

Regular Meeting February 3, 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, and Severins. President Bouse led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Tony McLain, Carrie Mulvaney, Mary and Len Sutherlin, Dave Atchley (MAS engineer), Derald Ackerman, Jeff Blue (Champaign County engineer), Robin and Maureen Clements, and Vera Huls. President Bouse introduced Atchley and Blue to explain the project the county is planning for this summer, and how it will affect the Village of Gifford. Since the Village currently has diagonal parking along Main Street, the County had two options for the Village to comply with the use of funding at a state and federal level to complete the project. First the Village would have to sign a jurisdictional transfer agreement that would remain in effect until the completion of the contacted road work. This transfer would require both the Village and the County to pass appropriate ordinances and resolutions deleting and adding County Highway 32 to their highway systems. The County will have their next meeting on February 24 and would like for the Village to have acted on this proposal before that time so they can make a decision at that meeting on the projected road repairs. After discussion, it was decided to have our attorney look over the proposal, transfers, Municipal Ordinance #301 and the County Resolution. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept Ordinance #301 (with our attorney's approval). It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). There was discussion regarding the parking issue along Main Street if the Village decides to use Federal funding, which would require changing parking to parallel instead of diagonal, since backing out of the diagonal parking spaces is considered a safety hazard by the Federal government. They would also assist with acquiring additional property for new off street parking since there would be a loss of at least 50% of the current parking spaces. And they would assist with drainage issues, paying 80% of the funding for that project that affects County Road 32. The loss of parking would require public meetings and input. Atchley said he also had MTF papers which he had presented to Trustee Parkerson earlier in the week, but Parkerson wasn't in attendance, so those would have to wait for Board approval until 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 (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Gehrt had a correction to the winners from the Christmas decorating contest. The first place residential winner was Clay Evans, not Brad Evans. President Bouse said we had also received a thank you from Pastor Steve and Angie Lombardo for their surprise winnings in that contest. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Hethke 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 (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hethke made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Severins 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 (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of December 31, 2010 was \$446,333. Total money received for the month was \$49,344.23, plus \$24.39 interest from CD #8170, and \$38.84 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$35,684.71, leaving a balance on January 31, 2011 of \$460,055.75.

The Police Report was read by President Bouse. In Traffic Matters, there were 34 incidents, 28 warnings, and six citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 16 incidents and seven reports.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for January 2011.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,134,000
Average daily consumption-----68,840

Childress's report further stated he raised pump #1 and cleaned debris from the impellers at the wastewater plant; drilled ten water meter lids and put in ten more new meters; was called out on the 7th for pump #1 failure at wastewater plant due to impeller blockage; greased tractor and replaced broken strobe light; was called out on the 13th for pump failure on both #1 and #2 pumps due to blockage and called Harold and Herbie to help pump out well and raise pumps; plowed snow several different days; helped Marshall Huls take the Christmas decorations down from the street lights; took water samples for EPA for cyanide testing and radiological testing as part of our water compliance; logged all water meter readings on new hand held; backwashed all pressure filters at the 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 11 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; discontinued one water service due to non-payment.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler talked to Edgar Busboom and through the NRCS participation, we will save money for the drainage project on his property. Ehler also checked into purchasing a laser for Childress to use. We can get one through Birkey's for \$2,263.95. After discussion, it was decided to put that in the budget for the April budget meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Bouse had a letter from Dave Hinton at the Rantoul Press regarding illegal meeting being held by Village Board members at a local bar and at the Village Hall regarding the Police Chief and proposed road work. Discussion followed. It was decided to not have more than three Board members discuss any topics that should be reserved for our regular or special meetings.

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 8:18 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 3rd day of March 2011.

President of the Board