

Regular Meeting February 4, 2016

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, Jones McFadden and Pannbacker. Police Chief Weary, Water/Maintenance Childress and Treasurer Christie Huls also present. Trustee Ehler arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Dave Atchley (MSA), Cindy Duden, Marshall Huls, Tara Busboom, Jed Willard and Carrie Huls.

Tara Busboom was there to ask the Village Board about opening up Bibb's Restaurant and if they thought a Cafe/Coffee Shop would go over in town. The board told her it was a great idea and the town could use a morning breakfast/coffee place. She is still in the process of putting a business plan together at this time.

Dave Atchley said he would have the street completion papers to us in March, 2016. The seeding of the sidewalks would take place after April 1, 2016 and he had 2 change orders for the work done on the water main for \$1,050.00 each. He also brought up about the demolition of the old water tower. He said it needed to go out for bids which will cost \$4,600.00 to write the plan and advertise in the paper.

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to have a professional service agreement done with MSA to get bids to take down the old water tower. It was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Trustee McFadden made a motion to accept the 2 change orders for the work on the water main at \$1,050.00 each. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Trustee Pannbacker 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 (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Carpenter made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 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 (4 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of January, 2016 was \$769,388.46. Total money received for the month of January 2016 was \$64,746.02, plus \$8.72 interest from CD#15399 and \$10.55 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$44,793.81, leaving a balance on January 31, 2016 of \$769,388.46. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of January 31, 2016 was \$4,261.71; money received \$17,053.00 and paid out \$40,335.22. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of January 31, 2016 was \$221.81; money received \$3,000.00 and paid out \$2,945.00. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of January 31, 2016 was \$83,828.83; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$26,205.51. The balance in the Water Main Improvement Fund as of January 31, 2016 was \$00.00; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$3.30.

POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In investigative matters there were 13 incidents, 4 reports and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 46 incidents, 45 warnings, 1 citation and 0 arrests.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Activity for the month of January, 2016. Total gallons of water pumped for January, 2016 was 2,425,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 78,225 gallons. Childress reported he had to do maintenance work on the dosing tank at the waste water plant, plowed snow, had A&R come in and replace 3 check valves at the waste water plant that were not working but was still under warranty, had to have the generator repaired at plant because a sensor went bad on the oil gage and replaced broken chlorine line in the pump house along with work on the chlorine pump itself, fixed a 6 inch main break along the south end of Main St., sent out 14 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills, disconnected 4 services for non-payment, backwashed all pressure filters at the pump house, logged all water bill receipts and made the deposits, read all water meters and remotes and worked on a lift station problem because the shaft was hit.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Pannbacker questioned tarring and chipping some roads in town. Dave Atchley said they should probably cut and patch this year and wait another year before redoing roads. He will work with Jess Childress on an estimate for the work. Trustee Pannbacker is to talk with Paul Buenting about cleaning up his properties.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler wants Jess Childress to call Kalin and get prices for the ditches on Park St. and the clean-up on Emord's old lot.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins was absent, no report at this time.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Carpenter reported that Jed Willard would like to do some needed updates to the Village website. Trustee Carpenter also brought the recycling and how does the Village want to move forward with this. He will call and get prices for regular pick-ups and bring to the next meeting.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee McFadden had nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman reported that our Grant Funding is still on hold. Also, the animal control department will be raising rates again this year. He also said there will be a plaque added to the Flag and then plexiglass put on top.

Susan Monte from the Regional Planning Office of Champaign County was notified and she will be attending our meeting in June, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Duden asked if he could but any leftover siding from the Village Building. The Trustees all thought it should be kept in case something were to be repaired.

Trustee Jones moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of March, 2016
