

Regular Meeting June 3, 2010

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 Bouse, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Hethke, Jones, Parkerson, and Severins. President Bouse led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Robert Ward from the Rantoul Press, Brian Baxter, Carrie Mulvaney, Nancy Cogil, and Mary Sutherlin. Mulvaney said she had been attending the new Chamber of Commerce meetings held for the Village of Gifford, and they were organizing a kid's clean up day for June 13th. They will be having local kids pick up around the town. The Chamber is also getting 'welcome' signs, with a town motto, to place on the signs. There will be a vote on the selection of the motto, and present it to the Board for approval. Mulvaney also asked if anyone knew what the utility flags are that can be seen around town. No one seemed to know what they were for, but could ask Jess Childress.

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 Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Parkerson made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Parkerson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Treasurer Duitsman said he has called Televent twice in regard to their bill to cancel their services and has not heard back from them. Trustee Severins was concerned about the new culvert in the new parking area at the park. President Bouse said reflectors have been added to alert people of its presence. Trustee Hethke made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Parkerson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of April 30, 2010 was \$448,130.68. Total money received for the month of May was \$52,858.52, plus \$50.40 from CD#8170 and \$66.10 from CD#15399. Total expenses for the month were 438,865.04, leaving a balance on May 31, 2010 of \$462,240.66.

The Police Report was read by President Bouse. In Traffic Matters, there were 15 incidents. 12 verbals and two citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 15 incidents, two reports, and one arrest.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of May 2010.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,498,000

Average daily consumption-----80,600

Childress's report further stated he sprayed weeds around the office and back parking lot; fixed a 10 inch tile in the field behind the maintenance building; got called out on Saturday the 8th at 12:30 A.M. for a seal failure at pump #1 at lift station in town; called Gasvoda on the 11th to help extract and cut free pump from lift station; received a new pump which will be installed next week; dug up and replaced water service at 107 E. North Street; picked up new signs and posts and will be putting them up; raised pump #1 at wastewater plant and removed debris from impeller; mowed wastewater plant, maintenance building, lot by Spreader, office lot, and lot on Willard Street; pulled and sprayed weeds around lagoons and in sand filters at the wastewater plant; dealt with a power failure at the wastewater plant when the power was out for almost seven hours; backwashed all filters at the water plant; cleaned the chlorine pump; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 13 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills. There was discussion regarding the pump failure and Gasvoda's responsibility in the matter, when the entire pump had to be replaced.

STREETS AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Parkerson met with Gary Maxwell to discuss the streets. He suggested a crack fill and Parkerson will contact Bryan Schluter to take care of that. Maxwell said we need to take care of the drainage issues and that will help with street issues. He suggested knocking the berm off the asphalt in areas to allow water to drain more readily. He also said we need to oil and chip spotty areas. Parkerson said he will contact Marvin Johnson and see when the Township plans on doing oil and chip work and have them also come take care of ours at the same time. Parkerson also wants to get a bid from Brad Polson for the patch work in the asphalt at North Pointe. If the bid is under \$20,000, we do not have to put it out for bids. Maxwell also recommended keeping some cold patch on hand at the maintenance building to fix problem areas as they arise, and hire the Township to brush the rock off the sides of the streets back into the road. Parkerson suggested Childress put some gravel on the roads before the celebration to protect the streets from the added traffic. Treasurer Duitsman said most of street issues can be paid for out of the Road and Bridge Fund.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said the lights on north West Street and two lights at the park are back on. He also contacted Neil Baker to get someone to repair a light along the path at the park.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said John Stalter will complete the sidewalk work on Park Street north to Church Street, and do other repairs in areas around town for a total bid of \$17,692. He

hopes to start next week and at least get the sidewalk on Park Street completed before the celebration. After discussion, the Board approved having Stalter complete the sidewalk work and do the repairs in other areas.

ESDA REPORT

President Bouse said ESDA coordinator Dave Bletscher has requested a four drawer file cabinet and a small computer. After discussion, the Board approved the purchases. Treasurer Duitsman said there is \$2,600.00 in the budget for ESDA.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Jones said she has placed posters around town announcing clean up day as June 19 from 8-2. She is getting a container from Mack's Recycling for large appliances, and two roll out from Bulldog for other trash collections.

Treasurer Duitsman talked about Childress's health insurance. Childress may want to continue with the insurance offered by the Village. Since He was not at the meeting, we will have to wait for a clear answer until next month, but the Board approved any decision Childress made.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 1st day of July 2010.

President of the Board