

Regular Meeting November 6, 2014

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M., local time, in the Gifford State Bank Board Room, to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Baxter, Cler, Ehler, Jones, and Severins. Youmans arrived at 7:15.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Bob Ackerman, Eldon Hesterberg, Eric Rademacher, Curtis Liles (CPA), Dave Atchley, and Maynard Duitsman. Liles is the new Village auditor with Bray, Drake, Liles & Richardson LLP. He presented copies of a preliminary audit, explaining he used a different format than Mike Graham had used. He quickly went over the results and explained that everything looked really good. He did notice we had few assets after the tornado, but said that will improve with time. He recommended a segregation of duties with checks and balances by the Trustees. DNR has requested an audit for the grant at the park, which he is currently working on.

Atchley said the water tower bid opening was held at 2:00 that afternoon at the Gifford State Bank Board Room, with three companies sending their bids. The low bidder was Caldwell Tank at \$584,500. The other two bidders were Maguire Inc. at \$757,000, and Phoenix at \$579,283. Phoenix did not send in a complete bid, so they were not considered. He recommended the Caldwell bid, contingent upon concurrence with the USDA and the Village attorney. He said he will submit the plans to the EPA and should have approval by April 2015. We will use the Americares grant of \$115,000 to help with expenses. There was discussion regarding time frames with proper awarding dates. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the bid from Caldwell with a bid of \$584,500, contingent upon concurrence with the USDA and the Village attorney. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Atchley also presented an agreement to authorize the Village to proceed with an expenditure of \$17,500 for a loop to connect to the new water main and tower. Trustee Ehler made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$17,500 for the loop to connect to the new water main and tower. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Rademacher said Robert Ackerman had gone to the Zoning Board to request a variance to rebuild the garage he lost in the tornado. The original garage had been 16' tall, but he was only wanting to rebuild it to 10'. The old garage had been 40x50 and he wanted to construct a garage the same size. It had been approved by the Zoning Board and there was no opposition from anyone in attendance. There was discussion regarding water drainage issues in that area and an easement for the Village if there were ever any future issues. Ackerman said he would appreciate if the Village would assist with any water or drainage issues. Trustee Ehler made a motion to approve the variance request by Robert Ackerman to construct his garage to 10' height and 40'x50'. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Hesterberg spoke in regards to the remodel of the Spreader in preparation to sell to the Village for their new Village Hall. He presented a drawing of recommended remodel with estimated costs at \$149,190. He said he would try to reuse as many materials as possible without losing the integrity of the building. He estimated a move in date of April 2015, if all goes according to plan. There was discussion of the availability of the shop area for Childress after the first of January if he needs the building for maintenance work. There was discussion regarding grants and costs. President Ackerman presented an agreement as drawn up by the attorney for Hesterberg for the sale of the building. Hesterberg said he

would remodel according to Village requests. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the purchase agreement as drawn up by Hesterberg's attorney. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Hesterberg said he will begin the remodel work on January 2, 2015, working with Trustees Cler, and Baxter on change requests.

As each Trustee and Officer had been furnished copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Baxter 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 furnished 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 Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Severins made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been furnished copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Ehler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of September 30, 2014 was \$649,666.02. Total money received for the month of October was \$66,327.68, plus \$10.19 interest from CD#8170 and \$8.40 interest from CD#15399. Total expenses for the month were \$41,827.44, leaving a balance on October 31, 2014 of \$674,184.85. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of September 30, 2014 was \$512,471.76. Total money received for the month of October 2014 was \$116,748.28. Total expenses for the month were \$724.00, leaving a balance on October 31, 2014 of \$628,496.04. The balance in the Tornado/WTP Construction Fund as of September 30, 2014 was \$2,531.17. There was no money received or any expenses for the month of October 2014. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of September 30, 2014 was \$24,713.87. There was no money received or any expenses for the month of October 2014. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of September 30, 2014 was \$350,546.32. There was no money received or any expenses for the month of October 2014.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 30 incidents, 28 warnings, and two citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 13 incidents. Weary also said the used warning sirens work but one of them may need some maintenance. In regards to the trailer on the Osborn property, he said we can't force them to remove the trailer and they want to try to fix it up. He said he spoke to Dustin Busboom about draining water into the street from his sump pump, but he hasn't done anything about the problem. Childress said he would cap it off and place it up in his yard. He said Paul Buenting wanted to do a control burn on his house at the corner of Park and North Streets to use as fire training once the water plant is up and running. After discussion, Weary said he would talk to Buenting to try to get things moving. There was discussion regarding empty lots after the tornado that still have crawl open spaces, which could cause issues. Weary said the old Mulvaney property on the corner of West and Center Streets needs to be covered. He said he would talk to them about that issue. There was also discussion regarding the tree pile on south New Street.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Childress had a letter from the insurance company regarding the twisted pipe, but was able to secure a contract change order from Rural Development for the well pump. He said the Water Treatment plant is getting close to completion.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Baxter said Robin Clements would like to slope the sidewalk in front of his building leading to his front door to make it handicap accessible. After discussion Baxter said he would follow up on that.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman reminded everyone that the caucus would be held on December 1 at 7:00 in the bank board room.

Maynard Duitsman said he would no longer need the laptop the Village bought him about six months ago. He said he would like to purchase it from the Village. After discussion it was decided to give it him for all his years of service.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman presented Resolution #221 to appoint an authorizing agent (Tracy Childress) for IMRF. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Resolution #221 to appoint Tracy Childress as an authorizing agent for IMRF. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman received a letter from Armstrong High School requesting a donation from the Village to sponsor an ad in their yearbook. In the past the Village has donated \$100. After discussion, Trustee Ehler made a motion to sponsor an ad in their yearbook for \$100. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Childress said Chris Duitsman's last day with the Village would be November 7. Childress requested a new part time assistant to help with snow plowing and any other duties as they arise. He said he has Herbie Zientara and Randy Duden interested, but wanted to get Board approval. There was discussion regarding wages and estimated number of hours they would be working. After discussion, Trustee Cler made a motion to pay part time help \$15 an hour. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Tracy Childress requested the purchase of some new file cabinets since those we currently have are full. The Board approved the purchase.

Trustee Youmans moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 4th day of December 2014.

President of the Board

