

Regular Meeting August 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, Treasurer Christie Huls and Trustees Carpenter, Jones, McFadden, Pannbacker and Severins. Water/Maintenance Childress, Police Chief Weary and Zoning Marshall Huls also present. Trustee Ehler was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press) and Dave Atchley (MSA).

Marshall Huls, Zoning was present and reported 1 permit was given for a fence in July and he reported about the Bank taking over the recycle dumpster.

Dave Atchley was present from MSA with updates. He had paperwork to go forward with the bioreactor at the water plant.

Trustee McFadden made a motion to hire MSA as the engineers for the bioreactor project at \$30,250.00. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees present voted with a roll call vote (4 yes, 1 no). Trustee Jones voted no.

Dave Atchley also reported he had a final amount to finish up with Iseler for the Water Tower Demo.

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to complete final payments to Iseler Demolition Inc. for water Demo. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes and 0 no).

Dave Atchley handed out information from Eldon Hesterberg and Larry Lustfeldt about the lot lines at their construction area; they will be present to get approval and signatures at the next meeting.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes of the last regular meeting of July 7, 2016. Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Severins 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 Carpenter made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. 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 Carpenter. 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 Jones 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 July, 2016 was \$784,579.15. Total money received for the month of July, 2016 was \$52,240.62, plus \$8.45 interest from CD#15399 and \$10.22 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$60,497.73, leaving a balance on July 31, 2016 of \$776,340.71. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of July 31, 2016 was \$873.21; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of July 31, 2016 was \$00.00. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of July 31, 2016 was \$53,310.58; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00. The balance in the Water Main Improvements Fund as of July 31, 2016 was \$6,066.04: .52 received from interest.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Weary reported in investigative matters there were 19 incidents, 2 reports and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 26 incidents, 24 warnings, 0 citations and 0 arrests.

## **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Activity for the month of July, 2016. Total gallons of water pumped were 2,290,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 73,871 gallons. Childress reported he replaced 25 feet of 10 inch field tile just south of Plumb Street lift station because of tree root damage, replaced a couple of valves and several feet of tubing in dosing tank at water plant, put in new 20hp sewage pump at Plumb Street lift station. He also dug up a water service at 201 North West Street and replaced the pit, yolk and several feet of copper because of a leak. He mowed in town and at the Water Plant, sprayed around lagoons and sand filters, installed a new handicap sign in front of the Longbranch, logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits. He read all water meters and remotes, sent out 10 letters for non-payment of water/sewer bills, backwashed all pressure filters at the pump house and had to discontinue 3 water services because on non-payment.

Childress also reported and wanted thoughts from the board about Youman and Hannagan wanting to connect a tile to a culvert in the ditch behind their houses. The board was all okay with what they want to do. Childress also said him and Kalin are going to look into the water issues on the Church parking lot and Park Street. Childress also reported that Jonathan Couture was hired to help him out.

## **STREET AND ALLEY REPORT**

No Report

## **SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Absent, no report

## **POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

No Report

## **RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

No Report

## **FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Trustee McFadden reported on the stumps at the park, dirt has been put down. They are also working on the concrete at the new park.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Jones brought up about the clean-up of properties and tasking the next step to the lawyer for those who have not done anything as of yet. Others did express concerns about costs of doing this. Trustee Severins brought up that maybe they should be fined per ordinance for non-compliance. Pannbacker thought racking up court costs would not be a wise decision of taxpayers' money. Trustee Jones said then they should have never approached then in the

first place, no incentive to change. Clerk Baker suggested as a community member, I would like the money spent on a more productive project in town, could the board go to these residents' and talk to them face to face and could you not set something up for help for some of them. Looking at possible volunteers to help clean up yards, etc. Treasurer Christie Huls also pointed out there was nothing budgeted for this to take place. A decision was made for someone to talk to the resident on Main Street and give one more warning while looking at next approach.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

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 8:04 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of September, 2016

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