

## Regular Meeting November 3, 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, Pannbacker and Severins. Water/Maintenance Childress, Police Chief Weary and Marshall Huls Zoning were all present. Trustee McFadden was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Dave Atchley (MSA), Cindy Duden and Patti Stouffel.

Marshall Huls had nothing to report for the month of October.

Patti Stouffel was present to talk to the board about planting some pollinator's gardens on Main St. They would be on the Village/County property close to the road. She received a grant to purchase the plants and supplies. It was decided to move the garden to the South Park in the squared off area. They should have a better chance of surviving here without salt from the snowplows killing them. Jess will remove the bushes and Mayor Ackerman will notify the Park Commissioner about the planting. The Gifford Garden Club will be responsible for the upkeep

Dave Atchley, MSA with updates. IDOT did contact us and asked for additional information on the materials installed. The final cost of construction and engineering was \$78,569.04. The initial payment from IDOT for the project was \$101,286.15. IDOT should be asking for a reimbursement of \$22,717.11. IDOT contacted and asked for an affidavit of payment. They did reimburse the \$7,729.00 which is above the 95% prepayment, this closes out the project. A draft set of plans are presented tonight for board review. A final set should be ready for the board approval to send to IEPA at the December meeting. MSA is targeting spring construction. MSA will be preparing the next mandated update per the NPDES permit compliance schedule which is due December 1<sup>st</sup>

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting of October 6, 2016. Trustee Pannbacker 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 (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to accept the minutes as read. 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 bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Jones 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 Pannbacker made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. 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 Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of October, 2016 was \$802,549.96. Total money received for the month of October, 2016 was \$65,017.04, plus \$8.46 interest from CD#15399 and \$10.22 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$67,422.11, leaving a balance on October 31, 2016 of \$800,163.57. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of October 31, 2016 was \$149,040.53; money received \$240,050.00 and paid out \$102,202.68. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of October 31, 2016 was \$53,089.28; money received \$7,729.00 and paid out \$00.00. The balance in the Water Main Improvements Fund as of October 31, 2016 was \$.38; money received \$.38 and paid out \$6,067.06.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Weary reported in investigative matters there were 16 incidents, 5 reports and 2 arrests. In traffic matters there were 27 incidents, 25 warnings, 0 citation and 0 arrests.

## **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Activity for the month of October, 2016. Total gallons of water pumped were 2,288,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 73,800 gallons. Childress reported he had to dig up water service on North Street and repair a broken water line, installed a new level sensor in the detention tank at the pump house, installed a new upgraded circuit board in the dialers here in town and at the water plant. He painted all the parking lines uptown, power washed top and all sides of the detention tank at the water plant, located all the valves, marked them and exercised them. He also had to put in two new water services at the new bank property on Rte. 136, put down black dirt, graded and seeded the ditch in front of storage buildings on main St. Mowed water plant and all the other numerous places in town, backwashed all the pressure filters at the pump house, logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits. Read all the water meters and remotes, sent out 14 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills.

## **STREET AND ALLEY REPORT**

Trustee Pannbacker suggested that some parking blocks may need to be put in front of the community building. Others said that there were some there previously, but because of the parking of tractors and wagons waiting for the elevator they were removed.

## **SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Trustee Ehler reported that the work was done on Park St. He said a ditch needed to be graded between Church St. and Park St. Jess said he would contact Kalin.

## **POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

Trustee Severins reported one street light out on the south side of the community building. He also brought up that there could be an increase in the cost of the golf cart stickers if they were to be reflective.

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

Trustee Carpenter reported that he received a call from C&S Disposal; they were worried that the town was going to bid out garbage service. He will report back to C&S that there will be no changes in garbage disposal; it is to stay like we have it.

## **FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Jess Childress reported about the back-up pump at the water plant. The board was agreement for him to buy the new one with the warranty. Jess also reported about the nitrate samples, he is still monitoring them and the results have been good.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Trustees discussed the mowing of the new park. It was reported that Neil Baker would mow the new park.

The Trustees brought up that it was mentioned that Neil Baker and Jess Childress needed new mowers. Mayor Ackerman said that they needed to pick out what they need; they are the ones doing the mowing. Trustee Severins said he would provide some bids from Birkeys.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of December, 2016

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