

Regular Meeting June 7, 2012

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 Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Cler, Crozier, Ehler, Hethke, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Pete and Naomi Watson, and Dave Atchley from MSA. Atchley was present for the bid opening for the proposed street work scheduled for later in the summer. There was only one bid and it was for \$69,350 from Illiana Construction Co.

They had included a check for \$3,000 as their bid bond. Trustee Cler made a resolution to accept the bid from Illiana Construction Co. for \$69,350. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). President Ackerman then presented the Board with Ordinance #307 for the Annual Appropriation. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept Appropriations Ordinance #307. 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 minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Crozier 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 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 (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Crozier made a motion to pay the bills. 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 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 Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of April 30, 2012 was \$528,531.55. Total money received for the month of May was \$73,226.16, plus \$10.15 interest from CD #8170 and \$21.10 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$36,188.84, leaving a balance on May 31, 2012 of \$565,600.12.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 26 incidents, 13 warnings, 11 citations, and two arrests. In Investigative Matters, there were 14 incidents and two reports. Weary said he talked to the lady with the unattended pool and she still hasn't done anything about it. After discussion, the Board decided that she must at least keep the water pumped out of it, if it isn't going to be in use, to keep the insect population down. In regards to the house on South New Street, Weary said they have pumped the water out of the basement and are going to try to dry it out. In regards to the house on Park Street, Weary will talk to them about the nuisance ordinance.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of May 2012.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,671,000

Average daily consumption (Gal.) -----86,161

Jess Childress also put up the flags and military personnel signs; sprayed and pulled weeds in the sand filters and around both lagoons at the wastewater plant; patched holes with coal mix; took all water and wastewater samples and sent them to the EPA; published the Consumer Confidence Report in the Rantoul Press as instructed by the Illinois EPA; put in 30 new touch reads into the water system; back washed all pressure filters at the water plant; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; mowed at the wastewater plant and three other locations in town; had the generators serviced at the water and wastewater plant by Cummins Crosspoint; had the main chlorine break at the water plant on the 19th.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said Kalen Kocher will begin the drainage project next week. He will install a catch basin at the Pannbacker residence on Park Street to eliminate the drainage issue there. Discussion followed.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said a light on South Main Street has been repaired. He said the lights on the flag poles are installed, and although they don't shine as brightly as he thought they would, they look very nice.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Crozier said June 16th will be 'Dump Day' from 8-2 and they will be able to collect batteries, too. Discussion followed. Crozier said the ESDA sirens were inadvertently activated a few weeks ago, and he wasn't sure what the trigger was. He said it could have been a hacker or a rogue signal from a different dispatcher. After discussion, it was decided to have Crozier check into cost estimates for inspecting the sirens.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said his proposal for the playground grant came to a total of \$131,000. To be able to apply for this grant, the Village Board had to pass a resolution stating we would be able to come up with the total cost of the project, and then we can possibly get a reimbursement for the grant to pay at least 50% of all costs incurred. Hethke said in order to proceed, we may have to spend about \$1,000 to

get assistance writing the grant, which would have to be submitted by the end of June 2012. It is projected to be installed in the spring of 2013. There was discussion regarding a permanent stage and the location for both the stage and the playground equipment. Trustee Ehler made a motion to keep the playground in the same location. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept Resolution #219 to allot \$70,000 to be appropriated for playground equipment. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman asked Chief Weary if he had anything to report in his investigation of a new squad car. Weary said he had talked to other Police departments, who did not recommend a Dodge vehicle, but the Chevy Caprice can be purchased for about \$27,175 and a Tahoe can be purchased for about \$30,586, both through a state bid. He said Gibson City is interested in purchasing our old squad car for about \$6-7,000. Discussion followed. Trustee Ehler made a motion to purchase a new Tahoe for approximately \$31,000. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. The motion failed in a roll call vote with Trustees Cler, Hethke, Jones, and Severins voting no. It was decided to table discussion for a squad car purchase. Trustee Crozier stated the importance of having a police vehicle in good working order that is reliable in all weather conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman presented Ordinance #308 for part time police hiring standards. Trustee Ehler made a motion to repeal Ordinance #276 and accept Ordinance #308. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Treasurer Duitsman presented the health insurance for Sean Weary and Joe Curtis. After discussion, Trustee Cler made a motion to approve the expenditure for health insurance for Weary and Curtis for a two year term as required by the State. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

There was discussion regarding the purchase of 10-12 new flags to be placed on the light poles along Main Street at a cost of about \$15 each. Childress said he would check into purchasing and installing new flags before the Gifford Celebration.

Trustee Crozier suggested purchasing a recorder for the Village meetings. He said we would also have to post a sign informing visitors of the recordings. Trustee Crozier made a motion to purchase a recorder for the purpose of electronically recording meetings. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

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 8:14 P.M.

Approved by me this 5th day of July 2012.

Village Clerk

President of the Board