

Regular Meeting December 6, 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 were Nicole Keeney (Rantoul Press), Kenny Grove, and Rob Darr. Grove was inquiring about his previous request to construct a pole shed on the back of his property for his semis and a shop area to be about 60'x120', 16' tall with a 14' door. He said he has talked to most of his neighbors and there are no objections at this time, except for Jim Barnett who is the President of the Board at the Methodist church. He currently has permission to use the church drive to access his truck parking as long as he maintains their parking lot with snow removal and extra rock when needed. There was discussion regarding rezoning the back property, which could allow for a shed that size to be built.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Crozier made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. 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 Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hethke made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. 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 Severins made a motion to dispense with 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 October 31, 2012 was \$589,666.87. Total money received for the month of November 2012 was \$50,112.69, plus \$10.50 interest from CD #8170 and \$21.86 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$55,981.63, leaving a balance on November 30, 2012 of \$583,830.29.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Investigative Matters, there were nine incidents, four reports, and four arrests. In Traffic Matters, there were 21 incidents, 16 warnings, and four citations.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of November 2012.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,166,000

Average daily consumption (gallons)-----72,200

Childress's report further stated he had 17 semi loads of fill dirt hauled out located east of the water plant; he jetted a 4" tile on New Street and replaced about 30' of that tile due to several blockages; power washed the top and sides of the aerator tank outside the water plant; replaced burned out bulbs on the Christmas tree and hung them down Main Street; cut down a fir tree donated by Darrin and Nicole Suits and placed it downtown; dug trenches in the sand filter pits at the wastewater plant for winter operation; back washed all pressure filters at the water plant; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 15 letters for non-payment and discontinued one service for failure to pay water and sewer bill; cut down a small row of hedge trees that ran along the 10" tile by the water plant. There was discussion regarding the water tower repairs.

STREETS AND ALLEYS REPORT

Trustee Cler said Dave Atchley is working on an estimate for the Florida Drive cul-de-sac.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said Dennis Osterbur had requested tiling into the drainage tile to the lake and partially filling in the ditch in his front yard. Ehler said he didn't think that would work since the tile that feeds into the lake is smaller and could create problems in the long run. Discussion followed. Ehler also suggested the Childress look into getting some commodities barriers to divide the various materials he stores behind the water plant.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins told Childress the Christmas lights look nice along Main Street.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Crozier said the Christmas light judging will take place the week of December 17-21, with three categories and three winners in each. Crozier asked Weary if he had gotten a price on a light bar for his squad car. Weary said the used set he had been looking at had been sold and a new one could cost several thousand dollars. It was decided to keep using the old ones until they no longer were functional. Weary said Dennis Cheek had been working on the squad car, but is currently out of commission due to surgery.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said the sidewalk construction is completed. He also has not heard anything back regarding the grant for the park. There was discussion regarding removing old sidewalks in certain areas of town and Hethke said that is the plan for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said he talked to our attorney regarding the request from the City of Champaign to pay into the coalition to preserve the Mahomet Aquifer. He suggested making a donation to show our support, but not to commit to something we may regret at a later date. Trustee Ehler made a motion to send a donation of \$200 to the Coalition Study for the Mahomet Aquifer. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman had received a thank you card from the Johnson family for expressing our sorrow at the passing of their mother Freida Johnson.

President Ackerman had a letter from the Champaign County Health Department stating that they were investigating a report that Lorin Schluter was operating his restaurant without a health permit. Discussion followed with the Board stating that Schluter had not been selling food out of his restaurant.

Treasurer Duitsman received a request from Royal Publishing asking for a donation for an ad in a flyer for St. Malachy's 8th grade team. After discussion, the Board decided not to make a donation.

Trustee Ehler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 3rd day of January 2013.

President of the Board