

Regular Meeting July 11, 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, Jones, Severins, and Youmans. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Ryan Latvaitis (Rantoul Press) and Dave Atchley (MSA).

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 Baxter. 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 Youmans. 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 Youmans made a motion to pay the bills. 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 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 May 31, 2013 was \$583,490.45. Total money received for the month of June was \$126,403.10, plus \$10.51 interest from CD #8170 and \$15.34 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$89,128.13, leaving a balance on June 30, 2013 of \$620,791.27. There was discussion regarding the loan from The Gifford State Bank for the new squad car. Treasurer Duitsman said the loan did not include any extras such as installation of computer and lights. He said he used the money that had been originally marked for the fireworks display, which did not go on due to the weather. Chief Weary said Gibson City had originally offered \$5,000 for the old squad car but are now only offering \$3,000. It has 120,000 miles and is a 2006 model. After discussion it was decided to put the car out for bids with a reserve and advertise in the newspaper.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 21 incidents, 15 warnings, and four citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 9 incidents.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of June 2013.

Total gallons of water pumped-----3,120,000

Average daily consumption (Gal.) -----104,000

Childress's report further stated he dug up a water service at Brad Saltsgaver's and replaced the broken water meter yolk and pit; mowed, pulled and cut weeds in town and at the wastewater plant; put the yearly CCR reports together for the EPA and had it

published in the Rantoul Press; put up the flags along Main Street and painted all parking spaced and handicap areas; put in a new fire hydrant and valve at the corner of Park and South Road due to damage done by Dunn Company of Decatur; replaced 11 old meters and remotes with new touch reads and five new water meters; backwashed all pressure filters at the water treatment plant; dug up a catch basin on Main Street and cleaned mud and debris out of it; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; sent out 15 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; discontinued one water and sewer service due to non-payment. Childress said that the fire hydrant needed a stem. He wasn't sure if Dunn Company had broken the stem or if it had been already broken off. All he knew for sure is that the valve was missing and when Dunn Company tried to open the valve there were issues. Dunn Company has offered to split the cost of the repair. After discussion, it was decided to ask them to pay \$3,000 and the Village would pay the remaining \$2,000, since that is what a valve replacement would have cost. Dave Atchley had the proposal for the test well at a cost of \$3,580. He said an EPA permit would not be required for the test well, but the regular well would require a 30 day permitting process since it is not an emergency. Trustee Cler made a motion to proceed with the test well project at a cost of \$3,580. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

STREETS AND ALLEYS REPORT

Trustee Cler said Bryan Schluter has an estimate for the asphalt work in North Pointe. He said it was below the amount budgeted but doesn't have an exact figure at this time. He hopes to have by the next regular meeting.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said Steve Bruns told him he thought there was a broken tile on South Road under his driveway. Since he is not in the Village limits, he said he would repair the broken tile from his property line to the ditch, but the Village may want to investigate the tile from his property east to Main Street. After discussion, it was decided to talk to Trustee Ehler. Severins also said the cable TV boxes a pole on Park Street is making a loud buzzing noise. After discussion Childress said he would call Esther Viles at Mediacom to have someone investigate the noise.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Baxter met with John Stalter regarding sidewalk construction for this summer. They were going to try to tie in some of the existing sidewalks on Park and Church Streets. In regard to the grant application for 2014, Baxter said the Village couldn't apply for the next grant until the previous grant has been completed. He said they mailed the grant application in to the State anyway, since it had all been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman presented Ordinance #314, which would repeal Ordinances #177 and #288, regulating water and sewer rates. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Ordinance #314. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman presented Ordinance #315, which is the appropriations ordinance for fiscal year 2013-2014. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Ordinance #315. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman presented Ordinance #316, which determined the prevailing wages for anyone employed on public works for the Village. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Ordinance #316. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman asked Trustee Cler if he would be interested in replacing former Trustee Hethke on the committee for employee evaluations. Trustee Cler accepted.

President Ackerman asked Chief Weary if his staffing for part time officers was adequate. Weary said he was okay for now and had some applicants in mind for future.

President Ackerman reminded all elected officials that they needed to complete online training for Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. At the completion of each session, they are to print their certificate and file it with the Village Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said the Village had received a card from the family of Ron Duden Thanking us for the flowers sent at his funeral.

Treasurer Duitsman said the Board needs to make a decision on whether or not to increase the tax levy before December. He said it has not been raised in three or four years, and since we are receiving less from the State and seem to be having more repair bills, it might be a good idea to increase it this year. Discussion followed.

President Ackerman had a letter the IL Association of Realtors with research, data, etc. This will be published twice a year and sent to all municipalities.

Trustee Baxter said he had several residents ask for a better system of informing everyone of the process involved in reserving the park pavilion and baseball diamond. After discussion it was decided to talk to Neil Baker, Park Commissioner.

Trustee Severins suggested parking the new squad car inside each evening to protect it. There was discussion regarding locations to park, response time, and insurance coverage.

Trustee Youmans moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Approved by me this 1st day of August 2013.

Village Clerk

President of the Board

