

Regular Meeting January 5, 2012

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), and Tim Dillman.

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 Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. 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 Crozier 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 (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler 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 Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of November 30, 2011 was \$535,550.63. Total money received for the month of December 2011 was \$42,908.42, plus \$16.91 interest from CD #8170 and \$37.89 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$66,279.65, leaving a balance on December 31, 2011 of \$512,234.20.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 28 incidents, 18 warnings, and 11 citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 19 incidents and four reports.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of December 2011.

Total gallons of water pumped-----1,986,000

Average daily consumption-----64,000

Jess Childress's report further stated he raised pumps and cleaned debris from the impellers at the wastewater plant on the 2nd, 8th, 13th, twice on the 23rd, on the 30th and on New Year's morning; dug up and installed a new water service at 514 S. Main; dug trenches in the #2 sand filter for winter operation at the plant; repaired a 4" water main in front of 205 E. Willard St.; replaced fluoride pump and level control that feeds into the water system; dug up and installed new electrical lines for the new

pumps at the wastewater plant; backwashed all pressure filters at the water plant; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 15 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bill. Childress said they hoped to have the new pumps working in the next day or so. It may cost a little more for the started (about \$1,500), but the impellers should grind things up better and eliminate some of the drainage issues.

STREETS AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Cler said he should have an estimate next week from Brad Polson for the asphalt work to be done on New Street in the spring.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said the Village will have to pay for the drainage to the north and east out of the Village. We currently pay \$2,500 to the Spoon River district for drainage going to the south, which include the sewer plant, but the other district won't get as much of the Village drainage, so it was suggested the Village offer to pay about ½ the amount we pay to Spoon River. Discussion followed. It was decided to come up with a figure to present to the drainage district and negotiate.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins reported a light out on W. Summit St. He said the flag poles have arrived and need to be installed. He will talk to John Stalter to have him get them installed. Neil Baker asked that the new pole be installed where the current, smaller pole is at the park.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Crozier reported the 2011 Christmas decorating contest winners. The resident winners were: 1st-Steve Dye; 2nd-Jesse Horn; 3rd-Phillip Wake. The senior winners were: 1st-Chuck Gehrt; 2nd-Jim Burk; 3rd-Tom Sadlek. The business winners were: 1st-Rademacher Building Center; 2nd-Gifford Grade School Christmas tree; 3rd-Gifford State Bank. First place winners receive \$75. 2nd place winners receive \$50. 3rd place winners receive \$25. Crozier also said he mailed letters to three residents regarding violations of Village Ordinances, giving them until June 1st to remedy the situation. Copies of those letters are enclosed in the minute's files. In regard to the golf cart situation, Crozier said the Village would need to have an engineer perform a traffic study to ascertain if they would be safe on Village streets; we would need to get County approval for the use of Main Street; would not be able to allow the carts to cross Rout 136 because the speed limit is too high. He said the Village would allow what is known as an LSV (low speed vehicle). He said the state law spells it all out and has many requirements, such as 30 MPH or less, title, VIN #, license. Discussion followed. It was decided to not proceed with an Ordinance allowing golf carts at this time, but LSV is currently allowed by the State of Illinois. If you need to drive a lawn mower on Village streets to get from one lawn to another, you must

have a slow moving vehicle sign on the back.

OLD BUSINESS

Childress said they have not performed the tests at the wells at the sewer plant, yet. Atchley called and said they would be out soon. All tests so far have come back negative, which is a good thing.

Trustee Crozier said the Village of Rantoul pay for the school crossing guards on the state roads out of their police budget.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said an area resident was upset that the military signs were removed to install Christmas decorations on the light poles along Main Street. Carrie Mulvaney said the Chamber of Commerce is working on purchasing new signs.

President Ackerman said another area resident inquired as to why the Village didn't have a library. Discussion followed.

Childress said that after removing some of the older playground equipment at the park, he learned that some of it may be worth some money since it is so old. He will investigate.

Trustee Ehler asked if there were any new laws that went into effect on January 1, 2012 that would pertain to the people in Gifford. Chief Weary said the cell phone and seat belt laws have been revised.

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

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 2nd day of February 2012.

President of the Board