

# Regular Meeting October 7, 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, Parkerson, and Severins. President Bouse led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Carrie Mulvaney, Mary Sutherlin, and Robert Ward (Rantoul Press). Sutherlin presented information on banners for military personnel to place on poles along Main Street, replacing the current signs. She had a print out of prices and options. She said Earl Smith and Jerry King were getting the names of local military people. Discussion followed. Sutherlin also had information on the 'welcome' signs for the north and south entrances to the Village along Main Street. She said the labor for the landscaping will be donated, but she had estimates for costs of materials. They have found a location on the north end to place one of the signs at Hicksgas, but have not found a good location for a sign at the south end of town. Discussion followed. The costs for the signs will be shared between the Village and the Chamber. The cost of the military signs will be the responsibility of the Village. Treasurer Duitsman said he would look into the finances to see if the Village has any extra monies for these projects and he will have information at the next meeting.

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 Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Parkerson 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 bill to be considered for payment, Trustee Hethke made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). There was discussion regarding the repaving at the North Pointe subdivision. Trustee Severins made a motion to pay the bills. 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 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 Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of August 31, 2010 was \$481,207.14. Total money received for the month of September 2010

was \$97,199.68, plus \$38.27 from CD #8170 and \$68.67 from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$36,279.46, leaving a balance on September 30, 2010 of \$542,234.30.

The Police Report was read by President Bouse. In Investigative Matters, there were 15 incidents. In Traffic Matters, there were 24 incidents, 21 verbals, and three citations.

## **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Trustee Jones reported activity for the months of August and September 2010.

- Total gallons for August-----2,361,000
- Total gallons for September-----2,063,000
- Average daily consumption for August-----76,161
- Average daily consumption for September-----68,770

Jess Childress' report further stated that he helped put in new water service on North Main Street; dug up and repaired fire hydrant in Eagle Prairie that had been hit by a tractor; flushed all fire hydrants in town; dug up a water service on Eiler Drive and replaced a broken yolk and meter; graded alleys and put road pack where it was needed; patched several areas in town with coal mix; brought in dirt and raised a manhole in one of two ditches that held water on North Park Street; was called out on August 12 for pump #1 failure and again on August 21 for pump #2 failure at the wastewater treatment plant; read all water meters and remotes; put up ten new street signs and 12 new stop signs; mowed in town and at the wastewater treatment plant; was called out on September 14 for pump #2 seal failure and on September 21 for pump #1 seal failure at the wastewater treatment plant; pulled and sprayed weeds at the wastewater treatment plant; located and marked all water and sewer connections in the Ernray subdivision; repaired two sewer service stubs and replaced one new water meter lid; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 13 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; discontinued one service for non-payment; collected water and wastewater samples and sent them to the EPA lab and PDC lab; logged wastewater test results with EPA lab online and sent them to Springfield. Childress said he would need a drill press for the new lids for the water readings. After discussion, Trustees Severins offered the use of his drill press or suggested Childress talk to Armin Hesterberg at the Spreader.

## **STREETS AND ALLEYS REPORT**

Trustee Parkerson said the new stop signs at the corner of West and North Street looked good. Discussion followed. Trustee Hethke said he would call John Cooper at the County regarding new stop signs on Main Street.

## **POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

Trustee Severins said he has a light to report out at the park. He said it goes out frequently and needs to ask if there is an issue with it. Childress said there also is a light on Park Street near North Street that goes out frequently as well. Trustee Parkerson said there is also one at the corner of West and Plumb that does the same thing.

## **RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Trustee Gehrt said the hits on the Village website look good. Discussion followed regarding the ash trees at the park and the current issue with the ash borers. She also said that Trick or Treat hours on October 31 will be from 5:30-8:00.

## **FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Trustee Hethke said the sidewalk projects are completed, except Emord's needs to have some seeding done. President Bouse said he had received many compliments on the improved looks. Trustee Hethke said that maybe next year we can continue north on Main Street and go around to the west along Rt. 136.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jess Childress said he had received complaints about the trailer on Main Street next to the Osborn house, owned by Mark Osborn. After discussion, President Bouse said he would check into any ordinances pertaining to that issue.

Trustee Parkerson asked if anyone knew where we could obtain a large tree for the Village Christmas tree to be placed by the elevator this year.

President Bouse said the Caucus will be held on January 10, 2011 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

President Bouse had a letter from Armstrong High School requesting a donation for advertisement in their yearbook. After discussion it was decided to place a \$40 sponsorship.

Treasurer Duitsman had a letter from IDOT explaining a 17% increase above the annual motor fuel tax allotment.

Treasurer Duitsman had received a letter from Bill Black explaining why the Village would be receiving less in sales tax revenues.

Trustee Gehrt 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.

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Village Clerk

Approved by me this 4th day of November 2010.

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President of the Board