

Regular Meeting November 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 Baxter, Cler, Ehler, Jones, Severins, and Youmans. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The only guest was Greg Crow from MSA who had an update on the Capital Improvement Plan with explanations. In Appendix A there was discussion regarding the annual expenditure allocations for items such as the squad car, wastewater treatment plant siphon replacement, water well replacement, etc. He said the sewer maintenance fees should generate about \$27,000 a year and will help with those expenses. He said that in Appendix B, the Board will need to prioritize items, which can be discussed at a regular or special meeting, or Crow said he can send an email to all Board members and have them respond individually to him and he can organize that information. After discussion, it was decided to have Crow send out an email to all Trustees and have them respond individually after checking out all options.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Youmans 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 (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. 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 Cler 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 Severins 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 September 30, 2013 was \$661,143.73. Total money received for the month of October was \$57,055.92, plus \$10.17 interest from CD #8170 and \$14.86 interest from CD #15399. Total Expenses for the month of October were \$52,258.98, leaving a balance on October 31, 2013 of \$664,965.70.

The Police Report was ready for Chief Weary. In Investigative Matters, there were 15 incidents, six reports, and one arrest. In Traffic Matters, there were 21 incidents, 15 warnings, and five citations.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of October 2013.

Total gallons of water pumped-----2,360,000

Average daily consumption (gallons)-----76,000

Childress's report further stated he replaced a broken meter yolk in the water meter pit at 308 N. Park St; mowed in town and at the wastewater plant; was called out on the 2nd and the 18th for #2 pump failure at the Plumb St lift station; spent a week at the park removing dirt, laying timbers, spreading weed barrier, and spreading mulch; sprayed and pulled weeds around both lagoons at the wastewater plant; backwashed all pressure filters at the water treatment plant; installed a 12" culvert for a residence on Ernray Dr; read all water meters and remotes; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; cleaned the catch basin on Church St by the new sidewalk and removed the rock from the west side to keep from washing into the catch basin; 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 during the EPA inspection, it had been suggested the Village install a road to Well #4 in the field. After discussing possibilities, it was decided to report back to the EPA that the Board gave consideration to the possibilities of a road, but decided it was not feasible, since there's a waterway, and a road would not really be necessary.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said he and Kalin Kocher decided to wait until spring to finish the ditch and seeding on North Park St, near the Baxter residence. He also said they discussed a few projects for next spring.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins reported two lights out, and that a couple of lights seem to go out regularly, so he will have the electric company check those. There was discussion regarding the installation of the Christmas lights along the light poles on Main St.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Youmans said he has a link on the website for bill pay. There was discussion regarding the sales tax revenue from Hicksgas.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Baxter said the playground should be completed, and will be inspected by the State tomorrow. Once approved, we have to pay the bills, spending the total amount. He said he still has \$5,000 to spend to get to the amount of the grant, and then we can apply to the State to get our reimbursement. He said Neil Baker has donations to pay for the flag pole and the batting cage. Baxter said he hopes to have the bags station installed with grant money, too. Baxter also asked for information to install a military sign for another soldier along Main St. He was told to contact Eldean Bergman, which is where we had gotten the other signs.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman said they had gotten an estimate on the emergency well replacement from Grosch Well Co. in the amount of \$42,925 for a new well, and sealing the old well for \$5,220. A motion to accept the bid from Grosch Well & Pump Co for \$42,925 for a new well and \$5,220 to seal the old well was made by Trustee Cler. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

President Ackerman said Marvin Johnson told him about Echo Salt, which is sold in 1000# bags to dump into the spreader for \$115 per bag. After discussion, the Board decided to have Johnson order a few bags for the Village to use this winter.

Treasurer Duitsman presented a comparison analysis to date for the Village budget.

Clerk Duden presented a tentative schedule of meeting for 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said Larry Roberts has been having problems with a neighbor regarding their property boundaries. He has determined his property lines and discovered the neighbor has actually encroached on his property. He said it is not a problem to him unless she continues to complain about his grass clippings going over on her property. Robert's question was whether he should hire a surveyor to determine exact boundaries. After discussion it was decided to tell him to have it surveyed and then make a decision.

Jess Childress said he would like to get some forks for his tractor at an estimated cost of \$1,000. President Ackerman said he would check into it.

Trustee Ehler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Approved by me this 5th day of December 2014.

Village Clerk

President of the Board