

Regular Meeting May 3, 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 Tim Dillman, Nancy Cogil, Nicole Keeney (Rantoul Press), and Chris Kaler and Joe Birch from Frontier. Kaler made a presentation to the Board regarding the high speed internet service now being offered by Frontier and he wanted to know if they could have representatives go door to door distributing this information to Village residents. President Ackerman told Kaler that Frontier must notify our Village Police Chief 24 hours before solicitation. Discussion followed.

Trustee Ehler said that Eldon Hesterberg had approached him regarding a Community Backyard Bash to be held on August 18th. It will be held on the vacant lot on Main Street south of the church. They will offer a night for families with inflatables, food, ice cream, music by Marvin Lee and by Connor Buenting. More information will be forthcoming after the Gifford Community Celebration so the two events don't confuse people.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Ehler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. 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 Severins. 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 Ehler 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). 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 Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of March 31, 2012 was \$526,245.45. Total money received for the month of April 2012 was \$52,754.21, plus \$10.49 interest from CD #8170 and \$21.80 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$50,500.40, leaving a balance on April 30, 2012 of \$528,531.55.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 27 incidents, 21 warnings, and six citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 14 incidents and three reports. Weary also said he investigated the ownership of the property at 307 S. New Street and found it to be in foreclosure. The Village will have to wait until that is finalized before pursuing ordinance violations.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of April 2012.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,286,000

Average daily consumption (gal.)-----73,600

Jess Childress's report further stated he dug up a water service on West Plumb Street and replaced a leaking yolk, water meter, and installed a new pit; pulled weeds in the sand filters and converted wastewater plant to summer operation; replaced two broken meters with new meters and new touch reads; took water and wastewater samples and sent them to the EPA; cut a tree down at the school and trimmed trees hanging over the sidewalks; filled the ditch behind the lagoon at the wastewater plant and picked up logs and branches; 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, around the maintenance building, the empty lot by the lift station on Plumb Street and the lot on the corner by the Spreader; and attended the plant of the year conference in Springfield. Childress also presented the Board with the active military signs that were constructed by Border Magic. We currently have three signs for three local military personnel. The plan is to hang the signs along Main Street until the soldiers is no longer in the service, and then give the sign to that person. Currently we have Kyler Barracks, Tessa Saltgaver, and Adam McDaniel serving in the military. After discussion it was decided to provide signs for any active military in a three mile radius or a Gifford zip code. If anyone has a relative serving and they would like to purchase a sign for that relative, we will mount it on a pole on Main Street.

STREETS AND ALLEYS REPORT

Trustee Cler presented the IDOT paperwork to be signed and returned. He will have it put out for bids in the Rantoul Press and have a bid opening at the June 7th meeting.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said we need to shoot and grade the area in front of the Pannbacker resident on South Park Street to determine what size culvert is needed, but perhaps an 8" would be enough. Childress said we also need to look at the catch basin in front of Robin's Body Shop. He said it seems to be loose and will rock back and forth when driven over. Ehler said he would have Kalin Kocher look at it when he works on the drainage project.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said he has ordered lights for the flag pole at the park.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said John Stalter will get him a bid for sidewalk work. He'd like to do along Park and New Streets this year. Hethke is also meeting with Dave Atchley regarding the grant for playground equipment, but won't know anything definite until about October.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Duitsman presented the annual budget. There was discussion regarding a police vehicle, sidewalks, and the ceiling at the maintenance building. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the annual budget. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Duitsman will give the budget to our attorney to have the Appropriation Ordinance drawn up.

President Ackerman said he talked to Joni Hammond and Rachel Springer to see if they would be interested in cleaning the Village Hall once a month. They said they would consider it, but would like to clean it once before giving a price quote. After discussion, the Board agreed this would be a good idea. Ackerman will talk to Joni and Rachel.

Trustee Crozier asked about the ordinance violation issues where the Board had sent letters earlier in the year to the property owners. The owner of the pool not taken care of properly has promised to work on it when it gets warmer. One of the owners lives out of state and Chief Weary will investigate it more to get a response.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman received a letter from Koleen Roseman proposing to build a stage at the park. She said it would be paid for with a loan from The Gifford State Bank and the installments would be paid with money from the Craft Show in November and from baseball concessions. It would be a simple block and concrete foundation with a storage area along the back wall, complete with lighting and electrical outlets. After discussion, Trustee Hethke and President Ackerman decided they would meet at the park to determine the lay out of the proposed stage, playground equipment, and additional trees and then get back to Roseman with a decision.

Trustee Jones said there appeared to be someone living in a camper on a lot on East Street, next to Aaron Siebern's residence. After discussion, it was decided to have Chief Weary investigate the Ordinance violation and talk to the resident.

Trustee Jones said there had been complaints about people burning garbage, which is against Village ordinance, but wanted to know how to enforce the ordinance. After discussion, it was decided to have Chief Weary talk to the residents and give them a copy of the ordinance and explain the situation to them.

Trustee Ehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of June 2012.

President of the Board