

## Regular Meeting November 3, 2011

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M., local time, to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Cler, Crozier, Ehler, Hethke, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Carrie Mulvaney, Nicole Keeney (Rantoul Press), Dave Atchley (MSA), and Darren Suits. Suits wanted to talk to the Board in regard to a house he is planning on constructing just east of the Village water system. According to the IEPA he would have to hook into the Village system to keep in code, but he would prefer to have his own sewer and septic system. After discussion, the Board decided to prohibit Suits from hooking into the Village system. The Board will send a letter to the Health Department informing them of the Board's decision.

Atchley said the test results from the EPA regarding the sewer plant are back and they all appear to be good. Childress said all of the trees have been cut down. Atchley suggested monitoring the wells on the east side to check for any leeching through the berm for the next three months. He also suggested that after the three month monitoring period, the Village consider cleaning up the sludge and replacing the liner, which would be one foot thick, constructed from a combination of earth and bentonite. Childress said he has a sludge gauge to determine if the sludge needs to be cleaned out. Atchley said the costs for three monitoring wells would be about \$2,500. Trustee Hethke made a motion to spend \$2,500 for three test wells. 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 minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. 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 Jones made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Cler. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. 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 Hethke made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of September 30, 2011 was \$565,511.50. Total money received for the month of October 2011 was \$52,927.83, plus \$16.90 interest from CD #8170 and \$37.84 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$50,599.98, leaving a balance on October 31, 2011 of \$567,934.09.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 30 incidents, 13 warnings, 17 citations, and one arrest. In Investigative Matters, there were 13 incidents.

## **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of October 2011.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,053,000

Average daily consumption-----66,225

Jess Childress's report further stated he raised pumps and cleaned debris from the impellers at the wastewater plant on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>; dug up the tile behind the lagoon at the wastewater treatment plant in three different locations and will jet and repair the tile within the next week; mowed at the office, water plant, corner by the Spreader, and wastewater plant; had the wastewater plant inspected because it was nominated for Class 4 plant of the year in the State of Illinois; sprayed and pulled weeds around lagoons and sand filters; put in 17 new meters and touch reads in the water system; cleaned all chlorine lines and pumps at the water plant; read all water meters and remotes; backwashed all pressure filters at the water plant; spent more than a week cutting all trees and stumps from around #1 lagoon at the wastewater treatment plant; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 15 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; had to discontinue two water services for non-payment. Childress also added that the pumps for the sewer plant should arrive in the next few weeks, and they will not require new wiring to install them.

## **SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Trustee Ehler said Eric Rademacher has allowed the Village to store rock for the street work next summer at the BuildingCenter.

## **POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

Trustee Severins had prices for flag poles. He said a 20' fiberglass pole for the Village Hall with a flag included would cost \$324.95. He also had a price for an aluminum 25' pole with a 5" base and 3" top for the park at a cost of \$699.95. Both prices included free shipping. Discussion followed. Trustee Ehler made a motion to purchase both poles, pending the height for both would work for the building and at the park. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

## **RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Trustee Crozier said the Village would be getting a Christmas tree from Travis Uden from his duplex on West Street. He said that in regard to the phone lines, he never received any clear answers from Frontier, and that Mediacom phones would not save the Village anything over our current package with Frontier. Discussion followed. It was decided to inform Frontier we will cancel one phone line if we can't get another one for a better price. We would like to have separate lines for Weary and Childress for call forwarding, but currently only have one extra phone line.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Weary said he spoke with the residents of three houses on North Main Street regarding their neglect of the properties and no improvements have been made. It was decided to send a certified letter to set a date to have definitive improvement. Several Board members will drive around the Village to determine which properties need to be addressed. Childress also asked about a swimming pool that has not been used or tended to for several years, and neighbors were complaining of excessive mosquitoes. It was decided to talk to the owner.

Trustee Ehler said he talked to Michael Schluter regarding the school crossing guard. The issue had been discussed at their last school board meeting and they will make a decision at their next monthly meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Ackerman said Gary Busboom has sold the house across the street from the Village Hall and he wanted to know if the Village would be responsible for the tree in his front yard. After discussion it was decided that it was not on Village property.

President Ackerman presented a letter from Armstrong High School requesting a donation for sponsorship in their yearbook. A motion was made by Trustee Jones to donate \$40 to Armstrong High School for an ad in their yearbook. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Jess Childress asked the Board about a warranty for the versa probe used to read the water meters. The warranty for a year costs \$285. Childress thought a new probe cost about \$2000. After discussion it was decided to have Childress investigate the cost of a new probe, but we would get the one year warranty for this next year. A motion to pay \$285 for a one year warranty for the versa probe was made by Trustee Jones. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Jones asked if there were any groups that could assist elderly people on a fixed income with projects around their homes and yards. It was suggested she call Gary Maxwell and see if any of the kids in his church youth groups would be able to help.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2011.

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President of the Board