

Regular Meeting April 4, 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, Ehler, Hethke, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Nicole Keeney (Rantoul Press), and Patricia Stoffel.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 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 bills. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hethke made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 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 Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of February 30, 2013 was \$554,320.90. Total money received for the month of March was \$50,688.58, plus \$9.49 interest from CD#8170 and \$13.84 interest from CD#15399. Total expenses for the month were \$59,328.91, leaving a balance on March 31, 2013 of \$545,703.90. Treasurer Duitsman said he would have to make a few adjustments before the budget meeting.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Investigative Matters, there were 12 incidents and three reports. In Traffic Matters, there were 18 incidents, 13 warnings, five citations, and two arrests.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Jess Childress reported activity for the month of March 2013.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,508,000

Average daily consumption (Gal)-----81,000

Childress's report further stated he was called out by the fire department on the 10th to shut off water to a house fire on South Road; replaced rings and mechanical seal on #3 high service pump at the water treatment plant due to a bad water leak; dug up and replaced the water meter pit, yolk, and part of the service line going into 106 East Center; had shoulder surgery on the 5th; plowed snow; located, dug up, and jetted a 10" tile on Park Street by Brian Baxter's residence; collected all water and wastewater samples and sent them in to the EPA; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts

and made all deposits; sent out 10 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.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Cler presented Ordinance #313 to turn the jurisdiction of Main Street back over to the County. Discussion followed. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Ordinance #313, returning jurisdiction of Main Street back to the County. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Cler also said Bryan Schluter is looking at sealing the cracks in the asphalt at North Pointe and will have an estimate before the budget meeting.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said Childress and Kocher were working with property owners regarding water issues in the area between North Park and Main Streets, mainly the Baxter and Frandle residences. Baxter wanted to thank Childress and Kocher for all their help with those issues. There was discussion regarding the tile on the Frandle property and how it's routed. The Village would like to reroute the tiles, but would need to get permission from all property owners involved. Ehler said he had an estimated cost of \$5,000 in materials and \$10,000 in labor from Kocher. Ehler wanted the Board's approval to do this as a major drainage project this summer. Trustee Ehler made a motion to approve this project from North Main Street to North Park Street, into Ernray subdivision at the proposed estimated costs of \$5,000 for materials and \$10,000 for labor. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said there were three light poles on the west side of Main Street in the business area that are no longer in use. Would the Village be able to move those poles to be used in other places? After discussion, it was decided to wait and see what the bank plans are for that area. Chief Weary also suggested moving the pole on the south of South Street, where Colonial Pantry used to be, and maybe reopening that street to two way traffic again. Trustee Severins wanted to thank Childress and his crew for plowing snow during and after the recent snowstorm. Severins also offered to weld the welcome signs that have fallen over the winter.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman said he had received a bill from Mark Frandle, claiming past President Bouse had told him the Village would pay \$3,062 to assist in rerouting the Village tile when he build him home several years ago. Trustee Ehler and Childress both said the Village did not offer to pay, but told Frandle he could have the work done, but at his own expense.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman presented a letter from Ron and Jean Hogan suggesting the village asks Lincoln's Challenge to send some students to do volunteer work on the north end of the park, where the fence used to be. After discussion, it was decided to have Childress and Zientara investigate and then either contact Lincoln's Challenge or do the work themselves, depending on the need.

President Ackerman presented a letter of resignation from Trustee Brodie Crozier, effective March 31, 2013, stating he had moved out of the Village limits. Ackerman now has 60 days in which to appoint someone to replace Crozier on the Board.

President Ackerman presented a letter from Country Health requesting additional hours for the police department, so they would be more readily available if they had any issues at the nursing home, either with residents, employees, family members, or thefts. Discussion followed regarding a security guard versus Gifford police.

President Ackerman said the house on south New Street in the cul de sac is for sale, but the sellers are not claiming responsibility for any mold problems. There was discussion regarding condemning the property. President Ackerman decided to contact our attorney.

Treasurer Duitsman presented a tentative budget to the Board to give them an idea of what to expect at the budget meeting on April 18 at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee Cler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Hethke. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 2nd day of May 2013.

President of the Board