

7:30 p.m. The regular board meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Klein. A roll call was answered aye by Wilson, Ruhmann, Newbold, Geppert and Hamon. Boden was absent. Also, in attendance in person was Tyler Liefer and Chief Simburger.

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 1st board meeting.

A motion was made by Newbold; seconded by Ruhmann, to approve the February 1st board minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Newbold, Ruhmann, Geppert, Hamon and Wilson.

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 8th special board meeting.

A motion was made by Ruhmann; seconded by Geppert, to approve the February 8th special board minutes as presented. A vote was answered aye by Newbold, Ruhmann, Geppert, Hamon and Wilson.

VISITORS

Mark Schreder, Debby Politsch and Kyle Wetzal were all present via telephone conference call.

FINANCE & AUDIT

Nothing new to report.

WATER & SEWER

Nothing new to report.

STREETS & ALLEYS

Trustee Geppert reported the committee met February 10th to discuss the drainage issue by the post office at Benton Street and St. Clair Street. Tyler gave two options to fix the drainage. One is to remove the apron, pour new concrete without the slant and install a storm water inlet on the north end for \$2,383.50. The other option is to leave the existing concrete pad, fill it in with rock then oil and chip this summer. The committee discussed and thought it would be better to pour new concrete and install a water inlet. The committee thought if filled with rock, it would be pushed out by people parking there.

A motion was made by Geppert; seconded by Ruhmann, to accept the quote of \$2,383.50 and approve to remove the existing apron and replace it to fix the water drainage issue at Benton Street and St. Clair Street. A vote was answered aye by Newbold, Ruhmann, Geppert, Hamon and Wilson.

Trustee Newbold said the public works department did a nice job cleaning off the side streets. Newbold noted they don't look any worse than any others he seen. Newbold also said we don't plow until two inches have fallen and people don't realize how much time and effort it takes to plow the streets.

CEMETERY

It was noted bids will be opened during the next meeting for mowing and maintenance of the cemetery.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARK

Trustee Geppert reported three bids were received to tear down the house and shed at 407 South East Street. Mayor Klein opened the bids. John Feder bid to tear down the house and shed for landfill charges only. Blomenkamp Excavating bid \$5800. S.O.I.L. Excavating bid \$5,492. On all bids the Village is responsible for disconnect of utilities, permits, fill dirt and level dirt at grade.

A motion was made by Geppert; seconded by Hamon, to accept the bid from John Feder to tear down the house and shed for land fill charges only. A vote was answered aye by Newbold, Ruhmann, Geppert, Hamon and Wilson.

Tyler Liefer is waiting to hear back from Gilbert Electric and Ameren regarding what needs to be done to get the electric turned on for the marina campgrounds.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ADA

Nothing new to report.

POLICE

Chief Simburger asked to purchase two LED lights for the 2015 Impala for more visibility, not to cost more than \$250.00.

A motion was made by Ruhmann; seconded by Geppert, to approve the purchase of two LED light bars for the 2015 Impala not to cost more than \$250. A vote was answered aye by Newbold, Ruhmann, Geppert, Hamon and Wilson.

Chief Simburger received a call on a third boat in the marina and they will work with the Village.

PERSONNEL

Nothing new to report.

IMPROVEMENTS & GRANTS

Tyler Liefer reported the STP grant has been submitted.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

Nothing new to report.

TREASURERS TIME

The monthly Treasurer's report was submitted for the board's review.

A motion was made by Hamon, seconded by Newbold, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Ruhmann, Newbold, Hamon and Wilson.

CLERKS TIME

Michelle noted the last payment is being made on the marina dredging loan.

The web site is progressing, last year's minutes are on the web page now. It was said if we would have gone with a company that quoted us a price to rebuild the web page versus who is currently working it, it was going to cost the Village \$4,000 to \$5,000 plus a monthly \$30 fee.

MAYOR'S TIME

Mayor Klein said his wife had to go to the hospital by ambulance. He said they were very professional and did an outstanding job.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was discussed to open the village hall for board meetings and committee meetings at the last board meeting and to be voted on during this meeting.

A motion was made by Geppert, seconded by Ruhmann to open village hall for board meetings and committee meetings. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Ruhmann, Newbold, Hamon and Wilson.

Tyler Liefer reported our contract with Noritic Energy has ended. The broker found a five-year contract with Hudson Energy for .0713 cents per kilowatt hour. Ameren currently charges .105 cents per kilowatt hour. Tyler noted we have been going with a supplier for nine or so years now and it has saved the village money.

A motion was made by Hamon, seconded by Ruhmann to enter into an electric supply contract with Hudson Energy for sixty months at .0713 cents per kilowatt hour. A vote was answered aye by Geppert, Ruhmann, Newbold, Hamon and Wilson.

Trustee Newbold said his wife seen on Facebook that a new resident in town had gotten stuck as well as her husband. Some people who they didn't know helped dig them out as well as a public works employee. Newbold said on Facebook we read so much that is negative about the town, it was refreshing to see something positive on Facebook about the town.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Michelle Neff
Village Clerk

Richard Klein
Village President