

Regular Meeting October 11, 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, Hethke, and Severins. Trustee Ehler arrived at 7:08. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Jim & Minnie Burke, Nicole Keeney (Rantoul Press), and Robert King. The Burke's said they had agreed about seven years ago to have a tree removed from the circle drive in front of their home on Florida Circle, but now they would like to have it replaced along with the grassy area in the center of that smaller circle. Discussion followed.

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 (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 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 Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Crozier made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 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 (4 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of August 31, 2012 was \$622,676.38. Total money received for the month of September 2012 was \$84,416.16, plus \$10.50 interest from CD #8170 and \$21.84 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$119,393.20, leaving a balance on September 30, 2012 of \$587,731.68.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 22 incidents, 14 warnings, seven citations, and one arrest. In Investigative Matters, there were 12 incidents and three reports. Weary also asked about the Village Ordinance regarding junk and debris in the yard. He asked if he had the authority to request residents to remove junk and is there a certain period of time to allow for such removal. Discussion followed. It was decided to have Weary ask the resident to remove it immediately. Weary also said his light bar was repaired but is not working correctly again. They rewired the control module, but the lights have begun to go on randomly. Some work and some don't. He asked if the Board thought he should go back to get the lights repaired again. Those lights are no longer produced and some parts are hard to find. It was decided to have Weary take the car back and have the lights looked at to see if they can be repaired.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Jess Childress reported activity for the month of September 2012.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,118,000

Average daily consumption (Gal.)-----70,600

Childress's report further stated that he jetted a four inch tile at the township building and a ten inch tile behind Bob Hesterberg's residence; sprayed and pulled weeds in and around both lagoons at the wastewater plant; dug up a water service at 519 S. Main St. and replaced it with a new pit, yolk, and touch read meter; dug up a broken water line at 524 S. Main St.; replaced 45 feet of ten inch tile in the hedge row on East St. because of tree and root problems; mowed in town and at the wastewater plant; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; cleaned the chlorine pump, lines, and fittings at the water plant; installed ten new touch read remotes and meters. Trustee Ehler asked if Childress could get someone to haul some of the stuff that has accumulated behind the maintenance building. There is now a pile of old asphalt, concrete, playground equipment, dirt, tree trimmings, etc. Discussion followed. The Board decided to have Childress haul some to Rantoul with the truck and he can dump concrete there for free. Childress said he would talk to Bill Wernigk to see if he would haul some of it and how much he would charge.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Treasurer Duitsman said he had an audit request from IDOT regarding recent street work.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler told Childress that he could finish work on the ditch at Edgar Bruns's and Jay Adkins now that the ground has settled. Childress said he would begin work on that.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said he reported a light out on Kendall. He also said he has not heard back from Dave Dowling regarding trimming the trees at the park, so he thought he may do the job himself with a bucket lift.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke said the sidewalk construction is not completed at this time but hope to have it finished before the cold weather arrives. In regard to the playground grant, Hethke is going to talk to Tony McLain to see if he would be willing to travel to Springfield with him to give a three minute presentation on October 30th. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman presented a ten year franchise agreement with Mediacom, which had been approved by our attorney, but now needed Board approval. A motion to accept the ten year franchise agreement with Mediacom was made by Trustee Hethke. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman presented Ordinance #311 to repeal section 19 of Ordinance #64, regulating the licensing and sale of alcoholic liquor in the Village. In a roll call vote there were 4 yes votes and 1 no vote, with Trustee Crozier being the only dissenting vote.

President Ackerman asked for Board approval to replace the circle on Florida Drive with dirt and a tree, as requested by Jim & Minnie Burke. Discussion followed. Trustee Cler said he had done some research on the area and determined a five foot circle was about the right size in order to allow for traffic to flow and Childress to be able to plow snow in the winter. Jim Burke said his home had lost assessed value due to the removal of the circle and tree (aesthetic value). Cler said the street needs to be 20 feet wide and in order for that to happen, the circle could only be about five feet in diameter. There was discussion regarding having the area surveyed, who would pay for it, and determine where utilities are located. It was decided to talk to Dave Atchley (MSA engineer) to get his ideas on the feasibility. Trustee Cler said he would contact him.

Trustee Cler asked about the resident with the pool on Summit as discussed in past meetings. There is no cover or pump running and it is full of water. President Ackerman said he would talk to the resident to have it brought up to Ordinance codes.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said the water tower has a leak and needs major repairs, costing about \$25,000. The tower is about 50 years old. The repairs would include draining the tower, removing the ring in the center, and replacing after the repairs, and would take about 3-4 days. A motion to waive the bidding requirement of \$20,000 in an emergency situation was made by Trustee Hethke. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Treasurer Duitsman said that since the annual budget had already allotted so much money for that fund, we would need a supplemental addendum to increase that amount to \$25,000. Trustee Cler made a motion for appropriation to increase the water budget to \$25,000 for tower repairs. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman asked for a motion to accept the financial report from Michael Graham. Trustee Hethke made a motion to accept the financial report from Michael Graham. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman reminded everyone that the Caucus would be held at the Village Hall on December

3, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

President Ackerman presented a letter from the Regional Planning Commission regarding flood insurance. Discussion followed.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 1st day of November 2012.

President of the Board