

Regular Meeting September 5, 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, Severins, and Youmans. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Joe Curtis, Dave Atchley (MSA), and Ryan Latvaitis (Rantoul Press). Curtis said he had a problem with the school using the street in front of his home as a track for students participating in after school sports. He was afraid one of the kids would get hit by a car, and he felt it was creating a dangerous situation. After discussion, President Ackerman asked Chief Weary to go to the school and talk to Mr. Grimsley.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Baxter made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. 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 Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Youmans made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. 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 Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of July 31, 2013 was \$645,559.81. Total money received for the month was \$59,667.16, plus \$10.51 interest from CD #8170, and \$15.35 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$44,509.77, leaving a balance on August 31, 2013 of \$660,743.06.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 14 incidents, 12 warnings, and one citation. In Investigative Matters, there were 12 incidents and four reports.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of August 2013.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,957,000

Average daily consumption (Gal.)-----95,400

Jess Childress's report further stated he had to locate and dig up a four inch water main at the car wash and repair a broken saddle; mowed in town and at the wastewater plant; dug up a water service at the park and replaced the meter pit, yolk, and meter; helped Neil Baker cut and remove telephone poles from the park; took 25 UCMR samples for the

EPA that tested for 21 different contaminants in the Village water; drilled a test well for location of the new well; backwashed all pressure filters at the water treatment plant; helped Kalen for over a week install 750 feet of ten inch tile from Main Street to Ernray Drive; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; took monthly water and wastewater samples for the EPA; sent out 13 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills; discontinued one water and sewer service for non-payment. Childress also stated that everything went well with the drainage work and after the heavy rains it seemed to drain quickly and in the right direction. Dave Atchley said the test well had been drilled, and we are currently waiting for the permits from the EPA before beginning the digging. He said they plan to replace all four of the siphons at an estimated cost of \$17,000 instead of the previous estimate of \$41,000. They are going in a different direction with a different type of system. Atchley recommended changing to this system and thought Childress would be able to assist with some of the installation, at a cost savings. Discussion followed.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Cler said the crack filling and seal coating in North Pointe looks great. He is considering having the same treatment applied to Eiler Drive in the future.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said Steve Bruns is currently investigating a possible broken tile in front of his house and driveway on South Road, and see how that may affect the Village.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Baxter said the bids for the playground equipment are out and bid openings are set for September 12 at 4:00 at the Village Hall. He wanted to know if we should have a meeting that evening to inform the Public who the winning bidder is. He would like to see the playground construction completed before November 1st. After discussion, it was decided to have a meeting at 7:00 P.M. on September 12. Baxter said the Village is responsible for the site prep, the company will install the equipment, and the Village will complete the work by spreading the mulch. He also said the merry-go-round is dangerous with the concrete has heaved up where kids can get hurt. Childress said he'd remove it.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Duitsman presented copies of the Audit as prepared by Michael Graham. He said everything looked good, and we are following the State of Illinois municipal code.

President Ackerman presented Ordinance 317, the Tax Levy for fiscal year 2013-2014. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Ordinance 317. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman said the motion that was made at the last regular meeting to require the police squad car to be parked in the Village each evening needed to be rescinded since it had not been placed on the meeting's agenda. Ackerman said that the employee handbook stated that the squad car was not to leave the Village limits except on official business as directed by the Village President. Childress said he would need to clean out a place in the shed to park the car at night. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote to repeal the motion made at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said the Zoning Board approved a request by Tad and Leah Reynolds to install a decorative fence in their front yard. It was now requiring Village Board approval. Trustee Severins made a motion to approve the zoning request. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman said Tom Ihlenfeld owns a house at 311 N. West St, along with five acres behind the lot, which is not in the Village limits. He has a couple of interested buyers, but the person wanting the five acres would like to have an easement along the south property line to allow access to the property. Ackerman said the Zoning Board Commissioner told him he did not foresee any issues with granting an access easement. After discussion, it was decided to allow a 20' wide by 330' long access easement along the south property line of the house at 311 N. West St. to allow access to the five acre property. Trustee Ehler made a motion to allow this access easement. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Youmans moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Approved by me this 3rd day of October 2013.

Village Clerk

President of the Board