

**Call to Order** Mayor Ridge called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Present: Maggie Ridge, Mayor  
AJ Peck, Deputy Mayor  
Andy Fraser, Trustee  
Randall Hess, Trustee  
Wayne LaVair, Trustee

Also Present: Anne Hartman, Village Clerk  
Approximately 10 Residents

**Public Before the Board**

- Mayor Ridge addressed the comments from the April 9 meeting:
- The Village has historically underpaid the employees, in the past 2 years we have lost 5 employees to higher paying jobs, this is not sustainable to run the Village.
- Park & Rec – we received grants for improvements of Canawaugus Park and Johnson Park is well used and needs attention, to get the projects done we will need to dedicate money to the salary line.
- Reserves are healthier, we are able to pull from those to avoid borrowing to address infrastructure and deferred maintenance.
- Although we have been fortunate to receive grants, we need to commit and spend the total expenses and then we get reimbursed through the grants.
- Main St has been given to the Forestry Board and the budget has been increased.

Andrea Barnhoorn, 71 Main St – I see the clerk’s salary was already passed at the March 12 meeting. Concerns of the appearance of Main St.

Trustee Fraser responded that we are reaching out to the engineer to determine the scope of the work needed on Main St and additional money has been allocated to that.

Julie Bowers, 24 Scott Crescent – concerned of the \$300,000 increase in the General Fund and the increase in the clerk’s salary

**2024-2025 Budget**

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor AJ Peck and seconded by Trustee Andy Fraser to approve the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 as submitted.

**Vote:** Carried (5-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor AJ Peck	AYE
Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE	Trustee Randy Hess	AYE
Trustee Wayne LaVair	AYE		

**Arbor Day Proclamation**

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*Whereas*, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

*Whereas*, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas*, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and  
*Whereas*, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and  
*Whereas*, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and  
*Whereas*, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and  
*Whereas*, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.  
*Now, Therefore, I, Maggie Ridge*, Mayor of the **Village of Scottsville**, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, May 4, 2024** as in the **Village of Scottsville**, and I urge all citizens to **celebrate Arbor Day** and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and *Further*, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor AJ Peck and seconded by Trustee Andy Fraser to approve the proclamation of Arbor Day.

**Vote:** *Carried (5-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor AJ Peck	AYE
Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE	Trustee Randy Hess	AYE
Trustee Wayne LaVair	AYE		

#### **Ted Hosmer Enterprises Invoice**

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Trustee Wayne LaVair to approve the payment of Ted Hosmer Enterprises for mulch in an amount not to exceed \$108.00.

**Vote:** *Carried (5-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor AJ Peck	AYE
Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE	Trustee Randy Hess	AYE
Trustee Wayne LaVair	AYE		

#### **DPW Summer Hours**

The DPW has requested to do four 10 hour work days and have Fridays off.

Deputy Mayor Peck is not in favor of this proposal, this is a service based department and that would increase overtime

Trustee LaVair stated longer hours would allow for more work, the DPW spends a lot of time setting up and breaking down for jobs. This would be temporary, suggested no end date, we try it until it does not work.

Mayor Ridge suggested a staggering schedule where employees will work that schedule every other week. That allows for two Fridays off a month.

Trustee Fraser asked this be tabled until more details are provided.

#### **Eclipse Pay**

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor AJ Peck and seconded by Trustee Andy Fraser to table the discussion of paying regular hourly rate to the DPW workers for three hours on April 8, 2024 due to being sent home early.

**Vote:** *Carried (5-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor AJ Peck	AYE
Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE	Trustee Randy Hess	AYE
Trustee Wayne LaVair	AYE		

**Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor AJ Peck and seconded by Mayor Maggie Ridge to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 6:46 pm.

**Vote:** *Carried (5-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge      AYE  
Trustee Andy Fraser      AYE  
Trustee Wayne LaVair    AYE

Deputy Mayor AJ Peck    AYE  
Trustee Randy Hess      AYE

Respectfully submitted by:



Anne Hartman  
Village Clerk