

## Regular Meeting September 5, 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 Ehler, Hammond, Harris, McFadden, Pannbacker and Severins. Treasurer Christie Huls, Water Maintenance Jess Childress, Police Chief Weary and Zoning Huls present.

Dave Atchley from MSA, Cindy Duden and Meaghan Offerman from the Rantoul Press.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Dave Atchley from MSA reported about the water tower, he would like the Village's Attorney to write a letter to see if we can get some progress to get the water tower repainted. It is a paint issue not adhering to the primer. Atchley also reported about the water main project. He said it is getting too late in the season to go forward at this time, need to push things back. Permits to EPA were not out yet, this would then be a tight timeline for completion in October. He will update everyone at the next meeting.

Zoning-Marshall Huls reported no new permits for August.

No minutes from August were sent out due to computer issues, the computer is getting fixed and or the information taken from computer to be used elsewhere. Minutes for August and September will be on next months agenda.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished printed copies of the bills to be considered for payment. Trustee Pannbacker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). Trustee McFadden made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 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 Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of August, 2019 was \$800,474.94. Total money received for the month of August, 2019 was \$63,388.66 plus \$20.24 interest from CD#15399 and \$21.24 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$49,026.48 leaving a balance on August 31, 2019 of \$814,878.60.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Police Report, hand out, in investigative matters there were 9 incidents, 1 report and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 29 incidents, 29 warnings, 0 citations and 0 arrests.

Chief Weary also reported he had spoken with Cecil McDaniels about her property as well as the Village Attorney and Mayor. The County Clerk's Office has not been able to serve her papers for a court appearance. The on-going Jeakins property is to continue in court October 3, 2019. Weary reported he has had no contact with the attorney about these properties since the last board meeting.

### **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

The total gallons of water pumped for August, 2019 was 2,436,000, with a daily average of 78,580.

Jess Childress reported they replaced filters on all three blowers at the waste water plant and put in a rebuilt num. 1 blower and installed some open grated ceiling tile in blower room to allow for more ventilation. Dug up leaking water service on Park St. and replaced the yolk, pit and about 5 foot of water line. Dug up another water service on Kendall Dr. and replaced same equipment. Trimmed trees in town that were hanging over the road or obstructing the view of oncoming traffic, dug up and replaced broken fire hydrant at Ames Ct., mowed in town and at waster water plant and logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits. Sent out 14 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills, shut off 1 water service for non-payment, back washed all pressure filters at the waster water plant and read all water meters and remotes. Childress also reported the nitrate level was 1.4, very low. He is address a hydrogen sulfide issue and looking at making some changes to correct this.

**STREET AND ALLEY REPORT**

No report this month.

**SANITARY AND STORM REPORT**

Ehler reported he had spoken with Kalin about Center St., South Park(to improve drainage across the park). Trustee Ehler also reported he talked to Darren Suits about seeding out at the waste water plant, Darren said he could do the project for \$2,180.00.

Trustee Ehler made a motion to have Darren Suits do the seeding work at the waste water plant for \$2,180.00. It was seconded by Trustee Pannbacker. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (6 yes, 0 no).

**POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT**

Trustee Severins reported there were 3 lights out and he had already had them fixed.

**RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

No report this month.

**FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Trustee McFadden reported the sidewalk project was going well, one minor issue with a retaining wall on Summit St.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The board decided to keep extra pay on Jonathan Couture’s pay at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Severins moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2019

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