

Regular Meeting April 7, 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, Parkerson, and Severins. President Bouse led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Bouse canvassed the results from the April 5, 2011 election, then swore in the newly elected members, which included President Derald Ackerman, Clerk Cindy Duden, and Trustees Dustin Ehler, Anthony Cler, and Brodie Crozier. These newly elected members took their place on the Board as the outgoing members, Jon Bouse, Michael Parkerson, and Mary Gehrt, left.

Guests included Frank Buck, Andrew Helregel (Rantoul Press), Robin and Maureen Clements, Rodney Rademacher, Philip Wake, Tim Dillman, Paul Severins, Carrie Mulvaney, Mary Sutherlin, and Tony McLain. Robin Clements said the proposed welcome sign to be placed south of town would require a variance from the County at a cost of \$200. After discussion, it was decided to have Trustee Hethke draft a letter to the County requesting a variance and a waiver of the \$200 fee. Clements also asked about Phase I of the Village drainage plan. Trustee Ehler explained the tentative plan to start south of the Longbranch going east down the alley to Park Street, and then travel south along Park Street to the Spoon River drainage district. He said the project is moving slower than we would like, due a lack of funding. Clements said he is constructing a building on his property south of the Longbranch, but it should not affect any current drainage issues. After discussion, it was decided to have Trustee Ehler, Childress, Ken Warner, and Kalin Kocher meet with Clements and Rodney Rademacher to make sure they are proceeding in a positive manner to reduce or alleviate any further drainage issues there.

Tony McLain presented the Board with a tentative schedule of events for the Gifford Celebration to be held Friday evening June 24 and Saturday June 25. He explained the cost of the fireworks increased from \$5000 to \$5250, and wanted to know if the Village would still be responsible for that cost as in the past. He also explained how much the celebration was costing and that it would be almost entirely funded by donations and fundraising. Trustee Hethke made a motion to pay the \$5250 for the fireworks display. 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 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 Ehler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. 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 Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. 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 February 28, 2011 was \$475,240.33. Total money received for the month was \$55,276.29, plus \$18.90 interest from CD #8170 and \$35.13 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$54,310.20, leaving a balance on March 31, 2011 of \$476,260.45.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 27 incidents, 18 warnings, and 10 citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 17 incidents and one report.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Jess Childress reported activity for March 2011.

Total gallons of water pumped-----1,843,000

Average daily consumption (gal)-----59,450

Childress's report further stated he raised pumps #1 and #2 on the 11th to clean debris from the impellers at the wastewater plant; drilled 25 meter lids and installed them in the water system; uncovered and cut out a manhole for a new sewer service behind the Longbranch; was called out for pump failure on pump #2 on the 3rd at the Plumb Street lift station; jetted the tile behind Robin Clement's and at Park Street; had the water plant inspected by the Illinois EPA; had pump #5 failure on the same day as the

inspection; read all water meters and remotes; backwashed all pressure filters at the water plant; collected all water and wastewater samples and sent them to the EPA and PDC labs; received a certificate from the Department of Public Health for achieving the highest standard of compliance in accordance with the Illinois Fluoridation Act; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out nine letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; discontinued one service for non-payment.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said he and Childress had Kalin Kocher look at a couple of proposed projects for the next year's budget, including working on Clement's property.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said he reported one light out on Park Street by Tyler Babb's home.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said he was going to walk around town to determine where to install new sidewalks and repair some old ones this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Sutherlin asked about trimming the shrubs on the north end of the Emord property on Center Street. Trustee Hethke said he would talk to someone to get permission to trim those back.

Childress said the North Pointe paving job completed last summer is beginning to crack. Trustee Ehler suggested Trustee Cler contact Brad Polson, who had done the job and see if he has any suggestion.

Treasurer Duitsman reminded the Board of the April 28th Budget meeting.

Trustee Ehler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 5th day of May 2011.

President of the Board