

Regular Meeting November 1, 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, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Kenny Grove, Nicole Keeney (Rantoul Press), and Steve Griswold. Grove wanted to know if the Board had given any thought to his having a pole shed constructed on his property behind his home on New Street. He was hoping to construct a building that would be 60' x 120', with half of it a shop area. After discussing zoning and ordinance issues, President Ackerman said he would take a look at the proposed site and have an answer at the next meeting.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Crozier 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 (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hethke made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 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 Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). After discussion regarding a donation to Armstrong High School for an ad in their yearbook, the Board decided to donate \$80 for sponsorship and an ad in the yearbook. Trustee Cler made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 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 Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of September 30, 2012 was \$587,630.98. Total money received for the month of October 2012 was \$54,104.36, plus \$10.16 interest from CD #8170 and \$21.15 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$52,099.78, leaving a balance on October 31, 2012 of \$589,666.87.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 22 incidents, 17 warnings, and five citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 14 incidents. Weary said he has talked to the resident with the trash in his yard as discussed at last month's meeting, and nearly all of it has been removed.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of October 2012.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,307,000

Average daily consumption (gallons)-----74,400

Childress's report further stated he had 36 semi loads of fill dirt hauled out from east of the water plant; sprayed weeds in and around #2 lagoon at the wastewater plant; cut tree limbs that were hanging over the roadways on all of the streets in town; removed grease build up from the fan intake louvers in front of the generator motor at the wastewater plant; removed tree roots from a sanitary manhole on New Street that was causing sewage to back up in one home; mowed in town and at the wastewater plant; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; installed five new touch read remotes; inspected one new sanitary sewer hook up at North Pointe. Childress said that although Bill Wernigk hauled the fill dirt away, there is still cement in the back that will be hauled next spring. There was discussion regarding the removal of tree roots on New Street.

STREETS AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Cler said Dave Atchley is checking into the cul de sac reconstruction on Florida Drive.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

President Ackerman said he received a phone call from Dennis Osterbur asking if he and his neighbor to the west could put in a tile and dirt in the ditch in front of their homes. Ackerman said he would have to discuss it with Trustee Ehler at the next regular meeting. There was discussion regarding how well the drains were working after the recent rainfall and how the repairs last summer seemed to have made a big difference.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins suggested a motion light at the front door to the Village Hall.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Hethke, along with Tony McLain and Neil Baker went to Springfield and gave a presentation pleading for a grant for park playground equipment. Hethke said they probably won't hear anything back for a few months. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman received a letter from Mediacom with an offer beginning October 18 for the NFL Network and other packages.

President Ackerman asked Childress about the work on the water tower. Childress said they would

schedule sometime soon after November 10.

President Ackerman presented Ordinance #312, which was an amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance for F/Y '12-'13. Trustee Crozier made a motion to accept Ordinance #312. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman reminded everyone of the Caucus set for 7:00 P.M. December 3. There are three Trustee positions opening.

Chief Weary said the squad car lights are not working properly again, and his traction control light isn't working. After discussion, it was decided to take it back to Dennis Cheek to get them repaired. He said the light bar can't be repaired, and it keeps coming on inadvertently. A new bar would cost about \$800, as well as a new controller, which he had no idea of the cost. He said he would get cost estimates for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman had a letter from the City of Champaign requesting a monetary donation to help with research protecting the Mahomet Aquifer from contamination. After discussion, Ackerman decided to contact our attorney to get his input.

Trustee Jones said she talked to Joni Hammond who cleans the Village Hall. Joni had suggested we recycle some of the older items, like computers, etc, that are taking up a lot of space in the Board room. She had also requested a small hot water heater, since the current one hasn't worked for years. After discussion it was decided to get a small 5-10 gallon hot water heater, and to have Weary take the old computers, etc. to Mack's.

Childress said he is going to have to dismantle a fire hydrant at the fire station, since it is acting as a water hammer and pushing the water pressure up and causing water pipes to bang in people's homes in North Pointe. It also can cause the water main to blow or pipes to burst.

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 7:49 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th day of December 2012.

President of the Board