

Regular Meeting November 4, 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 Mary Sutherlin, Brian Baxter, and Robert Ward (Rantoul Press). Sutherlin presented information regarding upcoming events of the Chamber of Commerce. The first event is a Community Mixer on November 8 beginning at 6:00 P.M. They will serve coffee and cookies for all to get acquainted with the Village and the Chamber. On December 4 they will host 'A Gifford Gathering' from 10-2, with more information coming on that event.

Brian Baxter wanted to thank the Village for the nice sidewalks along Main Street, but he expressed concern for a blind corner on the southwest corner of Main and Center, where tall shrubs block the view for vehicles traveling east. He has seen kids walking and on bicycles nearly get hit by cars as they cross the street at the sidewalk heading north. Discussion followed regarding talking to the Emord family about removing or trimming those shrubs. Trustee Hethke said he would approach Jackie Harris and ask her to relay the message to the family. President Bouse thanked Baxter for his positive comments.

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 Severins. 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 Ehler. 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 Parkerson 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). Trustee Parkerson 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 Gehrt made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report,

except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of September 30, 2010 was \$542,234.30. Total money received for the month of October 2010 was \$46,515.99, plus \$37.06 interest from CD #8170 and \$66.55 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$91,198.90, leaving a balance on October 31, 2010 of \$497,655.00.

The Police Report was read by President Bouse. In Investigative Matters, there were 20 incidents, three reports, and one arrest. In Traffic Matters, there were 23 incidents, 10 verbals, three citations, and one arrest.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of October 2010.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,152,000

Average daily consumption-----69,419

Jess Childress's report further stated he helped put in a new water service at 339 Eiler Drive; dug up a water service at 106 E North and replaced the yolk and meter; replaced a broken water line at the park that led to the drinking fountain off Park Street; installed 10 new street signs; raised and cleaned both wastewater pumps at the sewer plant; was called out on the 26th for pump #1 seal failure due to blockage in impellers at wastewater treatment plant; cleaned and replaced copper line that leads to snubber which controls water pressure in town and tower level; replaced two broken water meters and two remote readers; read all water meters and remotes; mowed in town and at wastewater treatment plant; sprayed weeds in sand filters at wastewater treatment plant; collected all water and wastewater samples and sent them to the EPA lab and PDC lab; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 12 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; logged wastewater test results with the EPA and sent them Springfield. There was discussion regarding the blockage in the pumps, presumably from Country Health rags getting in the system.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Parkerson said Bryan Schluter donated his time and the materials to finish North West Street. President Bouse asked Board approval to send Schluter a \$100 gift card. The Board approved the request.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins reported a light at the park had been repaired. He said the photocell

and bulb both had to be replaced, and another light had been replaced in another location.

OLD BUSINESS

President Bouse said he talked to Mark Osborn about the old trailer on North Main Street. Osborn said it may be next spring before he can afford to have it removed.

Mary Sutherland asked about the 'welcome' signs to be placed on Main Street. There was discussion regarding the financial situation. The total cost for one sign to be placed by Hicksgas would be about \$835, which would include the landscaping. It was decided to fund ½ from the General Fund and ½ from the Park Fund. Trustee Parkerson made a motion to pay for the 'welcome' sign and landscaping equally from the General Fund and the Park Fund. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). A sign for the south end of Main Street will be ordered and placed at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Duitsman presented the Levy Ordinance #300, with no increases. A motion to approve Levy Ordinance #300 was made by Trustee Gehrt. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

President Bouse and Treasurer Duitsman had an update on the LOCIS system. Duitsman's computer died, which was a 2002 model. After investigating repairs he discovered he would have to upgrade to a wireless system, where we currently use a modem. He presented costs for all necessary upgrades for a total estimated cost of \$1,680. He said LOCIS will be here on the 18th for a four hour training session. After discussion, Trustee Ehler made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$1,680 for computer updates. It was seconded by Trustee Gehrt. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Jones presented revised copies of an employee manual, which had been reviewed and approved by our attorney. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Duitsman said the Village needs to locate a new Village Engineer in order to fully participate in the Capitol Bill Program, where the Village would receive money from the State Comptroller. Trustee Parkerson said he would talk to the Village of Rantoul to get names of a potential engineer for us.

President Bouse requested a petty cash fund for small purchases. After discussion, it was decided to have a \$100 petty cash fund set up, but all receipts must be presented to Treasurer Duitsman.

Trustee Parkerson asked about the empty house in the cul-de-sac off New Street, where the basement is still flooded. There is concern about mold issues. Childress said he would try to locate the responsible party.

Trustee Gehrt moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Village

Clerk

Approved by me this 2nd day of December 2010.

President of the Board