

Regular Meeting October 1, 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 Trustee Ehler, Jones, McFadden, Pannbacker and Severins. Police Chief Weary, Water/Maintenance Childress and Treasurer Tracy Childress also present.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Dave Atchley (MSA), Mr. & Mrs. Sanford, Carrie Huls and Christie Huls.

Dave Atchley from MSA was present to talk about the writing on the water tower, they are subtracting \$800.00 and lettering on one side only of the water tower. Everyone was in agreement with one side. He also asked for an extension for the water main project with a punch list the last couple weeks, \$2,500.00 will be taken off for the extension. He said the sidewalk and street projects should be completed by November 15, 2015.

Trustee Severins made a motion to accept the extension on the water main project. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Mr. & Mrs. Sanford were present regarding a variance on their home. Eric Rademacher reported to President Ackerman the zoning board met and is okay with an extension on the easement for a fence west of their home. Neighbors were also okay with the extension.

Trustee Ehler made the motion to accept the extension on the easement west of Sanford's home for a fence. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Ehler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of September 30, 2015 was \$759,532.25. Total money received for the month of September 2015 was \$119,087.95, plus \$8.71 interest from CD#15399 and \$10.54 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$91,385.72, leaving a balance on September 30, 2015 of \$787,253.73. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of September 30, 2015 was \$221,549.23; money received \$10,322.98 and paid out \$73,000.00. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of September 30, 2015 was \$764.66; money received \$148,000.00 and paid out \$147,660.57. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of September 30, 2015 was \$325,895.32; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00.

POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In investigative matters there were 26 incidents, 10 reports and no arrests. In traffic matters there were 40 incidents, 31 warnings, 5 citations and 0 arrests.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of September, 2015. Total gallons of water pumped for September, 2015 was 2,344,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 78,000 gallons. Childress reported they saw cut Main Street by Robin's and put in new 10 inch tile to the catch basin in the middle of the alley, and also saw cut Center Street and put in a new culvert and reshaped the ditch in front of mini-storage buildings on Main Street. Repaired a broken water main in the alley by Robin's Body Shop, dug it up and repaired it. Dug up leaking water service on West Street and replaced the yolk, the pit and 4 feet of copper, replaced blower number 3 at wastewater plant. Mowed in town and at wastewater plant, regarded and removed rock from roadway in front of a residence on North Park St., took all water and wastewater samples and sent them to EPA, had to send out 15 letters for non-payment of water and wastewater bills and had to discontinue 2 services for non-payment of water and wastewater bills. Logged all water bill receipts and made all the deposits, backwashed all pressure filters at water treatment plant and took influent and effluent samples from wastewater plant and took them to the lab in Rantoul to be analyzed for nitrate levels.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Pannbacker reported that the siren should be in within the next two weeks. The sirens also have not been tested the last two weeks.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler and Jess Childress reported that the catch basin by Goldensteins still needs to be put in. There is a water problem on Park St. by Clark's house and Watsons house, there is an 8 inch tile that stops, may need a culvert put in. The ditch by Bednarz and Rogers's house north of town may need to be slopped up because of water. Joey Heimburger's easement stays full of water, Trustee Ehler and Jess Childress will take a look at it. Trustee Ehler will also look at the ditch behind Hannagan's new house; it is full of weeds and cat tails.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins reported two lights out in town to take care of, one up town by the Longbranch and one by Freddy Wheeler's home.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Carpenter reported the signage for lettering on the village building door and aluminum lettering on the building would be \$660.00. The board would like to see a layout of all at the next meeting before making a decision on what to do.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Rich McFadden reported about purchasing a fire lock box for the building and also payment drop bins. Trustee McFadden also contacted Hesterberg about the drop boxes and he is fine with going in on the cost and having two drop boxes one for the water bills and one for Frontier. Trustee McFadden priced lights for outside, which discussion has occurred previously on needing lights.

Trustee Pannbacker made the motion to purchase the lights. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

OLD BUSINESS

Presidnet Ackerman reported that the \$82,000.00 that was under review has been released, part of the building grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Jess Childress said he has had a report about a film or paint on a house because of the painting of the water tower. Dave Atchley said to let them know of any reports so they could take care of them.

Trustee McFadden reported the house on Park St. will be burnt down by the Fire Department on November 7, 2015, weather permitting.

Sean Weary will pay a visit to Derald Mennenga about his contractor tearing up tile.

Jess Childress will talk to Robin Clements about being the zoning commissioner in town and report back at the next meeting.

Trustee Pannbacker moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of November, 2015

