

Regular Meeting March 5, 2015

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 Diane Baker, Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Adam Pannbacker, Marlys Johnson, and Dave Atchley (MSA). Atchley had plans for the water tower construction to present to Childress. He also had a request for the Board to decide on the paint color for the water tower from the samples he had. He said they would need to know the color before they can order the materials.

As each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Trustee Baxter 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 (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to accept the minutes after a correction regarding the ATM being placed on the west side of Hicksgas instead of the east side. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been furnished 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 Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Jones made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Cler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of January 31, 2015 was \$655,336.08. Total money received for the month of February 2015 was \$42,649.69, plus \$10.53 interest on CD# 8170 and \$8.69 interest on CD#15399. Total expenses for the month were \$34,427.37, leaving a balance on February 28, 2015 of \$663,577.62. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of January 31, 2015 was \$643,228.14. Total money received for the month of February was \$84,241.00. Total expenses for the month were \$15,295.60, leaving a balance on February 28, 2015 of \$712,173.54. The balance in the Tornado/WTP Construction Fund as of January 31, 2015 was \$2,531.17. Total money received for the month was \$200,000. Total expenses for the month were \$202,484.30, leaving a balance on February 28, 2015 of \$46.87. There was no activity in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund, having a balance of \$14,363.87. There was no activity on the I.D.O.T. Construction Fund, having a balance of \$343,124.17. Trustee Cler suggested Treasurer Childress contact our insurance company regarding a final pay out for loss due to the tornado. He thought it should be about \$100,000, but would need to supply them with the total construction costs.

Chief Weary said he had no written report, since he was still off work with a broken ankle. He said he had responded to a few calls lately and had completed some online recertification.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of February 2015. Total gallons of water pumped for the month of February was 1,834,000 gallons. Average daily consumption was 65,500 gallons. The report further stated that Childress had Gasvoda come in and replace a broken 4" discharge line coming off #1 sewage pump at the Plumb Street lift station; he repaired a 6" main break on South Park Street on the 27th; responded to a call regarding a frozen water service on the 15th on North Main Street; received a

call on the 15th about a house fire at Flatville; plowed snow several times; got all new controls up and running, along with new well #6; back washed all pressure filters at the new water plant; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; took water and wastewater samples and sent them into the EPA; removed shrubs from the front of the new Village Hall; sent out 14 letters for non-payment of water and wastewater bills; discontinued two services for non-payment; plowed snow several more times. Childress said the Water Treatment Plant is completed and running.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Severins presented Ordinance #329 for Board approval. It defined the use of golf carts in the Village. Discussion followed. Trustee Severins made a motion to accept Ordinance #329. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Chief Weary asked the Board if he could purchase a new bullet proof vest. The life span of a vest is about five years and his is nine years old. The cost of a fitted vest is about \$900. After discussion, the Board approved the purchase.

Trustee Jones said she had received an email from Trustee Ehler requesting a few items be addressed. The first item was to have Childress contact Bill Wernigk to collect the remains of the burn pile on south New Street and haul it away. He also requested that the welcome sign on the south end of town be replaced. It will not remain standing in the ground. There was discussion regarding a boulder from Border Magic. The last item on Ehler's agenda was to have a rock placed at the park along the pathway to commemorate the years Larry Hethke spent on the Village Board and his time working on the grant for the playground equipment at the park. Trustee Cler will check into a rock from Border Magic.

President Ackerman said he talked to Dave Bletscher about the warning sirens and he had no idea about the report. Treasurer Childress had some Paperwork for President Ackerman to sign. Discussion followed.

President Ackerman asked about the idea of charging to use the ball diamond at the park. After discussion, it was decided to charge \$50 a game or \$200 a day, but no fee will be assessed if the parents are from Gifford. All money collected will go into the account for the ball diamond at the Gifford State Bank.

President Ackerman asked about the generator for the new Village Hall. Trustee Severins said it would cost about \$4,000 and it was a 16,000 watt natural gas with an automatic transfer switch. After discussion, Trustee Baxter made a motion to purchase a 16,000 watt natural gas generator for the Village Hall to replace the one destroyed in the tornado. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

NEW BUSINESS

President Ackerman said the April regular meeting will be held on the 9th, due to Easter week. The Budget meeting will be on April 23rd.

Childress said there are about five households that have Village water but not sewer, but they get charged a sewerage fee each month. After discussion, it was decided not to charge them.

Trustee Cler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 9th day of April 2015.

President of the Board