

Regular Meeting February 7, 2013

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, Ehler, Hethke, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Dave Atchley and Greg Crow from MSA, Nicole Keeney from the Rantoul Press, Kelly Carter, and Justin Fullenkamp. Carter presented the Board with a hand out outlining the Gifford Celebration events and explaining the various expenses, stating they were dependent on sponsorships, donations, and fees charged for the bands. They were asking the Village to pay for the fireworks again this year at a cost of \$5750. She also asked if the GCC volunteers could use golf carts to transport themselves from the park to the bank during the day, and if they could have extra police assistance during the band behind the bank. Kelly said the celebration has gotten so big that it has become difficult for the bank employees to do all the volunteer work and would appreciate any assistance from local residents. The Board approved paying for the fireworks and the use of golf carts.

Fullenkamp asked about the Combest property along Route 136 where the old gas station is located. He suggested the Village pressure the owners to do something to clean it up as it has become a safety issue. After discussion it was decided to talk to our attorney.

Atchley and Crow gave a presentation regarding a capital improvement plan and a comprehensive park and recreation plan, both of which would be helpful in acquiring any grant money that would be available from the state. The estimated costs for the CAP plan would be \$3,500 and the estimated cost of the park plan would be \$5,000. There was discussion about the various grants currently available.

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 Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 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 (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to pay the bills. 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 given printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Hethke 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 (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of December 31, 2012 was \$564,555.76. Total money received for the month of January 2013 was \$59,089.81, plus

\$10.50 interest from CD #8170 and \$15.32 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$71,943.77, leaving a balance on January 31, 2013 of \$551,727.62.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 22 incidents, 15 warnings, and seven citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 15 incidents, three reports, and one arrest.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of January 2013.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,387,000

Average daily consumption (gallons)-----77,000

Childress's report further stated that he dug up a broken water main on the corner of Willard and East Streets and repaired it with a stainless steel repair clamp; repaired a broken water line under the concrete driveway that was bored into by Ameren CIPS at North Pointe; took Christmas lights down and put in storage; changed oil and filters in the Ford truck and John Deere tractor; was called out on January 3 for a residential water leak on Plumb Street; was called out on January 14 for a pump start failure at Plumb Street lift station; installed three new light fixtures in the office; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 14 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; discontinued one water and sewer service for non-payment; back washed all pressure filters at water treatment plant. Childress also said he will have surgery for a torn rotator cuff on March 5. He will be wearing a sling for a month and then have limited duties for a while after that. He has Harold, Herbie, and Sean to help.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said they may start drainage work this summer behind the elevator. He and Kalen Kocher will take a look at things. Childress said he received a call from Jeremy Crawford about water in a basement on East Street. There was discussion regarding tiles in the area and drainage.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said he has a couple of lights to report.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Crozier said Dave Bletscher gave him his needs for ESDA. Since the FCC has gone to the narrow band, they would need six new radios with licenses at an estimated cost of \$3550. The cost estimates for changing the warning sirens over to the narrow band is \$8250, but the FCC has not made that requirement, yet, so they won't need to change over at this time. It was decided to budget that for in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Weary said he talked to the owners of the garage on West Street that has been partially torn down. Kasapov said he was going to get his father-in-law to help him remove the debris with his equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said they would need to meet with Childress and Weary individually for their end of the year reviews before the next meeting.

Trustee Ehler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of March 2013.

President of the Board