

Regular Meeting April 4, 2012

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M., local time, in the Village Board Room, to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Cler, Crozier, Ehler, Hethke, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Dave Atchley (MSA) and Carrie Mulvaney. Atchley presented the Board with the paperwork for IDOT Motor Fuel resolution, with the engineer's agreement and estimated costs for street work. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Resolution #217 for Maintenance of Streets. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Ehler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Crozier made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Hethke made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of February 29, 2012 was \$525,425.59. Total money received for the month of March 2012 was \$54,560.85, plus \$13.08 interest from CD #8170 and \$20.68 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$53,814.45, leaving a balance on March 31, 2012 of \$526,205.45.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 26 incidents, 20 warnings, and six citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 14 incidents, three reports, and two arrests. Weary presented the Board with estimated costs for a 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe, package for bringing it to police codes and markings (\$36,731.44). Weary said he could trade the old squad car in through Miles Chevrolet in Monticello and get from \$8,000-\$15,000. GM also offers a low interest loan rather than going through the bank. Discussion followed. He also had an estimate for new crash data software (\$400-\$800). He said the state of Illinois will be going to E Tickets and the Village will have to update the software for that. Discussion followed. Weary also said he received a request for \$250 for Children's Advocacy Center for an annual assessment based on previous use by the Village.

Discussion followed. Trustee Cler made a motion to pay \$250 to the Children's Advocacy Center. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of March 2012.

Total gallons of water pumped-----1,898,000

Average daily consumption (gal)-----61,226

Jess Childress's report further stated he replaced copper line and broken nut leading to snubber because it was causing the water tower to overflow; replaced a 2" compression fitting on high service pump #3 due to leakage; replaced three broken meters with new meters and touch reads; took all water and wastewater samples and sent them to EPA; dug up broken water service on South New Street and replaced water meter yolk and fittings; rocked all alleys and filled some holes; back washed all pressure filters at the water plant; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; mowed at the wastewater plant, around the maintenance building, the empty lot by the lift station on Plumb Street, and the lot on the corner by the Spreader; located ten places for JULIE. Childress said he called Rantoul's water department to determine what to do if he was ever unable to manage our water system for any period of time due to illness. He talked to Kenny Calhoun who is retired from the Village of Rantoul and he said he would be glad to help Childress whenever he needs the extra assistance for any reason.

STREETS AND ALLEYS REPORT

Trustee Cler suggested the Village cut a ditch in front of Tracy Pannbacker's home, where water collects on the south side of his driveway. After discussion, it was decided to investigate the matter further to decide how best to resolve the issue.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said Kalin Kocher will begin the drainage project in late June or early July.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said he reported a light out on East Willard, and it has been replaced. The flag poles are installed, but need a little adjustment. He would like to purchase solar lights for both flag poles at an estimated cost of \$260 plus shipping. Trustee Ehler made a motion to purchase solar lights for both flag poles at a cost not to exceed \$300. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Crozier said Spring Green will cost about the same as in the past and he plans to hire them again this year. It was decided to hold Dump Day on June 16th from 8-2.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said he has received three military signs from Border Magic, and Childress has the brackets to hang them. He is trying to find names for more military personnel from the Gifford area. Hethke said he will try to do something similar to last year as far as the sidewalks are concerned. He and Dave Atchley also are working on a grant for equipment for the park. Atchley will have it ready before the May deadline.

OLD BUSINESS

Childress said the debit module for use with The Gifford State Bank will be implemented in May. Customers of the bank will have to sign up for the automatic service to pay their water and sewer bills directly from their account to the Village account.

President Ackerman said the Annual Budget meeting will be April 19th at 7:00.

Childress said he has received complaints about Art Hesterberg's old house on South New Street. The neighbors have been taking turns mowing the lawn and there are water and mold issues in the house. The Village needs to find out whom to contact.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Crozier said Dave Bletscher and ESDA would like four new radios at a cost of about \$500 each with battery back ups for the warning sirens costing about \$250. Treasurer Duitsman said there would be \$2,500 in the new budget for that purchase. A motion to approve the purchase of four new radios and a battery back up for the warning sirens at a cost of \$2,500 was made by Trustee Crozier. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Crozier said he would talk to Bletscher and let him know.

Treasurer Duitsman presented the budget comparison analysis. Discussion followed.

President Ackerman asked what the Board thought about hiring someone to clean the Village Hall once a month, spending a couple of hours cleaning floors and the bathroom. It was decided to get an estimate before the next meeting.

Trustee Cler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 3rd day of May 2012.

President of the Board