in the fire station, remove some of the static structures in the firing range, and add ballistic panels downrange in the fire station to allow tactical movement downrange and firing from any point along its length for training purposes. In total, we expect these changes to decrease the overall cost slightly.

Downtown Alley Improvements: Bids have been advertised for the downtown alley improvements Phase II, and they will be opened on July 27th. There will be a Special City Council meeting on July 31st to consider those bids and, hopefully, make an award. The reason for the proposed special meeting is the fact that there are three weeks between the second meeting in July and the first meeting in August. The timeline is already tight on this project, so the special meeting will gain us two weeks. We will ask you to sign for notice of the

special meeting at this meeting. Sidewalk Improvement Plan: \$100,000 was included in this year's budget as a new initiative to contract for sidewalk improvements and repairs, building off of the detailed sidewalk assessment we conducted approximately one year ago. That project has also been advertised, with a bid opening scheduled for Aug. 3.

Annexation Request: I have received a request from Cliff Ponder to annex the property at 508 E. Northline Road. This is the house immediately west of the Lutheran Church. I have published notice of the consideration of the annexation at the Special Meeting of the City Council planned for July 31st, which was already necessitated by the bid award for the downtown alley improvements mentioned above.

Storm Damage: City crews continue to work to clear storm debris! The pace has slowed,

and they have now turned attention to "hangers" - tree limbs that are loose but remain lodged overhead. Residents continue to place storm debris at the curb for our crews to haul away.

Water Improvement Projects: We recently received formal notice of the DCEO grant for the Meadowview water main replacement project, and the actual grant agreement should be available within a few weeks. Similarly, we anticipate receipt of a loan agreement from IEPA for the remainder of the Meadowview project and the master meter station within the next several weeks. We are planning to bid both of these projects as soon as possible under the terms of the grant and loan agreements, which will hopefully be by early September. The water main project could begin in late fall, but there is a several month lead-time for manufacture of the pre-fab master me-

ter station building. It will likely not be completed and installed until late '24/early '25. Finally, we have started to investigate another possible grant program for backup generators at the Sadorus pump station and the proposed new master meter station. We are anticipating a disaster declaration from the recent storms, which would make us eligible for that FEMA grant.

Backyard Hens: I have received a few comments concerning the proposal presented during public comment at the last meeting to allow limited numbers of backyard hens. We have not completed our research of the topic and there is no formal proposal for your consideration at this meeting. Please let me know, if you haven't already, if you have additional input on this topic.

## Board

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ity in making changes on the construction site. Alexander agreed and said they found small things, such as ductwork rerouting due to unexpected beams, but nothing major.

Alexander said the new scoreboard is expected to arrive next week. So far the old bleachers have been moved in anticipation of the new ones coming before the start of the football season.

Board member Wade Wilcox commented that he's received everything from sponsors for the board. Alexander said the

school is still expecting funds from sponsors and has received a little over half so far.

In other news, the School Board was asked to do the first reading of Press Policy 112. Alexander said there is not a lot on it, besides more state mandates. However, he noted that the employee tuition policy has changed. He said Governor J.B. Pritzker signed a bill that changes the way you can make changes to employee tuition policies. Previously schools would have to hold a hearing and invite local legislators. Now schools can make changes through policy.

If passed next month, the policy will allow employees whose children don't live with-

in the school district to attend school without paying the out-of-district tuition, which can be very pricey. Alexander said he believes the cost can be over \$11,000. Alexander said the new policy could be attractive for hiring teachers during the teacher shortage.

The School Board approved the memorandum of agreement with the district's second speech teacher and moved the position to full-time instead of part-time.

The School Board accepted the resignations/retirements of Nolan Woller as North Ward P.E. teacher and high school girl's golf coach and Katie Wienke as East Prairie social worker and

Homecoming sponsor.

The School Board accepted the hiring of Spencer Hall as East Prairie head volleyball coach; Emma Rhoades as high school assistant volleyball coach; moving Terra Waldrop from North Ward to Tuscola High School; Michelle Black as North Ward secretary.

The School Board approved the consent agenda, including previous minutes, monthly reports from the treasurer and bookkeeper, Kay Crays FMLA and an increase in the monthly Automated Clearing House network (ACH) transaction amount from \$350,000 to \$450,000. An ACH is an electronic fund transfer made between banks and credit unions. It includes

direct deposit of paychecks and monthly debits for routine payments.

The School Board approved destroying verbatim records older than 18 months.

Tuscola boys' travel basketball donated \$750 to the East Prairie Projects.

