

Regular Meeting  
August 7, 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 President Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Baxter, Cler, Jones, and Severins.

Guests were Jan McDaniel, Dave Atchley and Nick Wagner (MSA), Richard Albers, Eric and Frank Rademacher, Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Steve Griswold, Brian Schurter, Gary Duden, Justin Fullenkamp, Mark Frandle, Earl Smith, Jim and Debbie Cleary, and Joni Hammond. President Ackerman announced that Village Treasurer Maynard Duitsman's son had passed away the evening before and he would not be in attendance for the meeting. Therefore, there would not be a Treasurer's Report nor would the bills be presented for approval for payment at this meeting. He said we will have a meeting in the next couple of weeks to have those items presented and approved.

Eric Rademacher gave the Zoning Report. He said the Zoning Board had met last week and had two variance requests. Steve Griswold had requested a variance on the height and width of a garage on his property on west Summit. He said they are still working on the final decision regarding that request until further discussion. Duden/Fullenkamp Developers had requested a change from R1 to R2 for property along Evergreen Street in the Eagle Prairie Subdivision., which the Zoning Board approved. Trustee Cler made a motion to approve the change from R1 to R2 for the property requested by Gary Duden and Justin Fullenkamp. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Earl Smith wanted to make the Board aware that the property that had been purchased from Ray and Barb Busboom on Ernray Drive would require the Village to fill out an application to get the property exempt. He said he has paperwork requiring the signature of either the Treasurer or the Clerk. Clerk Duden signed the forms.

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 (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Baxter made a motion to approve the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 26 incidents and 24 warnings. In Investigative Matters, there were 15 incidents and two reports. Weary further stated one of the tornado damaged houses on west Plumb Street had been removed and the other two neighboring houses should be leaving soon. He said the house in the 200 block of east Willard has been sold and the lawn has been mowed. He said the property at the corner of Main and Center Streets next to the Cler's is being cleaned up. There was discussion regarding the Osborn trailer on north Main Street.

Jess Childress reported for the Water and Sewer Department. He said they finished tiling the alley from West Street to Main Street between Center and Plumb Streets. They will begin work on the Water Treatment Plant next week.

#### **STREETS AND ALLEYS REPORT**

Trustee Cler said he, as well as other Board members and Village residents, have tried contacting the County regarding grading and seeding along Main Street, but they are not responding, and Village residents have been inquiring about getting the job completed.

#### **POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

Trustee Severins said he talked to Ameren about a light on Baker Court, but no one seems to know who would be responsible for the monthly billing. He said Ameren would install the light and pole at no expense to the Village and it would cost about \$3 a month for the electricity. After discussion the Board decided to go ahead and have it installed and we would pay the monthly expenses.

#### **FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Trustee Baxter said he talked to Neil Baker in regards to spending money to repair the gutters on the restroom/maintenance building at the park. Baker also said the ash trees at the park are being affected by the Ash Borer and about 20 of them can be treated, but ten of them will probably have to be removed. The estimated costs were \$4,800. After discussion, Baxter said he would investigate costs for some new trees, grinding stumps, and removal of those trees affected by the ash borer. He had also been contacted by Border Magic in regards to a sign they had offered to donate to the Village. Baxter had photos of the proposed designs for the Board members to decide upon. The Board would also have to decide where they would like to stone to be placed. Discussion followed. Baxter said there will also be two military signs placed at either end of the current signs along Main Street at a cost of \$100. These signs will say 'Thank you for serving'. He said he made the final submission for the playground grant and we hope to receive the money soon.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Ackerman said Treasurer Duitsman and Susan Chavarria from CCRPC are working on the completion of the survey for grant money, but have been waiting for approval of last month's meeting minutes, which will then need to be signed and sealed.

President Ackerman proposed the subject of the golf cart ordinance. After discussion, it was decided to table until a more thorough study has been completed. Trustee Severins said he also has a few items he would like to see added to the proposed ordinance.

President Ackerman said the Township has asked to park a trailer in the old driveway of the former Village Hall. The Board approved their use of the driveway.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Weary said a resident of the cul-de-sac on south New Street had inquired into the disposal of the wood pile across the street from his home. Discussion followed. It was decided not to plan a burn until after completion of the Water Treatment Plant. There was

discussion regarding an investigation to see if anyone would be interested in the wood to chip or to use as firewood.

Joni Hammond asked about Steve Griswold's variance request since the neighbors were not in agreement with his original plan. It was explained that a final decision had not been made at this time.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

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Village Clerk

Approved by me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

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President of the Board