

## Regular Meeting May 4, 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 Carpenter, Ehler, Hammond, McFadden, Pannbacker and Severins. Water/Maintenance Childress, Police Chief Weary and Zoning Marshall Huls were all present.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were David Atchley (MSA), Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Travis and Mark Youman, Mrs. Heimbürger, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and co-owner from the Homestead and Mike Swinney.

Travis Youman was present to ask about the zoning for the lot behind his business. There is confusion as to what it is zoned. Marshall Huls has it zoned residential. Travis said the County Assessor has it zoned commercial. Marshall Huls will talk to the County Assessor and previous Zoning Commissioners to straighten out what it is zoned.

Mrs. Heimbürger was present to address the water in front of her house on Plumb St. and could it be addressed so the front could be used for parking. Childress will talk to Kaler and possible put in culvert and or catch basin to help with the water issue.

Mike Sweeney and Mary and Lee Jones were present to ask if the Village Board was okay with the bars shutting down the street up town for a band later in the evening the day of the Gifford Celebration. There would be a fence between the two bars; they will have security and proof of insurance. The board wanted them to meet with the Gifford Celebration Committee to work out details prior to okaying the event as presented. The board would like to see everyone working together towards the same goals for the event and not interfere with the car show and other day events scheduled. Clerk Baker had obtained information from Springfield about the bars needing to apply for a special license for the day for the alcohol to be permitted on the street, which the two bars are okay with obtaining. Chief Weary mentioned possibly getting more county here in the evening to cover everything as well as what the bars have in place for security.

David Atchley 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 and services to be provided, it was agreed upon not going over \$20,000.00 and they would keep the board updated on amount and timelines.

Marshall Huls reported he had given out 3 permits for fences in the month April. He also indicated he was working on looking for old records for the lot behind Youman's business for zoning information. He will also take the zoning changes to the Villages Lawyer for review and then back to the Village Board for approval. He said he was also waiting on a variance application for the work at the concession building at the park. President Ackerman said to go ahead with the work at the park.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting of April 6, 2017 and the budget meeting of April 13, 2017. Trustee Severins 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 (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 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 Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Severins made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 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 Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of April, 2017 was \$774,639.43. Total money received for the month of April, 2017 was \$55,695.27, plus \$8.75 interest from CD#15399 and \$10.57 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$76,129.16, leaving a balance on April 30, 2017 of \$754,224.86. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of April 1, 2017 was \$169,092.70; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00 leaving a balance on April 30, 2017 of \$169,092.70. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of April 1, 2017 was \$22,717.11; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00 leaving a balance on April 30, 2017 of \$22,717.11.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Weary reported in investigative matters there were 19 incidents, 1 report and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 25 incidents, 24 warnings, 1 citation and 0 arrests. Chief Weary also reported that there were trucks parking on Main St. to go to the elevator and they were parking over in the grass area. Childress put up barricades/cones to alleviate the problem.

## **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Activity for the month of April, 2017. Total gallons of water pumped were 2,170,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 72,333 gallons.

Childress reported he had to replace fittings and clean number 3 siphon in the dosing tank at the plant. He put in a new tube assembly in the chlorine pump and installed containment under the chlorine pump. He seeded the ditch in front of the new park and the waterway that runs down East St. Graded the ditch by Hesterberg's and installed rip rap and road pack in the ditch just after the culvert, installed erosion control barrier over all that was seeded, dug up a water service on Ernray that was hit and replaced the curb stop due to it leaking. Raked and sprayed all sand filters at plant, mowed everything in town and at plant, logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits. Read all water meters and remotes, sent out 10 letters for non-payment of water/sewer bills, discontinued 2 services for non-payment and backwashed all pressure filters at the plant.

## **STREET AND ALLEY REPORT**

Trustee Pannbacker – Nothing to report.

## **SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Trustee Ehler – Nothing to report.

## **POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

Trustee Severins – Nothing to report.

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

Trustee Carpenter reported he had the bill from Jed Willard for his work on the web-site.

## **FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Trustee McFadden reported that Mark Adkins was interested in the sidewalk concrete work and the concrete work in front of Village Building.

**OLD BUSINESS**-Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to approve the 2018 budget as presented. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

It was brought to everyone's attention that the animal control bill increased by \$1,200.00.

Champaign telephone sent a bill for insurance coverage for the voicemail system at the Village Building; it was decided to not pay this yearly fee.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of June, 2017

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