

## Regular Meeting March 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 Crozier, Ehler, Hethke, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Dave Atchley and Greg Crow from MSA, Nicole Keeney from the Rantoul Press, and Travis Youmans. Atchley presented estimated costs for pump installation for sand filter dosing at the water treatment plant, including a siphon system, and contingency, engineering, and legal fees. The estimate was \$55,350. Discussion followed.

Greg Crow had a presentation on the five year capital improvement plan (CIP). Discussion followed. There was also discussion regarding the OSLAD grant for park equipment. Trustee Ehler questioned whether or not we could reapply for the grant again this year, if we don't know whether we will receive the grant from last year's application. Discussion followed. Crow said he thought we could reapply.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Ehler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Crozier made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. 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 Ehler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. 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 Crozier made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of January 31, 2013 was \$551,742.62. Total money received for the month of February was \$43,949.98, plus \$10.50 interest from CD #8170 and \$15.32 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$41,397.52, leaving a balance on February 28, 2013 of \$554,320.90.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Investigative Matters, there were 11 incidents and one report. In Traffic Matters, there were 18 incidents, 12 warnings, six citations, and one arrest.

### **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of February 2013.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,073,000

Average daily consumption-----77,000

Childress's report further stated he was called out on an emergency locate by J.U.L.I.E. for Ameren CIPS on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 108 W. Center Street; was called out on the 5<sup>th</sup> for a water leak at the telephone building on Main Street; replaced two broken water meters and three remote reads; was called out on the 9<sup>th</sup> for a residential leak on Park Street; took 30 different water samples for EPA under the new UCMR-3 which tests for 21 different contaminants in the water system; was called out on the 16<sup>th</sup> for a water leak on Plumb Street; plowed snow on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 11 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; discontinued one water and sewer service for non-payment; back washed all pressure filters at the water treatment plant; changed the oil in the blowers and outside air filters at the wastewater treatment plant. President Ackerman said he had received a letter from the IL Department of Public Health regarding an award for Childress recognizing our water system for maintaining perfect compliance in 2012 for 12 consecutive months.

### **SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Trustee Ehler said he talked to Kalin Kocher and they plan to look at a couple of drainage projects to present to the annual budget meeting.

### **POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

Trustee Severins reported three lights out that have been repaired. Trustee Hethke said there was also a light out at the corner of West and North Streets.

### **RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Trustee Crozier said ESDA coordinator Bletscher had ordered radios at a cost less than the \$2,500 budgeted. He said they will need to order more out of next year's budget, along with a few other necessary items for the sirens.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Ackerman said our attorney sent a letter to Art Combest who owns the old gas station on Route 136 regarding complaints of the deteriorating condition of the property, requesting he contact President Ackerman to discuss the future plans for the building.

President Ackerman asked for a motion to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as presented by Greg Crow at a cost of \$3,500 and the Park Plan at a cost of \$5,000. Trustee Ehler made a motion to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan at a cost of \$3,500. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Crozier made a motion to accept the Park Plan as presented by Greg Crow at a cost of \$5,000. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Crow asked if the Board wanted to set up special meetings to discuss the plans. After discussion it was decided to have special meetings, but set them for the same dates to save costs of engineers travel and time. He requested a

steering committee from the community comprised of chamber, school, and business people. It was decided to contact Tony McLain and Neil Baker. The Board will also send out a mailing to inform the community of the plan and get their input. Crow said he also would need to meet with Treasurer Duitsman for the CIP.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Ackerman had a letter from Gifford Grade School requesting a police officer on duty during sporting events to assist in case of any problems. They didn't necessarily need them at the school, but on duty and available. He said we would need to add the costs to our annual budget.

Treasurer Duitsman said we would need to pay Childress and Weary for their unused vacation time, since they both have two weeks due them. Trustee Ehler made a motion to pay both Childress and Weary for two weeks unused vacation time. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Duitsman also presented a budget comparison in preparation of the annual budget meeting.

Trustee Crozier suggested an increase in Chief Weary's pay to bring him in line with other small communities. He currently is receiving \$42,000 a year, and most other communities are at least \$48,000. Discussion followed. Crozier also said this would be his last meeting as Village Board member since he and his family are moving at the end of the month. His official resignation would take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>. President Ackerman has 60 days from March 31<sup>st</sup> to name a replacement on the Board.

Trustee Jones moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Crozier. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Approved by me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

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Village Clerk

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President of the Board