

Regular Meeting March 5, 2020

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

Dave Atchley from MSA, Meaghan Offerman from the Rantoul Press, Jarrod Acton and Jed Willard were present as well.

Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Dave Atchley from MSA had the paperwork for Motor Tax Fuel. The watermain project is ready to go forward as planned.

Trustee McFadden made a motion to accept the motor fuel tax as presented in the amount of \$9,365.00. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Jed Willard questioned why a service needs to look at our ordinances. Clerk Baker was looking into this because of how old some of the ordinances are. There have been other towns using a service to get ordinances updated. The information should be available at the yearly budget meeting.

Each Trustee and Officer had been furnished minutes of the last regular meeting of February 6, 2020. Trustee Hammond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. All trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no). Trustee Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. 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. 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 Hammond made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Trustee Ehler. 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 Ehler 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 February, 2020 was \$838,016.78. Total money received for the month of February, 2020 was \$66,099.43 plus \$20.32 interest from CD#15399 and \$21.27 interest from CD#8170. Total expenses for the month were \$53,638.62 leaving a balance on February 29, 2020 of \$850,519.18.

POLICE REPORT

Police Report, hand out, in investigative matters there were 17 incidents, 2 reports and 0 arrests. In traffic matters there were 34 incidents, 34 warnings, 0 citations and 0 arrests.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Total gallons of water pumped for February 1,710,000 and the average daily consumption was 59,000 gallons. We had to repair a broken water line in the Casey's parking lot, had generators at the water plant and waste plant serviced by Cummins Crosspointe, replaced rotors and brake pads on Maroon Ford. Painted all piping in water plant, put new batteries and air filters in both generators and plowed snow. Took several sets of yearly water samples and one set of samples that needs to be taken every three years, went to water and waste conference in Effingham, logged all water bill receipts and made all deposits. Sent out 18 letters for non-payment of water and sewer bills, back washed all pressure filters at water plant and read all water meters and remotes.

STREET AND ALLEY REPORT

Trustee Pannbacker was absent.

SANITARY AND STORM REPORT

Trustee Ehler revisited the information he had provided to the board at the last meeting. Clerk Baker asked him about the South Park and the water standing behind the pavilion. Trustee Ehler said he would have Kalin look at the elevation.

POWER LIGHTS AND TELEPHONE REPORT

Trustee Severins was absent.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – No report.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Trustee McFadden has possibly found some poles for the south park for lighting at the ballfield. He will check on this further.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning changes.

Trustee Ehler made a motion to accept the Zoning changes on West St., the duplexes will be changed to R-2 and the two houses will be changed to R-1. It was seconded by Trustee McFadden. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Brian Hesterberg talked to Trustee McFadden about putting a new air conditioner in the front office space he uses. Further discussion of the space needs to take place with the board.

Trustee McFadden asked about the loan for the watermain project and what the interest was. Treasurer Huls said it had been initially approved at 3%, she will check with bank to see if it could get lowered.

NEW BUSINESS-None

Trustee McFadden moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Hammond. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 2nd day of April, 2020

