

Regular Meeting December 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, Trustees Ehler, Hammond, Harris, McFadden and Severins. Treasurer Christie Huls, Water Maintenance Jess Childress, Police Chief Weary and Zoning Huls present. Diane Baker, Clerk and Trustee Pannbacker were absent.

Dave Atchley from MSA, Kenny Davenport from EIEC, Meaghan Offerman from the Rantoul Press and Jarrod Acton were present as well.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Kenny Davenport was present from EIEC, he presented a check to the Village for \$725.32.

Dave Atchley from MSA reported about the water tower, he is waiting on a letter from Caldwell. He had EPA signature sheets for the Water Main Project and the goal is to bring bids to the board at the February meeting.

Zoning-Marshall Huls reported 2 new permits for November.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting of November 7, 2019. Trustee McFadden made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Hammond 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 Hammond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). Trustee Harris made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. 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 Hammond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report, except for the summary. It was seconded by Trustee Harris. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (5 yes, 0 no). The starting balance in Village accounts as of November, 2019 was \$825,856.63. Total money received for the month of November, 2019 was \$57,019.69 plus \$20.28 interest from CD#15399 and \$21.26 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$92,627.05 leaving a balance on November 30, 2019 of \$790,290.81.

POLICE REPORT

Police Report, hand out, in investigative matters there were 15 incidents, 0 reports and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 26 incidents, 26 warnings, 0 citations and 0 arrests.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

The total gallons of water pumped for November, 2019 was 1,898,000, with a daily average of 63,260.

Jess Childress reported they dug p leaking water service at 505 S. Park St. and replaced the pit yolk and meter, cut tree down in circle drive on S. West St., dug up leaking water service at 308 North Park St. and replaced the yolk, meter and pit. Put up fence and the old gate at the waste water plant, dug trenches in #2 sand filter at waste water plant to keep it from freezing, put up Christmas lights down Main St. and put up a Christmas tree by the elevator. Plowed some snow, painted and exercised all the valves in town, mowed in town and at the waste water plant and logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits. Sent out 22 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills, back washed all pressure filters at the water treatment plant and read all water meters and remotes. They also need to replace a head on heater for \$850, from Duden & Silver.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

The total cost to resurface Main St. is \$370,572.73 with the Village cost at 22%, \$79,686.40. IDOT pays 78% of the cost.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler reported the West St. project, he is waiting on a concrete bid from Adkins.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins reported there was 1 light called in. He also spoke with Ameren about lights at Ernray. He is waiting to hear back from Ameren.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Trustee Harris was asked from a Realtor about farm animals on back of West St. property.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Jones, Military sign.

Statewide fuel tax increase, we have seen a \$1000-\$1500 increase.

Trustee Hammond moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Severins. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved this 2nd day of January, 2020

