

Regular Meeting April 7, 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, Pannbacker and Severins. Police Chief Weary, Water/Maintenance Childress, Zoning Marshall Huls and Treasurer Christie Huls also present. Trustee Ehler was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Dave Atchley (MSA), Eldon Hesterberg, Larry Lustfeldt, Jim Bednarz, Kelly Carter and Callie Heidbreder.

Larry Lustfeldt and Eldon Hesterberg were present to ask about the duplexes they are putting up. The zoning board approved their variance.

Trustee Severins made the motion to accept the zoning board approval of the variance of the lot line for the duplexes, lots 101-105. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes and 0 no).

Jim Bednarz was present to ask the board if he could put a small catch basin in his yard because of the standing water. He may need to add a grade to the ditch, but does not plan on filling in the ditches. The board had no objection to his request.

Kelly Carter and Callie Heidbreder were present to ask the board if they were able to contribute \$5,000 for the cost of fireworks for the Gifford Community Celebration. Kelly and Callie were representing the Community Committee. The past two years the Village has not contributed due to financial issues after the 2013 tornado. The board did not take any action at this time; more discussion will take place at the upcoming budget meeting.

Dave Atchley from MSA needs an agreement signed for Motor Fuel Tax.

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to pay \$10,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes and 0 no).

Dave Atchley from MSA needs an agreement signed for the NPDES Permit Services.

Dave Atchley was asked by Trustee McFadden when the sidewalk finish work would be completed. Dave said as soon as the weather was better.

Dave Atchley also said the Village should be receiving a letter from the EPA the week of 4/11/2016 regarding the bioreactor project.

Dave Atchley needs an approval for roads, IDOT.

Trustee McFadden made a motion to pay \$27,268.23 for roads from IDOT funds. It was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes and 0 no).

Dave Atchley will be placing an add to accept bids for the demolition of the old water tower. Bids will be due April 28 at 2 p.m.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes of the last regular meeting and the budget meeting of April 21, 2016, Trustee Carpenter made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee McFadden made a motion to accept the minutes as read. 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 bills to be considered for payment, Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Carpenter made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. 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 Carpenter 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 starting balance in Village accounts as of March, 2016 was \$771,677.10. Total money received for the month of March, 2016 was \$63,055.49, plus \$8.16 interest from CD#15399 and \$9.87 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$51,436.89, leaving a balance on March 31, 2016 of \$783,313.73. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of March 31, 2016 was \$873.21; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of March 31, 2016 was \$00.00; money received \$28,160.69 and paid out \$28,705.00. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of March 31, 2016 was \$79,565.63; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$4,263.20.

POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In investigative matters there were 19 incidents, 9 reports and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 24 incidents, 24 warnings, 0 citations and 0 arrests.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Activity for the month of March, 2016. Total gallons of water pumped for March, 2016 was 1,907,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 61,500 gallons. Childress reported he helped pick up stumps and brush at the park, cut trees out of the ditch at the wastewater plant, cut a section of asphalt out on Main Street up town due to a sinkhole caused by one of Ameren's trucks, put straw bales along the ditch right off North Part Street and removed some of the silt that washed in. Had to dig up and replace a water meter pit, yolk and repair broken water service at 212 South New Street, raked sand filters and cleaned wastewater plant for EPA inspection. Changed oil and replaced brake pads on Maroon Ford Truck, sent out 15 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills, had to disconnect 1 service for non-payment, backwashed all pressure filters at pump house, logged all water bill receipts, made all deposits and read all water meters and remotes.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Pannbacker said lines needed to be painted on Main Street where the new bank construction took place.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler was absent.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins reported three street lights to be added, Park and Church, Park St. and Main St. 1 light is out across from the Fire Department.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Carpenter had nothing to report.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee McFadden reported about the park. It will cost \$4,200 to have the stumps removed and grass reseeded.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget meeting April 21, 2016 at 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to take part in an electronic pickup program for \$162.00 a year and this would consist of two dates yearly. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes and 0 no).

Pannbacker made a motion to pay \$4,200.00 to have stumps removed, holes filled and reseeded at the Park. It was seconded by Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes and 0 no).

The Trustees talked about having a dump day again in June.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of May, 2016

