

Regular Meeting October 2, 2014

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M., local time, in the Gifford State Bank Board Room, to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Baxter, Cler, Ehler, Severins, and Youmans.

Guests were JoAnn Duitsman, Eldon Hesterberg, Robin Clements, Cheryl Bemount, Dave Atchley (MSA), and Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press). Clements inquired into making the front door of his business handicap accessible by removing about a 25'x5' strip of cement sidewalk and replacing it with a sloped ramp up to his front door. After discussion Trustee Baxter said he would check into the matter.

Atchley presented a preliminary streets evaluation for the new Village auditors. He also had a project update on the water tower. He said the FFA has approved the height. He suggested the date for the bid opening for construction be set for November 6, 2014 at 2:00 at the Gifford State Bank board room. There will be a regular Board meeting that evening to name the winning bidder. He included a construction schedule. Trustee Severins made a motion to hold the bid opening at 2:00 P.M. on November 6, 2014 at the Gifford State Bank board room. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes from last month's meetings, Trustee Ehler 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 Baxter made a motion to accept the minutes as read. 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 furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Youmans made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0, no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to pay the bills. 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 furnished 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 Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of August 31, 2014 was \$599,404.10. Total money received for the month of September 2014 was \$126,421.55, plus \$10.53 interest from CD #8170 and \$8.68 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$76,178.84, leaving a balance on September 30, 2014 of \$649,666.02. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of August 31, 2014 was \$560,789.86. Total money received for the month was \$8,011.30. Total expenses for the month were \$56,329.40, leaving a balance on September 30, 2014 of \$512,471.76. The balance in Tornado/WTP Construction Fund as of August 31, 2014 was \$24,284.78. Total money received for the month was \$190,000.00 as a partial grant from the USGA. Total expenses for the month were \$211,753.61, leaving a balance on September 30, 2014 of \$2,531.17. The balance in Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of August 31, 2014 was \$1,363.87. Total money received for the month was \$40,000.00 as a transfer from the Disaster Recovery Fund. Total expenses for the month were \$16,650.00, leaving a balance on September 30, 2014 of \$24,713.87. The balance in IDOT Construction Fund as of August 31, 2014 was \$350,546.32. There was

no money received for the month. Total expenses for the month were \$7,422.15, leaving a balance on September 30, 2014 of \$343,124.17.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 21 incidents and 20 warnings. In Investigative Matters, there were 13 incidents and two reports. Weary further stated that Chris Duitsman has been assisting him as an Officer. He has the uniform and all necessary equipment, and has been riding along with Weary.

Jess Childress and Trustee Jones were not in attendance so there was no water and sewer report.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler had talked to Childress to try to complete a few projects before winter. He also talked to Kalin Kocher regarding drainage issues on North Street. He said the Village will be reimbursed by Riley Homes for damages and they will allow our contractors to do the repairs.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Baxter asked to recognize Ed Pflugmacher, Jess Childress, and Chris Duitsman for working to get the parking lot at the park set with cement blocks. He said Darrin Suits will also assist with removal and replacement of trees damaged by the emerald ash borer.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Weary said he talked to Village residents regarding the tall grass in areas where there had been tornado damages, asking them to mow the grass. He also talked to the Osborn's on north Main Street regarding their trailer and tall grass. After discussion, it was decided to have Weary contact our attorney and have him draft a letter to the Osborn's requesting they work to improve their properties.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman thanked Maynard and Jo Ann Duitsman for all their years of dedication to the Village. They both will be retiring after this meeting with 40 years of service each. The Board and audience applauded them both.

President Ackerman said the caucus will be held at the bank on December 1 at 7:00. Those up for reelection are President Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Cler, Ehler, and Youmans.

President Ackerman said E&W Trucking called inquiring about cutting some firewood from the pile on south New Street. Ackerman gave them permission to cut as much as they wished.

Trustee Ehler made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss options for property acquisitions for the new Village Hall. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The Board went into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:54. Trustee Cler made a motion to get a buyers agreement from the seller to the buyer from Eldon Hesterberg's attorney. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). There was discussion regarding any possible issues and what the Village would be responsible for (new carpet and bath remodel). Hesterberg said he will be going to Texas for a few months, leaving later in January, so he would like to get all issues resolved and have everything finalized before that time. It was agreed that his daughter Christina Gann would be able to

handle any problems that could arise in his absence. There was discussion regarding the tools that are currently in the building and how the Spreader would sell or auction them. Hesterberg is going to let the current renter use the building until December 31, 2014 to give him time to get his equipment out, however, that date is flexible and he would allow until January 15, 2015 if necessary.

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 8:09 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th day of November.

President of the Board