

Regular Meeting August 4, 2011

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 Crozier, Ehler, Hethke, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Andrew Helregel from the Rantoul Press and Mary Sutherlin. Sutherlin wanted to update the Board as to what the Chamber of Commerce had been doing. They are planning a Harvest Bazaar for October 29 to be held in the parking lot behind the bank, combining both the harvest and Christmas events this year. So far they are planning on having a costume contest, cake walk, horses, food vendors and music. In regard to the old military signs along Main Street, she would like to have someone help take those down and the Chamber is planning on purchasing new ones to replace those. It was decided to have Childress or Zientara remove the signs and possibly give them to those military personnel. Sutherlin also wanted to know if there was a way the Village could send out 'welcome' letters to new residents that would include information about the Village Board, website, local businesses, etc. She thought perhaps Childress could have those letters at the Village office and give them out when people sign up for water and sewer services. She said the Chamber is now ready to install the second 'welcome' sign, since the first one is completed. She said Justin Fullenkamp worked hard resurrecting the blocks and sign, and Ed and Alvina Pflugmacher donated the mulch and put it all down, working on the floral design, and Robin Clements painted the sign, donating his time and paint. The Chamber paid for the first sign and the Village had agreed to be responsible for the cost of the second sign.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hethke made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Hethke 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 (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 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 the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of June 30, 2011 was \$497,561.63. Total money received for the month of July 2011 was \$59,547.48, plus 416.89 from CD #8170 and \$37.75 from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$36,964.60, leaving a balance on July 31, 2011 was \$520,199.15.

The Police Report was read by Trustee Severins since Chief Weary is on vacation at this time. It also will not be a complete report, since he printed it up before he left. The past week's report will be added to next month's report. In Traffic Matters there were 30 incidents, 22 warnings, and seven citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 17 incidents, five reports, and one arrest.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of July 2011. Childress's report stated he raised pumps #1 and #2 on the 11th to clean debris from around the impellers at the waste water plant; he dug up 22 feet of tile on the corner of Park and South Street and replaced it with SDR35 storm sewer pipe; mowed at the office, water plant; corner by Spreader, and wastewater plant; lowered catch basin about 3 inches on the corner of Florida Drive and Park Street and jetted that tile going north and south, getting stuck about 70-80 feet in each tile; raised pumps #1 and #2 on the 27th due to debris in the impellers; took the flags down along Main Street; read all meters and remotes; backwashed all pressure filters at the water plant; sprayed around the maintenance building, lift stations, water plant, and wastewater plant; put rock on some of the streets and filled some holes with coal mix; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 10 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; flushed all fire hydrants and started painting them; painted yellow lines along Main Street; pulled and sprayed weeds around lagoons at wastewater plant; raised the catch basin behind the Longbranch and put coal mix around it; raised the catch basin in the alley behind Robin's Body Shop.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Severins presented a resolution from Dave Atchley for the IDOT Motor Fuel Tax work, giving the Village President permission to accept Resolution #216. A motion to accept Resolution #216 pertaining to IDOT MFT work was made by Trustee Ehler. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). President Ackerman said IDOT also approved the MFT audit.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said he talked to Kalin Kocher about rerouting the tile down the alley by Robin's Body Shop and would know more at the next meeting.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins presented a franchise agreement from Ameren, explaining how it would affect EIEC customers. Dave Dowling had told him any services currently going to EIEC would remain, affecting only future developments. A motion to accept Ordinance #304 was made by Trustee Severins. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Severins said he also talked to Kenny Buhr regarding flag poles, but has not heard back from him. He said a resident would like to donate money for a flag pole at the park in memory of his father, and that the Eagle Scouts may be interested in participating. Severins also called in lights at the corner of Main and Plumb Streets and on the south side of the restrooms at the park.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Crozier said Jed Willard has been working on the website, adding pictures, social media, and an ordinance search. He won't bill the Village for any of his work until he gets everything brought up to date. Crozier checked into getting a phone number through Google Choice and there are no more 217 area code numbers available. We could use another area code, but then it would be a long distance call for most people. After discussion, it was decided to investigate other options. Dave Bletscher (ESDA) told Crozier they would be able to continue to use the current VHS radios at a cost of about \$500-\$1500 for the new system, but would like to have a battery back-up for the computer at the fire station to assist during the time between the power outage and the time it takes for the generator to start. It also

will set off the sirens if there is no electricity. In regard to the sale of the red Dodge truck, Brian Schurter drew up a notice for an invitation to bid, which Trustee Ehler will post online at EBay. There was discussion regarding the length of the auction. Ehler said he would get the bidding process started in the next few days. There was discussion regarding the sale of the old generator.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said the sidewalk construction has begun and should be completed by the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman set a date to review the employee handbook for August 18 at 7:00.

President Ackerman reminded the Board that the grant application for the park needs to be completed and turned in by November 1, 2011. Trustee Hethke and Neil Baker have been working on improvements at the park and getting cost estimates together.

President Ackerman presented a letter from the Public Health Department stating that after reviewing the menu served at the park during baseball games, no health permit would be required.

President Ackerman had received a letter from the Champaign County Animal Control informing us that their services have gone up to \$39.76 an hour. We need to sign the enclosed agreement and return it to them.

Trustee Jones asked if anything had been done about having the school starting to pay for the crossing guard instead of the Village. Trustee Ehler said he tried to talk to the President of the school board, but didn't get any answers. He said he would continue to pursue the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman presented the audit as completed by Michael Graham, who had said that everything appeared to be in order and accounted for. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Trustee Hethke. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Jones said there are several properties along Main Street south of Casey's that are getting progressively worse in appearance. They are all owned by the same person, who is currently living out of the state. After discussion, it was decided to have Chief Weary talk to the people who are currently living in the biggest house and maybe also talk to out attorney to see what options we have.

Treasurer Duitsman said that IDOT gave the Village a second allotment of \$3,200.

Trustee Ehler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 1st day of September 2011.

President of the Board