

Regular Meeting July 11, 2019

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 Trustees Harris, Hammond, McFadden and Pannbacker. Treasurer Christie Huls, Water Maintenance Jess Childress and Police Chief Weary present. Trustee Ehler, Trustee Severins and Zoning Huls absent.

Dave Atchley from MSA, Jarrod Acton, Lori Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Braselton, Cindy Duden and Meaghan Offerman from the Rantoul Press were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Dave Atchley from MSA reported that the nitrate samples taken from the bioreactor were low. He also had the Professional Agreement for the Water Main Project, the revised estimate of probable costs were \$400,000.00. The agreement was signed and a motion needed for the bid process.

Trustee McFadden made a motion to put the water main project out for bid. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to contact the Gifford State Bank for a loan for the water main project. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Mr. and Mrs. Braselton were present to ask the board about their neighbors north of them taking care of their yard. Trustee Harris said he did call the U of I Extension to seek out someone to come and see if there are still flowers in the yard or just weeds. He said they did not want to get involved with the issue. Mrs. Braselton said there are five foot weeds in the back yard and the weeds were way out of control. Trustee Pannbacker said the ordinance was very vague and not real specific except for the length of grass. She said there is a constant of rodent's and animals as well.

Lori Carpenter was present and said she needed to get a hedge trimmer to take care of some of the weeds. Trustee Pannbacker asked if she was in agreement to get the weeds down and off of the white poly fence and she was in agreement with that.

Mrs. Braselton would like all of it taken care of and wants to know how to further take care of issues going forward. The Braselton's are to contact Sean with further issues with the yard.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting of June 6, 2019. 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 (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment, holding back Hendricks/Warner for Trustee Ehler at next meeting. Trustee Hammond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to pay the bills with change. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 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 Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of June, 2019 was \$767,071.00. Total money received for the month of June, 2019 was \$66,568.11 plus \$20.21 interest from CD#15399 and \$21.23 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$75,939.60 leaving a balance on June 30, 2019 of \$644,638.33.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Police Report, hand out, in investigative matters there were 13 incidents, 2 reports and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 33 incidents, 33 warnings, 0 citations and 0 arrests.

Chief Weary also reported about a Nuisance Violation Notice to be given to residents not abiding by ordinances. The Board was in agreement with the use of these notices. He reported that he thinks possibly the Jeakins property has sold, update next month.

Chief Weary also reported about vehicle license/sticker violations in town is better.

Chief Weary also reported that the Independence Day Celebration went real well.

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

The total gallons of water pumped for June, 2019 was 2,757,000, with a daily average of 92,000.

Jess Childress reported they painted all the parking lines downtown, put away all the flags from the Independence Day Celebration and mowed in town and at the waste plant. They jetted a tile on Eilers Drive and installed several new catch basins along with new sections of tile. They had the water tower inspected by Caldwell, the company used to put up the tower, rocked the streets, pulled and sprayed weeds around the lagoons and sand filters at the waste treatment plant, read all water meters and remotes. Logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits. Sent out 22 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills and backwashed all filters at the water treatment plant. Jess also reported that part of the water tower needs repainted and they were going to put vents in the bioreactor due to the fumes coming off.

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

The county road will be resurfaced and this will not include the parking areas, this is the responsibility of the Village.

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

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

#### **RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

No report this month.

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

Trustee McFadden brought the bid from Adkins Concrete for the sidewalks in town. The bid is \$18,224.00, see estimate for specifics.

Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to accept Adkins bid for \$18,224.00. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Trustee McFadden also reported that the fence at Emord Park to repair would be costly. The original installation was not correct. He said Andy Cler worked on the fencing before the Independence Day Celebration and it looks much better. The Trustees agreed to leave the fence as is for now.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Atchley said there is a Grant available for Parks and this could be used for lights at the ball field at the South Park. It is a 50% reimbursement; the Village would have to pay for the other 50% or possibly another organization. The deadline is August 19<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Atchley will forward the information. This is the same grant that was received for the play equipment at the park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Ackerman has a pamphlet available if anyone is interested from the board going to a Champaign County emergency meeting in Savoy. The cost is \$20.00 and it takes place July 18, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Trustee Pannbacker moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2019

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