

## Regular Meeting April 6, 2017

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 Ehler, Hammond, McFadden and Pannbacker. Water/Maintenance Childress, Police Chief Weary and Zoning Marshall Huls were all present. Trustee Carpenter and Severins were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were Greg Crowe (MSA), Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Callie Heidbreder, Kelly Carter, Angie Jones, Neil Baker, Summer Schluter and Cindy Duden.

Newly elected board members took an Oath of Office and were seated. Richard McFadden and Dustin Ehler both for a 4 year term and Devan Hammond a two year term.

Neil Baker and Summer Schluter were present to talk about the little league starting up in Gifford. They had 120 kids sign up. The committee is upgrading the concession area at the park with restrooms and storage. The committee is also upgrading the school's diamond to accommodate all the teams. They would also like to see lights at the diamond at the park by 2018. Games start May 9<sup>th</sup> and will run through June with some tournaments and softball through July. A master schedule of games will be given to the Village Board once it has been completed.

Callie Heidbreder, Kelly Carter and Angie Jones were present to talk about the 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. There will be a new venue this year; all events will be moved downtown, with most at the new park on Main St. Discussion about streets to be closed, Main St. between East Willard and Center St. will be closed from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. They did ask for barricades for the event. The fireworks will be moved to West of the Methodist Church parking lot. They also asked if the Village would consider donating to the event like they have in the past. The Village Board said they would talk about the donation amount at the budget meeting in April, prior to the May meeting.

Greg Crowe was present from MSA; he brought the Service Agreement needing approval so MSA could provide bidding and construction for the Bioreactor project. After much discussion about price, the Service agreement will be talked about more at the May meeting.

Marshall Huls gave the Board a packet from zoning, they are working on changes and updates to ordinances regarding zoning. Any changes or updates will be brought before the Village Board when complete for approval. He also indicated they were still short a member on the Zoning Board and are looking for someone to fill the position.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting of April 6, 2017. Trustee Pannbacker 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 (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. 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 Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. 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 Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of March, 2017 was \$772,076.92. Total money received for the month of March, 2017 was \$60,329.77, plus \$7.90 interest from CD#15399 and \$9.54 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$57,784.08, leaving a balance on March 31, 2017 of \$774,640.05. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of March 1, 2017 was \$169,092.70; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00 leaving a balance on March 31, 2017 of \$169,092.70. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of March 1, 2017 was \$22717.11; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00 leaving a balance on March 31, 2017 of \$22,717.11.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Weary reported in investigative matters there were 15 incidents, 1 report and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 32 incidents, 28 warnings, 1 citation and 0 arrests.

## **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Activity for the month of March, 2017. Total gallons of water pumped were 2,093,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 68,000 gallons.

Childress reported he had to send out the Cross-Construction Control Survey as instructed by the EPA and received over half of them back already, drove to Leroy and picked up the new generator for Waste Water Plant, located 9 manholes that run from the south edge of the park through the field to the waste water plant, had to replace conduit and an electrical line that ran from the water plant to the aerator on top of the detention tank because of faulty wiring. Plowed snow, cleaned chlorine pump and replaced chemical feed tube roller assembly, graded alleys, backwashed all pressure filters at the pump house and logged all water bill receipts and made the deposits. Read all water meters and remotes, sent out 12 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills and discontinued 1 service for non-payment.

## **STREET AND ALLEY REPORT**

Trustee Pannbacker – Nothing to report.

## **SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Trustee Ehler – The area off of Center Street between Hesterberg's and Bullington's needs a culvert, since the tornado the water has not drained correctly. The culverts in town need to be cleaned. The culvert to be put on Park St. needs to be longer than first talked about for the drainage.

Trustee McFadden made a motion to approve putting a culvert behind Bob Hesterberg's house. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

## **POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

Trustee Severins – No Report, absent.

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

Trustee Carpenter– No Report, absent.

## **FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Trustee McFadden- He will be starting on the lights out front of the Village Building Saturday, April 8.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to approve \$450 for the painting of the generator for the water/sewer plant. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Ehler made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer tower for the Fire Department. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Ehler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of May, 2017

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