

Regular Meeting May 2, 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 Baxter, Cler, Ehler, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. After President Ackerman read the Abstract of Votes from the Consolidated Election, newly elected Trustees Baxter, Jones, and Severins were sworn in by Clerk Duden. President Ackerman announced that he had selected Travis Youmans to fill in the remaining two year term recently vacated by Trustee Crozier. Youmans will be in attendance at the June 2013 meeting.

Guests were Tom and Susan Sumner, Nicole Keeney (Rantoul Press), Earl Smith, and Larry Hethke. Hethke wanted to commend the Board on doing a fine job running the Village, and to thank them for their support while he served on the Board these past years, saying it had been a pleasure.

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 Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 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 (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Baxter made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 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 (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of March 31, 2013 was \$545,703.90. Total money received for the month of April was \$54,874.95, plus \$10.50 interest from CD #8170 and \$15.33 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$46,268.56, leaving a balance on April 30, 2013 of \$554,336.12.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 20 incidents, 16 warnings, and four citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 22 incidents and four reports.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of April 2013.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,499,000

Average daily consumption (Gal.)-----83,000

Childress's report further stated he dug up a water service on North Street and replaced a broken water meter yolk and damaged pit; replaced rings and mechanical seal on number

one high service pump at the water treatment plant because of a water leak around the impeller; located, jetted, and replaced about 18' of 10" tile full of tree roots on North Park Street; was called out three times on the 18th for a major power failure at the wastewater plant during heavy rains; located and dug up a 6" tile on South New Street and replaced about a 10' section that was full of tree roots; collected all water and wastewater samples and sent them to the EPA; 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. Childress also wanted to thank Trustee Ehler for all his assistance with repairing broken and choked tiles.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Cler talked to Bryan Schluter who said he could stay within the budget on asphalt sealing in the North Pointe subdivision.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said it had been a challenging month with all of the rain and keeping up with excess water. He said he has a plan to put in a 10" tile to help with the flow of water this summer. He said the roots are becoming a recurring problem. He also talked to Earl Hesterberg to see if he would be willing to cost share with some drainage repairs south of town that would benefit both his farm and the Village.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins reported a couple of lights out. He talked to someone in regards to assisting with clean up at the park. President Ackerman said Neil Baker had told him he had people who needed to do some public service work available to assist and he would take care of it. There was discussion regarding the extra light pole on the corner of South Street and Main Street, where Colonial Pantry used to be.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman had a letter from Zoning Commissioner Eric Rademacher. They had held a meeting to discuss a variance request from Tom and Susan Sumner to install fencing in the yard. The Zoning Board had voted in favor of the request and now it was up to the Village Board to make a final decision. Discussion followed. Trustee Cler made a motion to approve the variance request for Tom and Susan Sumner. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Rademacher also had a request for Board approval for an increase in the various zoning fees. He included the current and proposed rates in his letter. After discussion, Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the increases as proposed. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman had a letter from our attorney stating he was preparing paperwork to begin the process of condemning the house on South New Street, in the cul de sac, that has been vacant for several years, and has had water issues in the basement resulting in mold problems. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Duitsman presented the Annual Budget for fiscal year '13-'14. He said he had made the changes as requested at the Budget meeting of April 18. He recommended a sewer surcharge of \$7 per month per household, which would generate about \$27,000 a year to assist with the sewer fund. Childress said there are proposed changes by the EPA that take effect in about five years requiring expensive upgrades to the sewer plant. Discussion followed. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the Annual Budget for fiscal year '13-'14. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Duitsman said he would give the budget to our attorney so he could prepare the Appropriations Ordinance.

Chief Weary said he received a call from a resident on Eiler Drive who is concerned about a swimming pool in the back yard of a vacant house across the street from him. Trustee Ehler said the house is in foreclosure, so we should have to wait to see the outcome there before taking any action. There was discussion regarding the pool on the Lewis property on Summit. It was decided to talk to our attorney about the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said he had received a call from the Gifford Chamber of Commerce regarding the welcome signs at the north and south ends of town. They are in the process of having them repaired and reinstalled. The Garden Club requested that next year the Village assist with the costs of plants for the flower beds at the welcome signs. They said they would do all the work and maintain the plants. Discussion followed.

President Ackerman presented a letter from Mediacom regarding changes to the cable line up and a cost increase effective the end of May.

Jess Childress said the breaker box at the sewer plant is currently 225 AMP. They recently had sparking issues and after investigation, decided to have Huls Electric increase the AMP to 400 at an estimated cost of \$5,585 for all materials and labor. Trustee Ehler made a motion to have Huls Electric install a 400 AMP breaker box at the sewer plant at a cost of \$5,585. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

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

Approved by me this 6th day of June 2013.

Village Clerk

President of the Board