In the East Prairie Principal report, Jared Vanasdoll said that in-person registration will be Aug. 8 for East Prairie and North Ward. He also thanked teachers and staff for offering opportunities for students, including FFA and school band. Thursday, Aug. 28 will be the open house for East Prairie.

Dean of Students Justin Bozarth gave the high school report and said that in-person

registration will be Aug. 15-17 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Bozarth said that he is extremely optimistic for the construction happening and said that the work is starting to take on shape. He thanked Omni for organization, communication, and maintenance crews, as they have juggled work with weather and construction.

According to Bozarth and Alexander, the high school will have a community walk-through, but they are waiting until construction workers are off the premises, so no date has been set. The new student orientation will also be after students and parents will have had a chance to see the work done at school.

## LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-07172023-01

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR CAMARGO TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY OF THE COUNTIES OF CHAMPAIGN AND DOUGLAS, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Camargo Township District Library of the Counties of Champaign and Douglas and State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the Ordinance, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Camargo Township District Library.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Villa Grove, Illinois this 17th day of July, 2023.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the resolution be submitted to the electors of the District is 276.
2. The petition must be filed on or before August 25, 2023.
3. The referendum would be held March 19, 2024.

*Mary Jo Wilson*  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
Camargo Township District Library  
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Villa Grove, Illinois 61956

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This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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Posted: July 18, 2023

*Amy Rose*  
President of the Board of Trustees of the Camargo Township District Library

ATTEST:

*Mary Jo Wilson*  
Secretary

## LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF GARRETT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

Treasurer's Report of Revenues and Disbursements for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022, and Ending April 30, 2023.

Mary Jo Wilson, Treasurer

Published in compliance with Section 24, Chapters 3-10-5-1 of the IL Revised Statutes.

### REVENUE SUMMARY

Water Fund: Charges for Service- \$48557.52; Investment Interest- \$64.68  
TOTAL WATER REVENUES - \$48622.20

General Corporate Funds: Franchise Fees- \$1610.86; State Income Tax- \$19712.70; Personal Property Replacement Tax- \$69877.61; Real Estate Tax- \$20301.33; Use Tax- \$4967.94; Sales Tax- \$577.79; American Rescue Plan- \$10750.69; Interest- \$49.79; Cannabis Use Tax - \$192.10  
Other Income - 1859.41  
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES - \$67010.17

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: State of IL Allotments- \$5631.63; Investment Interest- \$6.92  
TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX REVENUES - \$5638.55

TOTAL REVENUES- \$121270.92

### EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

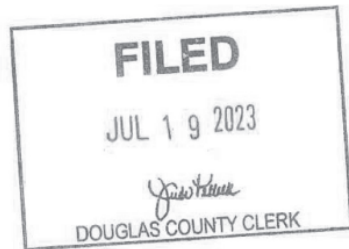
Trustee Honorariums: Don Issler- \$320.00; Rocky Warner- \$900.00; Carol Hardig- \$320.00; Carissa Gadbury- \$280.00; Lula Chupp- \$300.00; Eli Stutzman- \$240.00

TOTAL HONORARIUMS: \$2360.00

Vendors (\$1000 or more): Ameren Illinois- \$4198.66; Rural Development- \$3,854.00; Cherub Business Services- \$5321.51; Kristine Issler- \$4800.00; Rural Mgt Assoc- \$2641.33; Village of Atwood- \$16024.78; Cody Swisher- \$2260.00; Garrett Twsp - \$9949.46; James Lantz - \$2155.00; Tuscola Home Ctr. - 1015.55; Jeff Mercer - \$12000.00; Feller & Kuester, CPAs - \$1725.00; Sloan Implement - \$1391.72; IEPA - \$4625.68; CNA Surety - \$2329.00; Burdick Plumbing, Inc. - \$3369.18

TOTAL VENDORS (\$1000 or More): \$ 70012.31  
Other Vendors (less than \$1,000): \$ 12345.55

TOTAL VENDOR EXPENDITURES: \$ 82357.86



### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

	Water	General	MFT
Beginning Balance	\$155737.30	163713.09	20068.05
Revenues	48622.20	67010.17	5638.55
Expenditures	39258.57	43099.29	0.00
Ending Cash Balance	165100.93	187623.97	25706.60
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$165100.93</u>	<u>187623.97</u>	<u>25706.60</u>

The preceding is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, an accurate and correct accounting of the funds of the Village of Garrett, IL, as of April 30, 2023. A detail of accounts may be examined by contacting the Village Treasurer or the Village Clerk.

*Mary Jo Wilson*  
Village Treasurer

I, Kristine Issler, Clerk of Garrett, Douglas County, IL., do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer Report for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2023.

*Kristine Issler*  
Village Clerk