

Regular Meeting December 4, 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.

Guests were Gary Duden, Justin Fullenkamp, Eldon Hesterberg, Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), John Daily and Edward Bland (CCHA), and Dave Atchley (MSA). The gentlemen from CCHA were present to inform the Board of the plans for the developers of Eagle Prairie subdivision to allow the CCHA to construct affordable housing for senior citizens age 55 and over. Each building would consist of four units, each 900 square feet with a single car garage. The proposed site is on the south side of Evergreen Street, where it intersects with North Pointe Drive. Discussion followed regarding subdivision covenants, rezoning for R-2, mowing, and maintenance of the properties.

Hesterberg presented a building remodel for the Village Hall. There was discussion regarding grant money, proposed remodel changes, and a contractor fee for Hesterberg. Trustee Ehler told Hesterberg the Village has a two year completion date with the grant, so any decisions on additional improvements can be decided at a later date. After discussion, Trustee Baxter made a motion to accept all renovations as presented by Hesterberg, except for the concrete driveway and only stone on the lower portion of the building in front of the offices, for an estimated expense of \$220,000. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Atchley presented Resolution #224 to repair the streets and alleys with funding from the tornado fund at a cost of \$226,898. Trustee Severins made a motion to accept Resolution #224 as previously stated. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Atchley then presented Resolution #225 to repair the sidewalks and seed the ground after with funding from the tornado fund at a cost of \$106,617. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept Resolution #225 as previously stated. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman asked the Board how they would like to distribute the \$18,800 administrative grant. He asked if it should go to MSA or RPS? After discussion it was decided to wait on making a decision until after Atchley does some investigating.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meetings, Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from both meetings. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Severins made a motion to accept the minutes from both meeting as read. 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 Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). After discussion Trustee Ehler made a motion to not pay any more bills to Fehr Graham until the water treatment plant is completed. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to pay the bills except for those to Fehr Graham. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. 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 Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of October 31, 2014 was \$674,184.85. Total money received for the month of November 2014 was \$48,778.06, plus \$10.53 from CD #8170 and \$8.68 from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$69,603.06, leaving a balance on November 30, 2014 of \$653,379.06. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of October 31, 2014 was \$628,496.04. Total money received for the month of November 2014 was \$668. Total expenses for the month were \$17,900, leaving a balance on November 30, 2014 was \$611,264.04. There was no activity in the Tornado/WTP Fund during the month of November, leaving a balance of \$2,531.17. There was no activity in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund during the month of November 2014, leaving a balance of \$24,713.87. There was no activity in the IDOT Construction Fund during the month of November 2014, leaving a balance of \$343,124.17.

The Police Report was given by Chief Weary. In Investigative Matters there were 14 incidents and three reports. In Traffic Matters there were 28 incidents, 24 warnings, and three citations. Weary said he talked to Paul Buenting regarding a property ordinance violation, and he also talked to our attorney regarding the same matter. Buenting has since boarded up the property to keep animals out. The Buenting's are wanting to burn the house with the assistance of the fire department. They will also have to get approval from their neighbors and the IEPA. After discussion it was decided to have Weary tell Buenting's they will need to attend to this matter before next spring.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Childress did not have a report to present but did say the detention tank is almost completed. He said we need to get the water treatment plant working before Christmas break at the school so they can burn that brush pile on south New Street while the students are gone. He said the recent water test failed, so he will continue working on that issue.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Childress said he will jet the tile on Main Street with Kalin Kocher. He also plans to put the Christmas lights up along Main Street in the next few days.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Baxter said he has two more military signs that will need brackets before they can be hung along Main Street. Childress said he would get those hung up once they have the brackets.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Ehler asked if there was anything the Village could use that the Spreader will be offering at their upcoming auction. Discussion followed.

President Ackerman requested Childress get the signs put out for snow removal.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman presented Ordinance #328 for the Tax Levy for f/y 2014 with a 5% tax increase. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Ordinance #328, to include a 5% tax increase. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 8th day of January 2015.

President of the Board