

Regular Meeting September 4, 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, Ehler, Jones, Severins, and Youmans.

Guests were Pete Watson, Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Andy Keiser (Fehr-Graham), Richard Albers, and Dave Atchley (MSA).

Atchley said the auditors are requesting a total valuation of the asphalt streets. He said he could compile that information, but it would take a few days to complete.

Keiser said all of the equipment for the WTP are here, but need to be installed. They are prepared to fire up the plumbing system. A & R will tap into the existing lines. They did discover additional damage to the piping inside the plant, which will require digging under the building. This will be covered by insurance. He said they will also be installing a small water heater in the building for any maintenance Childress will have to do requiring warm water, and a by-pass to make cleaning easier. The total cost for these change orders is \$22,389, with \$3,200 covered by insurance. Trustee Ehler made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$22,389. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Keiser said the old generator is the property of A & R. After discussion, it was decided to investigate that ownership more thoroughly. President Ackerman presented Keiser with a copy of the EPA permit for the well. Keiser said the WTP should be completed by October 31, 2014.

Richard Albers said his son, Fred, is starting a concrete sealing business for either new or old concrete. It will protect concrete from oils, acids, fertilizers. He left business cards for those interested.

Pete Watson said his neighbor had a Riley home installed and Watson has had issues with water draining, pumping water from the neighbor's basement into Watson's yard. Trustee Ehler thought the contractor had cut a tile and did not repair it when digging the footings and basement. Ehler said he had two plans of action, but would need to contact Riley Homes to get their assistance. He promised Watson he would have the issue resolved. Discussion followed regarding Riley Homes and the complaints residents have had with their home construction and timeliness. Watson said he also got the County to jet out the culvert in front of his home, after multiple phone calls.

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the minutes from last month's meetings, Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Baxter made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee Ehler made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been given 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 Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of July 31, 2014 was \$677,666.06. Total money received for the month of August was \$61,329.60, plus \$10.53 interest from CD #8170 and \$8.67 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$139,610.76, leaving a balance on August 31, 2014 of \$599,404.10. The balance in Disaster Recovery Fund as of July 31, 2014 was \$626,256.58. Total money received for the month was \$87,451.05, with \$86,000 transferred from the General Fund from the insurance claim earlier. Total expenses for the month were \$152,917.77, leaving a balance on August 31, 2014 of \$560,789.86. The balance in Tornado/WTP Construction Fund as of July 31, 2014 was \$28,488.48. There was no money received for the month. Total expenses for the month were \$4,203.70, leaving a balance on August 31, 2014 of \$24,284.78. The balance in Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of July 31, 2014 was \$4,998.87. There was no money received for the month. Total expenses for the month were \$3,635.00, leaving a balance on August 31, 2014 was \$1,363.87. The balance in IDOT Construction Fund as of July 31, 2014 was \$57.07. Total money received for the month was \$350,489.25. There were no expenses for the month, leaving a balance on August 31, 2014 of \$350,546.32. President Ackerman said he had received a letter from the INR informing us that we will be receiving a check for \$40,700 for the completion of the park project.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Investigative Matters, there were 11 incidents and one report. In Traffic Matters, there were 31 incidents, 27 warnings, and three citations. Weary said he talked to Tracy Wingler from the County and was told they will eventually clean all of the culverts along Main Street. There was discussion regarding home construction in the Village and the breaking and cutting of tiles, and how to deal with that issue.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Jess Childress said there were several small projects that needed to be completed at the WTP. Trustee Ehler said Childress needed to keep after Keiser to get it completed by the projected date. There was discussion regarding unhappy residents with their Riley Homes and the various issues that have arisen in their construction. Childress said he has tried to contact Riley Homes without any success. It was decided to talk to Brian Schurter and have him contact Riley Homes in the hopes of protecting the Village residents in the future. Trustee Ehler said he would contact Schurter.

STREETS AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Cler said Dave Atchley has a plan to give to the Village regarding work on sidewalks and ditches. He will get a bid to us soon. He said we have two years to get these projects completed, so he may wait until spring to grade and seed.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler said he thinks the past drainage projects with Kalin Kocher have helped, but haven't had much rain lately to test it out. There was discussion regarding Dustin Busboom draining tile into the street. Weary said he would talk to him. Ehler said we also need to talk to residents regarding the tall grasses and weeds. Weary said he would contact them, telling them if it isn't taken care of, the Village will mow and bill the owners.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins said he had reported two lights out on North West Street and Eiler Dr.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Youmans said Jed Willard will start updating the Village website.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee Baxter said Neil Baker is getting bids for roof repairs at the park and making plans to remove trees affected by the emerald ash borer. He will also have new trees planted, but not in the same locations as those being removed. Darrin Suits will assist with the tree replacement. Baxter said he also will be getting two more military signs to place at the beginning and the end of the current military signs along Main Street. He said he will need to get a couple of brackets to hang them.

OLD BUSINESS

President Ackerman said he had met with Susan Chavarria to complete the surveys for the siren grants.

President Ackerman presented Ordinance #327 assessing fees for violations of building codes. Trustee Cler made a motion to accept Ordinance #327. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Duitsman met with Tracy Westmoreland and discussed duties involved with the Treasurer's job. He said Tracy Childress may also be interested in that position, but wasn't sure if she could handle that job along with her current full time position at the U of I. He also said Westmoreland's experience is not as extensive as Childress's. He will talk to Childress, who already does the billing for the water department and is familiar with the LOCIS system. After discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting on September 11 at 7:00 to make a final decision on a candidate to replace Duitsman.

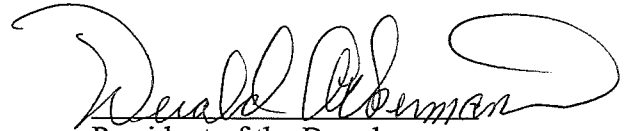
Treasurer Duitsman thanked the Board for the lovely flowers and stone in memory of his son.

Jess Childress said Richard McFadden would be interested in putting up and removing the Christmas lights and decorations this year, as Marshall Huls has retired.

Trustee Youmans moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:23 P.M.


Village Clerk

Approved by me this 2nd day of October 2014.


President of the Board