

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

Guests included Mary Sutherlin, Carrie Mulvaney, Derald Ackerman, Diane Baker, Tony Cler, Earl Ideus, Minnie and Jim Burk, Kathy Albers, Steve Griswold, Nancy Cogil, Brodie Crozier, Justin Fullenkamp, Andrew Helre (Rantoul Press), Alan Duden, and Robert King. Kathy Albers wanted to present the Board with an idea for a worthy cause for the Village to participate in. It involved a young man who is driving across the country for cancer awareness, and he would like to stop in Gifford as a fundraiser event, along with Christie Clinic's oncology department. She said more details would be presented at a later date, but she first wanted Board approval. After discussion, the Board approved whatever plans that would be made that day.

Mary Sutherlin said the Chamber would be sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" on March 24, with those currently running for the office of Trustee for the Village of Gifford. She will have more details available at a later date. She also said the welcome sign will be placed on the southeast side of the corner of South Road and Main Street on Ed and Alvina Pflugmacher's property. They gave the Village permission to place the sign where they already have landscaping in place. The sign should be up by the end of this month.

Minnie Burk asked about the parking on Main Street that had been discussed at the last monthly meeting. She also wanted to know how drainage issues were being addressed, as well ordinance violations in regard to clean yards and junk cars. Trustee Ehler responded on the drainage issue, explaining the county proposal for street work and repaving along Main Street, informing her that before any decisions are made there will be public hearings. Discussion followed. She was told that Chief Weary would handle the issue of ordinance violations.

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 Gehrt made a motion to accept the minutes. 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 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). After discussion regarding the drainage bill for the work that was done on Edgar Busboom's property east of town, Trustee Jones made a motion to pay Edgar Busboom \$7,000 for the Village's portion of the project. 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 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 Gehrt made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of January 31, 2011 was \$460,055.75. Total money received for the month was \$50,099.65, plus \$20.92 interest from CD #8170 and \$38.86 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$35,064.39, leaving a balance on February 28, 2011 of \$475,150.79.

The Police Report was read by President Bouse. In Investigative Matters, there were 15 incidents, four reports, and one arrest. In Traffic Matters, there were 28 incidents, 12 warnings, 13 citations, and three arrests.

## **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Trustee Jones reported activity for February 2011.

Total gallons of water pumped-----1,787,000

Average daily consumption-----63,800

Childress's report further stated he raised pump #1 on the 2nd to clean debris from around the impellers at the wastewater plant; drilled out five water meter lids and put in five more new meters; was called to the wastewater plant on the 13th and the 24th for pump #1 failure due to blockage in the impellers; met with representatives from Gasvoda and KSB pumps to try and find an alternative fix for our sewage pump issues; helped Marshall Huls repair the main power supply on the 12th that fed the water plant pump house; had Cummins Crosspoint work on the main generator at the water plant because of a frozen flywheel; read all meters and remotes and entered them on the 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; plowed snow on several occasions; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out eight

letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills. Childress also presented the Board with the impeller types, which he will get installed after hearing more from KSG, and hope they will help with the blockage issues. He also showed the Board the covered wires from the water plant pump house that had been chewed through by mice or squirrels, which Marshall Huls repaired.

## **STREET AND ALLEY REPORT**

President Bouse presented resolution #213 for maintenance of streets with Motor Fuel Tax for \$6,000 for 2009. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept resolution #213 for street maintenance with MFT in the amount of \$6,000 for 2009. It was seconded by Trustee Parkerson. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

## **SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Trustee Ehler said David Bruns and Carl Withers are having an issue with water drainage in their back yards. Ehler and Childress will look into the issues to see if it is also a Village problem.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Childress said the contract for servicing the generators cost us \$1,000 from Cummins Crosspoint, but that Caterpillar offered a contract as well, but charged \$3,800 for the same service. After discussion it was decided to stay with Cummins Crosspoint. Childress also said he has not heard back from Water Tower Paint regarding our contractual cleaning and painting. He called but their phone number is out of service, and he isn't sure what to do. He thought he would call Joe Pasula to see if he has any information on that company.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Bouse reminded everyone to vote on April 5th.

Jim Burk thanked the outgoing Board members, Trustees Parkerson and Gehrt and President Bouse, for their years of service to the Village Board.

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 8:00 P.M.

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Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of April 2011.

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President of the Board