

## Special Meeting April 29, 2011

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M., local time, to hold a special meeting pertaining to the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. 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 present were Tim Dillman and Dave Atchley (MSA engineer). Atchley was present to discuss Motor Fuel funding. He had looked at the streets and presented the Board with three options for street work this summer. Option one was to oil and chip all the streets at an estimated cost of \$84,000. The second option was to oil and chip all streets east of Main Street at an estimated cost of \$55,000. The last option was to only attend to areas showing signs of need at an estimated cost of \$9,198, plus an additional estimated cost of \$5,000 for extra rock to be added to the streets prior to the Gifford Celebration. After discussion, it was decided that there was not enough money in the fund to do the first option this year, but if we go with option three, we would have more than enough money to do all streets next year.

Treasurer Duitsman presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. Trustee Crozier said that ESDA may be in need of new radios in 2013 at an estimated cost of \$3,100 each, and they currently have about eight radios. He said he would talk to Dave Bletscher, who is the ESDA coordinator.

Trustee Hethke said he had plans to do some sidewalk repairs and some new construction, hoping to complete some sidewalks from Park Street to Main Street. Dave Atchley said there may be money available through a program called 'Safe Walks to School'.

There was discussion regarding salaries for both Weary and Childress and whether or not they wanted to bank a week of vacation and take pay for those they do not use. Weary also said the school had requested to have extra patrols on the nights they hold events at the school where more than 200 people attend. There was also discussion regarding paying for a school crossing guard. It was decided to ask if the school would pay for the guard, which the Village has paid in the past, and then use that money to pay for extra patrols on requested nights.

Duitsman said there had been a miscalculation regarding Weary's health insurance for the past seven years, and he is actually due a refund of \$7,300. Trustee Crozier made a motion to pay Weary the \$7,300 due him. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Chief Weary said the squad car is in need of a new rear end. Worden Martin estimated it would cost \$3,000. After discussion, it was decided to get a second opinion. Weary said the car also needs new police decals, at a cost of \$760. It was decided to wait until the rear end is repaired before doing any work on the decals.

Duitsman said we need to take care of any unsafe swings at the park before someone is injured and we are sued. We actually need to put a safer ground covering under the swing sets, containing it with a border.

Trustee Ehler asked for money to be placed in the drainage fund for maintenance. He also asked for money for a laser for Childress. He also said the approximate costs to repair the culverts behind the school would be \$2000.

Trustee Jones asked if the red truck had been sold yet. Ehler said it is not sold, but would need a new headliner before attempting to sell it. Then they would put it on EBay. Ehler also asked for more part time help for Childress. He suggested utilizing Herbie Zintera more, so Childress would have more time to work on meter replacement and other jobs.

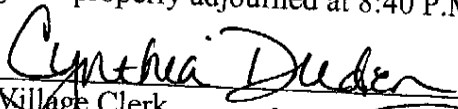
Childress said he got an estimate for pumps for dealing with clogging issues. The estimated costs for two pumps would be \$10,000, plus about \$4,500 for upgrading and installing the wiring.

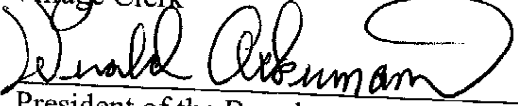
Trustee Ehler suggested purchasing some new Christmas lights to replace some of those placed along Main Street. Trustee Crozier said if you purchase during the month of May, you get 50% off from Wayne Manufacturing. He said we would need about five new ones. Childress also suggested purchasing some new flags.

Treasurer Duitsman recommended a 3% raise across the board for all employees.

Trustee Ehler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Approved by me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.

  
Cynthia Duder  
Village Clerk

  
Donald Alkman  
President of the Board