

Regular Meeting December 3, 2015

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 p.m., in the Gifford Village Building, to hold their regular monthly meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman, Clerk Baker, and Trustee Carpenter, Ehler, McFadden, Pannbacker and Severins. Police Chief Weary, Water/Maintenance Childress, Zoning Marshall Huls and Treasurer Christie Huls also present. Trustee Jones was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Guests were Philip Kisubiks (Rantoul Press), Greg Crowe (MSA), Cindy Duden, Larry Lustfeldt and Eldon Hesterberg.

Larry Lustfeldt and Eldon Hesterberg were present to ask if the Eagle Prairie Sub Division could be declared as an Enterprise Zone. They are building 5 duplexes, 3 in 2016 and the other 2 in 2017. An enterprise zone would allow builders to get a tax exemption on all materials bought for building in that declared zone. Timeline is yet to be determined.

Trustee Ehler made a motion for Larry Lustfeldt and Eldon Hesterberg to apply for the enterprise zoning. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Greg Crowe from MSA updated the board on several issues. The streets and sidewalks for the most part are completed, punch lists completed. There is still some concrete to be removed and seeding will take place in the spring for the sidewalks. A water main stress test took place, there were only three leaks. Samples were taken and a USDA walk thru will take place December 14. The water tower is working as of today; everyone should notice a difference with the water pressure.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Carpenter 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).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Pannbacker 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 November 30, 2015 was \$751,801.53. Total money received for the month of November 2015 was \$45,101.48, plus \$8.71 interest from CD#15399 and \$10.55 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$80,572.31, leaving a balance on November 30, 2015 of \$716,349.96. The balance in the Disaster Recovery Fund as of November 30, 2015 was \$92,880.00; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$99,928.21. The balance in the Tornado/Tower Construction Fund as of November 30, 2015 was \$83,197.29; money received \$182,328.21 and paid out \$111,145.58. The balance in the IDOT Construction Fund as of November 30, 2015 was \$325,895.32; money received \$00.00 and paid out \$00.00. The balance in the Water Main Improvement Fund as of November 30, 2015 was \$28,645.12; money received \$4.12 and paid out \$00.00.

POLICE REPORT

The Police Report was read by Chief Weary. In investigative matters there were 11 incidents, 1 report and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 37 incidents, 32 warnings, 4 citations and 0 arrests.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Activity for the month of November, 2015. Total gallons of water pumped for November, 2015 was 2,507,000 gallons. The average daily consumption of water for the month was 83,570 gallons. Childress reported he tapped in new water service to the new habitat house on North Park Street, repaired broken water service on the south end of Florida Drive, dug trenches in sand filter number 2 at treatment plant for winter operation. Took all water and wastewater samples and sent them to EPA lab in Springfield, trimmed and cut down trees on west side of the new Village Building, put in new catch basin and finished tile work on Main Street just north of new storage buildings. Jetted tile on the west side of Ernray subdivision, dug up and replaced broken water service on Willard Street, sent out 22 letters for non-payment for water and sewer bills, had to discontinue 2 services for non-payment of bills. Put a new culvert in at Norma Reynolds residence on West Street, backwashed all pressure filters at treatment plant, logged all water and sewer bills and made deposits.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Pannbacker had the Intergovernmental Agreement for the new siren to sign.

Trustee Pannbacker made the motion to sign the agreement. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes and 0 no).

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler reported that the Emord property will be squared off after the 1st of the year.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins reported 3 lights out last month, all are now fixed. The Christmas lights are up and on as of today.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Carpenter did contact Ms. Landon about a low interest loan if needed by the Village. It would be 2.6% over 40 years.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee McFadden reported the water bill mail box is installed and he put up a light on the south side of the Village Building.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Ehler contacted a couple people from the UI about bio dischargers, used with wood chips. The wood chips feed on the nitrates and then the nitrates are exhaled into atmosphere. The wood chips could take 80% of the nitrates out of the water. The UI will be taking samples the week of December 7th. We would then come up with our own data regarding the nitrates to start. By going with the bioreactor it could save the village tremendously, approximately \$10,000 and no engineer involved. Trustee Ehler also said there was room to put this in place on the south side of the treatment plant with it only being 20 foot wide, 50 foot long and 4 foot deep.

Mayor Ackerman said that Caldwell will remove the old tower.

NEW BUSINESS

Tracy Childress presented a letter from IMRF about participating municipalities. It will be forwarded on to our lawyer for review.

Trustee Ehler is to speak with Chad Hayes about our grant money and push to receive half of the money yet this year.

Mayor Ackerman said with the installation of the new lights on Main Street, 6 more pole are to come out.

Trustee Ehler moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of January, 2016
