

Regular Meeting September 3, 2015

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 p.m., in the Gifford Village Building, to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman, Clerk Baker, and Trustees Carpenter, Ehler, Jones, McFadden, Pannbacker and Severins. Zoning, Eric Rademacher, Police Chief Weary, Water/Maintenance Childress and Treasurer Tracy Childress also present.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Greg Crow (MSA), Judy and Geren Roberts, Ashley and Dan Breeden, Jeb Kennel, Frank Rademacher, Cindy Duden, Earl Smith and Brian Hesterberg (Frontier).

Judy and Geren Roberts and Ashley and Dan Breeden were present regarding a variance on their home. Eric Rademacher reported the zoning board met and were okay with the addition of a porch on the front of their home while fixing the porch on the south of house. Jeb Kennel was present, he is doing the work on the home, and the home is located on West St.

Trustee Severins made the motion to accept the addition of a porch on the front of the home on the property of Dan and Ashley Breeden. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Earl Smith was present to submit a bill for the work he had done to restore/mount the flag for the building, which was for \$60.

Brian Hesterberg was present to discuss the small office space he uses for Frontier. He would like to add some blinds to keep out the sun and add a fan or exhaust to help with the heat issue in the office space he uses. The board had no rejections to him putting in blinds or a ceiling fan or exhaust. He will also mail his insurance information to the Village to have a copy on file.

Greg Crow from MSA was present to ask about the writing on the water tower, it will be block letters on northwest side of the tower. Everyone was okay with the writing on tower. Payment signed on tower, one more small payment left and then the grant money kicks in.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Trustee Ehler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker 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).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Ehler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Carpenter made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of July 31, 2015 was \$754,530.56. Total money received for the month of August 2015 was \$84,498.05, plus \$8.70 interest from CD#15399 and \$10.54 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$79,515.60, leaving a balance on August 31, 2015 of \$759,532.25. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of August 31, 2015 was \$284,226.25; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$83,999.98. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of August 31, 2015 was \$425.23; money received \$76,450.00 and paid out \$76,433.96. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of August 31, 2015 was \$325,895.32; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$17,228.85.

POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In investigative matters there were 15 incidents, 5 reports and no arrests. In traffic matters there were 36 incidents, 31 warnings, 2 citations and 0 arrests.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of August, 2015. Total gallons of water pumped for August, 2015 was 1,893,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 61,000 gallons. Childress reported he dug up and replaced the water service at Chuck Gerht's new house because of a broken yolk, put up new speed limit and children playing signs in several locations in town, had to collect ten different sets of lead and copper samples at several different residences in town and informed them of results by letter. Had to have Gasvoda come in and repair broken flange in lift station on Plumb Street, pulled weeds in sand filters at wastewater treatment plant, mowed in town and at wastewater treatment plant. Had to replace 4 inch fire hydrant on East Willard Street, took all water and wastewater samples and sent them into EPA, sent out 13 letters for non-payment of water/sewer bills, discontinued 2 services for non-payment of water/sewer bills. Logged all water bill receipts and made the deposits, backwashed all pressure filters at water plant, cleaned transducer in detention tank at water plant and sent in the new influent meter because it was not working properly.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Pannbacker reported that November 15 is the completion date for roads; the south road will be oil and chipped the same time the township is doing roads next week.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler and Jess Childress reported that the original catch basin and tile was found on Goldensteins property on Main St. A new section of tile needs to be added and possibly another catch basin. Also a culvert under Center St. to be added for drainage.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins had nothing to report on street lights. Golf Cart stickers need to be ordered for the new year.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Carpenter reported he will get pricing for signage on the outside of building and for the door and present it at the next meeting. He also met with several members who are in charge of the War Memorial at the park. Long range thinking for who will eventually take over keeping up with the names in the memorial. He is going to notify Mark Adkins to see if he could pour the concrete pad for the rock sign to be placed out front.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Rich McFadden reported about purchasing a fire lock box for the building and also payment drop bins. He will contact Brian Hesterberg about going in half to purchase a double drop box, one for water bills and the other for frontier bills. A call is to be made to the State to see how far back off of 136 the rock needs to be placed.

OLD BUSINESS

A special meeting was set for September 17 at 7 p.m. to go over bids for the sidewalk project. Closing for bids is September 15, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ackerman and Trustee Ehler recently visited the bank to see about a loan due to Grant Money not coming in because of budget not settled for Illinois. A resolution needs to take place to get the loan.

Trustee McFadden made a motion to accept a resolution for an operating loan at 3.25% from Gifford State Bank. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

Mayor Ackerman received a letter from the Liquor Commissioner about a training class for bartenders and establishments in town. The town can send a representative to the class and then he/she will come back and train others. Police Chief Weary will attend the class.

Trustee Pannbacker moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of October, 2015

