

Regular Meeting January 6, 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 Bouse, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Ehler, Gehrt, Hethke, Jones, Parkerson, and Severins. President Bouse led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Adam Pannbacker, Philip Wake, Brodie Crozier, Carrie Mulvaney, Mary Sutherlin, Nancy Cogil, Derald Ackerman, and Frank Buck. Pannbacker, Wake, and Crozier wanted to thank President Bouse and Trustee Gehrt for their public service on the Board, as they do not plan on running for office again.

Mary Sutherlin wanted to give an update on the progress of the Village sign. She presented a mock up at 4:1 scale to give an idea of what the sign will look like when completed. They hope to have it up soon. She also said the Christmas gathering turned out very nice, considering the weather.

Carrie Mulvaney said the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a golf outing on June 24th, in conjunction with the Gifford Celebration. She said there also will be a Spring Bazaar, but no more information is available at this time.

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 Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hethke made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. 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 Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 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 (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. The balance in Village accounts as of November 30, 2010 was \$514,205.00. Total money received

for the month of December 2010 was \$47,562.57, plus \$23.60 interest from CD #8170 and \$66.73 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$115,524.90, leaving a balance on December 31, 2010 of \$446,333.00.

The Police Report was read by President Bouse. In Investigative Matters, there were 26 incidents and five reports. In Traffic Matters, there were 26 incidents, 19 verbals, and seven citations.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of December 2010.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,099,000

Average daily consumption-----67,700

Jess Childress's report further stated he checked all Christmas light bulbs and helped Marshall Huls put them up along Main Street; had Cummins Crosspoint come and replace a broken relay on the water plant generator transfer switch; was called out on the 1st to the wastewater plant for pump #1 failure; was called out on the 10th for #2 seal failure due to blockage in impellers; was called out on the 20th for a pump seal failure on #1 pump due to blockage in impellers; plowed snow on seven different occasions, including Christmas Eve until 5:30 A.M.; drilled out six new meter lids and installed in system with new touch read pads; received one day training on new hand held and touch read probe from badger meter representative; logged all water meter readings on new hand held; backwashed all pressure filters at water plant; collected all 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; 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 impeller blockage, which is suspected to be coming from Country Health. There was discussion about the possibility of grinders or screens to help with the issue. Childress said he would check with Gasvoda to see how other municipalities handle this situation. Childress also had the water tower contract, which is going to cost \$24,000 to have the outside painted this year. There was discussion about the rusting of the stand pipe. Childress said he would talk to them about that issue.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Parkerson thanked Childress for keeping the streets cleared of all the snow this past month.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler talked to Duane Schluter about the Village paying into the drainage district, and they will meet at a later date to reach a proposal. Ehler also met with Edgar Busboom and the now the Village will need to decide what would be a fair amount of money to help pay costs of the drainage work on his property.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said they decided to keep the street light at North Pointe to help Childress when he is plowing snow.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Gehrt had the winners in the Christmas decorating contest. In the resident division the winners were: 1st-Brad Evans; 2nd-Pastor Steve and Angie Lombardo; 3rd-Mark Busboom. In the seniors division the winners were: 1st-Frank and Lucy Buck; 2nd-Chuck and Donna Gehrt; 3rd-Tom and Carol Sadlek. In the business division the winners were: 1st-Hometowne Travel; 2nd-Grade School Christmas Tree; 3rd- The North Forty. First place winners receive \$75. The second place winners receive \$50. The third place winners receive \$25.

OLD BUSINESS

Childress said he had an interested party in buying the old red truck. After discussion, it was decided to advertise and then auction the truck.

President Bouse said the Board needs to make a decision on an engineering company. After discussion, it was decided to give MSA an opportunity.

President Bouse said he has not made a decision on the Mediacom franchise since they haven't contacted us to answer his questions.

NEW BUSINESS

President Bouse said the Board needs to look into purchasing some new Christmas lights for decorating along Main Street and this is the time of year to get a better price. After discussion, Childress said he would contact Debbie Mullins since she had purchased the last set of decorations.

President Bouse said the Caucus will be January 10 at 7:00. Those in attendance must be registered voters in the Village of Gifford.

Trustee Moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Approved by me this 3rd day of February 2011.

Village Clerk

President of the Board