

## Regular Meeting April 9, 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, Ehler, Jones, and Severins.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Eldon Hesterberg, Dave Atchley (MSA), Diane Baker, and Adam Pannbacker. Atchley presented paperwork from IDOT, including a change order for the fencing at the new watertower. He also said the water main looping project came in at a higher cost than originally estimated. After discussion, it was decided to check into additional grant assistance.

Hesterberg said the remodel at the Spreader building is scheduled to be completed by next month's meeting, sometime between May 1 and 10. Discussion followed regarding grant money, adjustments, and concrete parking. It was decided to only concrete the area in front for handicap parking at this time. Trustee Baxter had presented a spreadsheet with costs for various items for the new Village Hall. He said it would cost \$3,200 for the phone system from Champaign Telephone. He had pricing for computers for the office at \$2,800, with servers and labor costs at \$1,400. The signage estimate from Kenny Buhr was \$1,800. After discussion, Trustee Ehler made a motion to spend \$3,200 on phone system and do the first phase of the concrete for the handicap area. It was seconded by Trustee Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Trustee Severins made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 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 Cler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Cler made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

As each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Jones made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Baxter. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The balance in Village accounts as of February 28, 2015 was \$663,577.62. Total money received for the month of March 2015 was \$54,326.92, plus \$9.52 interest from CD #8170 and \$7.85 interest from CD #15399. Total expenses for the month were \$65,532.50, leaving a balance on March 31, 2015 of \$652,389.41. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of February 28, 2015 was \$712,173.54. There was no money received for the month of March. Total expenses for the month were \$4,718.30, leaving a balance on March 31, 2015 of \$707,455.24. The balance in the Tornado/WTP Construction Fund as of February 28, 2015 was \$46.87. Total money received for the month was \$107,000 (grant). Total expenses for the month were \$106,113, leaving a balance on March 31, 2015 of \$933.87. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of February 28, 2015 was \$14,363.87. There were no expenses or income so the amount remains the same. The balance in the I.D.O.T Construction Fund as of February 28, 2015 was \$343,124.17. There were no expenses or income so the amount remains the same. There was discussion regarding the \$25,000 grant for the ESDA sirens, which need to be installed before August 31, 2015.

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In Traffic Matters, there were 31 incidents, 27 warnings, four citations, and one arrest. In Investigative Matters, there were 18 incidents and one report. Weary added that the Buenting house on the corner of Park and North Streets will be burned by the fire department in June. President Ackerman said he received a letter from Brodie Crozier from the fire department, praising Weary for his quick actions in assisting with a fire prior to the arrival of the fire department.

#### **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Trustee Jones reported activity for the month of March 2015. Total gallons of water pumped for the month of March was 2,099,300. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 67,719 gallons. Childress's report further stated that he dug up and installed a new water service on E. Center Street; jetted tiles on S. Park Street and S. New Street; began removing trees at the park that were affected by the ash borer; replaced three old water meters and installed five new touch reads; had wiring inside well #6 reconnected due to shorting out; back washed all pressure filters at the new water plant; logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits; took all water and wastewater samples and sent them to the EPA; sent out 15 letters for non-payment of water and wastewater bills; discontinued one service due to non-payment. He also said the water tower construction will begin next week. Atchley said he would like to know which logo the Village would like for the tower and what direction it would be facing. Trustee Jones said she would assist in those decisions.

#### **STREET AND ALLEY REPORT**

Trustee Cler said the Board needs to start making decisions on the IDOT project to use the grant money on road and sidewalk repairs. Discussion followed.

#### **SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Trustee Ehler said that when Riley's cut through the tile on North Street last year they had all met to discuss the issue, and Chuck Pridemore said he would incur expenses to repair the tile. Childress incorrectly billed for the repairs, resubmitted a corrected bill to Riley's, and now Pridemore says we can talk to his attorney. Ehler suggested talking to our attorney to remove Riley's Homes from the Village list of approved contractors.

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

Trustee Severins reported the light out by the water tower has been replaced. He said last month there were several problems, but now all lights are working properly.

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

Trustee Baxter said the trees affected by the ash borer are being removed from the park. He said he had received a phone call from a news station inquiring into their removal, wanting to know how we determined the problem. He was told we had done a study a few years ago. He brought up discussion regarding the phone services and billing for the Village Hall and the caller at the water treatment plant. He said the Village had been paying for internet service since the tornado, but did haven't used the service. He said we need a new system at the water tower to monitor levels and view from the computer. He said we also need to get a fire alarm system for the new Village Hall to alert the fire department and a Board member.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Ackerman said Robin Clements has requested a copy of the Golf Cart Ordinance so he can do the inspections (for a fee). There was discussion regarding licensing and stickers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Ackerman presented a letter from N I Gas to renew our franchise for the next 50 years. He said the new ordinance was exactly like the old one. He will present it to our attorney and have it prepared for approval at the next regular meeting. Discussion followed.

Trustee Ehler made a motion to go into executive session at 8:20 P.M. The regular meeting resumed at 9:09 P.M.

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Approved by me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

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