

Regular Meeting September 2, 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 Ehler, Gehrt, Hethke, Jones, and Parkerson. Trustee Severins arrived at 7:10. President Bouse led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Carrie Mulvaney, Vera Huls, Kathy Albers, Brian Baxter, Steve Griswold, Frank Buck, Mary Sutherlin, and Robert Ward (Rantoul Press). Sutherlin said she had checked into the military banners to hang from the street lights along Main Street. The ones in Rantoul were provided by Jill's Engravables at a cost of \$245 each, and should last three to four years. She said Jerry King is working on a list of names of local military personnel. She also thought that since \$245 for a banner was too high, she was looking into other options. Sutherlin also wanted to present the Board with an idea to promote various local businesses. Sutherlin, Kathy Albers, and Vera Huls wanted to host a 'Gifford Harvest Bazaar' on October 9th from 10-3. It would be held along Main Street in the business area, with any participating business presenting their business as a sidewalk sale. It will be held in conjunction with the flea market at Gordyville and the grand opening of the new elevator office. She suggested that even the Village could have a table set up to promote the new website and inform people of the various things the Board does during the year. After discussion, the Board approved the idea.

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 Gehrt. 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 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 bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Severins 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). There was discussion regarding the bill from Kalin Kocher and how to split the bill between the Main Street Café, The North Forty, and the Village. Jess Childress's labor was in the bill as a deduction. Trustee Ehler made a motion to split the bill three ways, equally between the Main Street Café, The North Forty, and the Village. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Parkerson made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Gehrt. 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 Parkerson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the

summary. It was seconded by Trustee Gehrt. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of July 31, 2010 was \$505,300.05. Total money received for the month of August 2010 was \$51,933.60, plus \$41.73 interest from CD #8170, and \$68.58 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$76,136.82, leaving a balance on August 31, 2010 of \$481,207.14.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 27 incidents, 20 verbals, and six citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 18 incidents.

Since Jess Childress was in the hospital, there was no water and sewer report available.

STREETS AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Parkerson said he and Childress went around town and filled in potholes a couple of weeks ago. They will also try to repair areas along Park Street with cold patch to repair the shoulder. He said Brad Polson will finish the asphalt work in the North Pointe subdivision later this month. He said Gary Maxwell is retiring as Village engineer, but gave Parkerson the names of a couple of other engineers he would recommend for the position.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said Childress had worked on the culvert at the McElhoe residence on North Park Street to alleviate the drainage issues there. He said Childress also worked on a berm at Rex Frye's residence.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said there is a light at the corner of Park and Center Streets that is flickering. He called and reported it.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Gehrt said she contacted Matt Dewey and asked him to add the Chamber of Commerce website as a link to the Village website. Discussion followed regarding adding street work to inform the residents of upcoming repairs, and the disappointment of several Board members with the Village website. Trustee Gehrt said she will contact Dewey and discuss our concerns, and also ask if the Village could have a count on how many 'hits' there are on the site each week.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said the sidewalk construction from Church Street to the park, along Park Street is completed, except for the dirt work.

OLD BUSINESS

President Bouse presented Ordinance #299 regarding adding stop sign at the corner of West and North Streets to make it a three way stop. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept Ordinance #299, installing a three way stop at the corner of West and North Streets. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Jones asked for discussion regarding the employee manual that had been presented at the last meeting. Trustee Parkerson asked that the Board also review a copy of the employee manual used by the Village of Potomac. It was decided to have the committee meet again and present any new ideas at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Bouse said Robin Clements would like to use about ten feet of the alley behind his building to build on to his shop. The alley is not in use any more. Discussion followed regarding selling the strip of property to Clemens, a manhole in that strip, and any tiles that run under the property. It was decided to have the Board members look at the property and get a clearer idea of what Clemens proposes to do with the property, then decide on a fair price to sell it to him.

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

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of October 2010.

President of the Board