

Regular Meeting
June 5, 2014

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M., local time, in the Gifford State Bank Board Room, to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were Clerk Duden, and Trustees Baxter, Cler, Ehler, Jones, and Severins. Since President Ackerman was absent, Trustee Ehler presided over the meeting as mayor pro-tem.

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

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Cler 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 Cler made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Baxter made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). There was discussion regarding the purchase of acreage from Ray and Barb Busboom on the east side of town for the Village water treatment plant and proposed new water tower. MSA will begin the survey for the new water tower placement. Trustee Severins made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Baxter made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of April 30, 2014 was \$615,376.11. Total money received for the month of May 2014 was \$55,175.15, plus \$10.18 interest from CD #8170 and \$8.39 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$46,723.16, leaving a balance on May 31, 2014 of \$623,846.67. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of April 30, 2014 was \$815,228.61. Total money received for the month of May was \$50000.00. Total expenses for the month were \$31,548.13, leaving a balance on May 31, 2014 of \$833,680.48. The balance in the Tornado/WTP Construction Fund as of April 30, 2014 was \$77,241.98. There was no money received for the month of May. Total expenses for the month were \$1,606.00, leaving a balance on May 31, 2014 of \$75,635.98. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of April 30, 2014 was \$10,000.00. There was no money received for the month of May. Total expenses for the month were \$4,432.94, leaving a balance on May 31, 2014 of \$5,567.06.

The Police Report was given by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 30 incidents, 22 warnings, and three citations. In Investigative Matters, there were 9 incidents and three reports. Weary gave an update on Chris Duitsman's progress regarding his police

certification. He said Duitsman is still working on certification, but hopes to be completed enough to assist with the Gifford Celebration on June 28th.

There was no water and sewer report, but Jess Childress did discuss the water leak at the corner of Park and Plumb Streets and a broken tile.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Dave Atchley said that the grant money will pay engineering fees for street repairs following the tornado damage, with costs estimated to be about \$321,196.16. The Village will be reimbursed 90% now, and will receive the remaining 10% upon completion of the repairs. That should also be enough to include sidewalks, seeding, and other incidental expenses. All of the work has to be bid, but we want to wait until August or September for the seeding. We need to get President Ackerman's signature on the paperwork before we can begin work. Discussion followed. Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept Resolution #223 for 2014 MFT to provide authority to spend \$5,906 for additional work. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said he rode around town with Childress and Kalin Kocher to check out the roads and drainage issues. We will need to replace a catch basin on E Plumb Street and will receive assistance from Habitat for Humanity with those expenses. We will have to do some repairs to Florida Drive by Rich Heimburger's residence. We will need to do some sod work on North Park Street near the Baxter residence. Also need to put a catch basin at the water plant to the new tile and drain the sump pump water. Ehler said Dustin Busboom is draining his sump pump to the street. There was discussion regarding culverts to replace on the corner of Center Street and Church.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said we need to replace a street light on Baker Court after the tornado. He said the light pole at the Billings residence on Main Street has been replaced.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Baxter said he has seen a final mock up of the military sign to be placed along Main Street. They will be 18'x24'. He said the Elk's had inquired about donating to that cause, but they would need an invoice in order to do that. Baxter said The Spreader will construct brackets to hang the signs. He has ordered six signs, which is all the names he has been given. At the park he hopes to get the bag toss game set up, have the bench set and a concrete pad for the grill poured by John Stalter soon. He said he has to get the projects at the park completed, with photos, to get the grant reimbursements from the State.

OLD BUSINESS

Eric Rademacher was not in attendance, but had given two variance requests to Trustee Ehler for the Board to discuss. John Stalter had requested garage reconstruction to be 28'x36'x10', with Village ordinance size being 26'x32'x9'. He also requested a 5' setback along Park Street, with the current setback being 15'. The Zoning Board had approved all except for the 5' setback, recommending a 10' setback. After discussion, Trustee Cler made a motion to approve all requests, except only allow for a 10' setback on Park Street. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Paul Buenting had requested rebuilding a garage on Baker Court, using the current foundation, which is 30'x30'. Village ordinance limits size to 26'x30'. The Zoning Board had recommended approving the request. After discussion, Trustee Cler made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Ehler said President Ackerman had talked to Donna Goldenstein regarding the lot on the corner of Main and Center Streets. Goldenstein would like to sell the lot to the Village for \$20,000, with the Village paying to clean up the lot after her father had his Marathon Oil business located there, as well as several holding tanks. After discussion regarding the costs incurred in the clean up process, it was decided to have MSA investigate.

Childress said the cost estimates for the siphon at the sewer plant are at \$25,000. He would also need electricity run to the dosing tank. After discussion, it was decided to wait until the well is completed to determine how much money will be left in that fund for expenses. He said the water treatment plant building is almost completed, only needing electrical and mechanical work. The old water tower will be completed sometime next week. Caldwell employees are working long hours to get the job completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Ehler said Treasurer Duitsman requested a laptop for his Village work. He would be able to check his mail, etc when away from home, as well as work at home while his wife is also working on their home computer. Trustee Severins made a motion to allow Duitsman to spend up to \$1,000 for a laptop computer. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Severins asked if the Board would consider an ordinance allowing golf carts in the Village, following the state requirements and our current ordinances. He said we could require a SMV sticker like the farm vehicles use, charging a fee of \$25-30 a year for a permit. Discussion followed regarding lights, turn signals, and liability concerns crossing Route 136 and Main Street. Severins said he would provide ordinances from a couple of Villages in the area for the Board to peruse for the next meeting.

Greg Crow from MSA presented the Governor's CEDAP grant application for the purchase of replacement warning sirens.

Trustee Ehler said the Decatur City Administrator contacted him to say they replace their warning sirens on a regular rotation, and they would donate an old siren to us. He said they service all sirens on a regular basis, so they are still in good condition. Ehler suggested we take the siren and find a new location for it.

Greg Crow from MSA said he met with Susan Chavarria and Maynard Duitsman regarding the IEMA application for \$80,000. He said the debris dump fees were about \$40,000, so that would help with those costs. He also said the costs for the siren and lights on the police car may get refunded.

Chief Weary said he talked to residents affected by the tornado to see when they would complete debris removal and repairs. There was discussion regarding the Emord property, which needs to be maintained since no one in that family lives in the area. Weary said he would try to find a contact person. There also was discussion regarding the old trailer on north Main Street and its removal for health concerns.

Trustee Baxter moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 3rd day of July 2014.

President of the Board