

JUNE 1, 2009  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:30 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Peterson with the following members present:

B. Gibeau, T. Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: D. Peterson, Dillbeck, and Gregory.

Motion by Kness, second by B. Gibeau to approve the May 4, 2009 regular meeting minutes and the closed session minutes. Roll call votes: B. Gibeau – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Marianne Doonan and Meghan Overton present from Bi-State Regional Commission. Ms. Doonan informed the Board that she would be retiring July 1, 2009, and that Ms. Overton would be taking her place on the Village's sewer project and grants. Ms. Doonan informed the Board that all the information for the grant had been gathered and sent in, and now they were waiting on the letter confirming the grant money release. She also stated that she had contacted engineer John Rogiers about the change of staff. Ms. Doonan explained the environmental issue, the contract with the engineer for design engineering, and requested that Bi-State look at the engineering contract. She recommended naming the CDAP Grant fund the Design Engineering Account. The Board asked that Ms. Overton keep in touch about the project and grant. She agreed.

Martin Allen present concerning the wells that were put in for the gas line leak from the Allen's Standard Station. He stated that the wells cannot be taken out until the EPA is done, and that his new company on this matter is Lantec. Mr. Allen stated that he had paid the Village \$1,300 for demolition/excavation permits beginning in March of 2000. Village Attorney Steele recommended that the Village should have a letter from the EPA stating that the wells are clean and no further action is needed. President Peterson suggested to the Board that the Village repay one-half the permit fee in the amount of \$650, and hold the other half until the EPA has completed its investigation.

Motion by Kness, second by T. Gibeau to refund one-half the demolition/excavation permit fee in the amount of \$650 to Martin Allen, and hold the other half until a letter from the EPA is received. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, and T. Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by B. Gibeau to table the Prevailing Wage Ordinance until all the information from the State has been received per Attorney Steele. Roll call votes: B. Gibeau – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to have Village Attorney Steele contact the owners of 705 Main Street (Contract Funding) to do the 48 hour notice on the violation of the weeds/grass and file suit if no action is taken by the owners, and include the Mercer County Health Department on this matter, also.

The Board reviewed the water drainage problems at West Franklin Street on the Gary Anderson property and the drainage of water through North Second and Third Avenues. President Peterson stated he had contacted Tom Whiting about these problems, and he was putting together an estimate on correcting the situations. President Peterson

further stated that the field on the North side where Second and Third Avenues are had about two feet of water after the last rain, and that that much water in the field will make the water back up into the Village quicker.

Sheila Shull present concerning the drainage of water. President Peterson explained that when the creeks are full it backs up into the waterway and will always have trouble, because the waterway goes to the field then to the creek.

The Board asked Attorney Steele about going on private property to reshape the ditch at Second and Third Avenues, and that there are four property owners. Attorney Steele stated that there should be an agreement with the adjoining property owners or an easement, and if the ditch is creating a nuisance and health hazard it could be a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. The Board agreed to have President Peterson and Police Chief Brendal to contact the adjoining landowners that anything restricting the water flow needs to be removed and is creating a nuisance, and give these landowners reasonable time to correct the situation ( like a week or two) and give them Tom Whiting's name as someone to contact that could work on the problem and emphasize that it is not the Village's responsibility.

Motion by Kness, second by T. Gibeau to go into Closed Session for the Purpose of Personnel.

CLOSED SESSION 8:15 P.M.

The meeting was opened at 8:25 P.M.

The Board agreed to have Village Attorney Steele review the Police Chief Contract.

The Board agreed to have the Budget Committee meet to prepare the 2009-2010 Budget/Appropriations, and have Clerk Johnson contact the Committee members to set up the meeting.

President Peterson reported that Tony's Plumbing and Heating is working on the hydrants, and that there is no new information on the Newberry water situation.

President Peterson stated that the sewer project loan from the Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois had been signed and is in the General Fund now, but will be put into a new account.

President Peterson reported that Tom Whiting had been at the West Franklin Street property of Gary Anderson and fixed a part of the problem of drainage and will leave it for awhile to see if this takes care of the problem. The matter was tabled.

President Peterson reported that he had contacted the Insurance Exchange Company concerning the work on the maintenance building repairs, and that Wick sent an estimate to fix the trim where the snow plow had hit the door.

President Peterson stated that two people had applied for the maintenance job, Stacy Tompkins and Daryl Ray Young, and had a meeting with the two applicants and the current maintenance personnel. President Peterson stated he had both applicants sign a form to allow background checks on both, and that he told the two applicants he would let them know in a week but it may take a month. President Peterson stated that he would like to go with both applicants to see how they work out for a trial period to see what they can do. The Board agreed to consider this idea and table any action until a background check..

Police Chief Brendal presented the May Police Report. He reported 70,300 miles on the squad, thirteen seat belt violations, other violations, reports that people are driving too fast on South Eleventh Avenue, he is working with the Davids on their property, and they had started cleaning, but then over the weekend they brought in more stuff, and he (Chief Brendal) is not sure what is going on. The Board instructed Chief Brendal to take pictures and give notice on this property. Chief Brendal stated the police digital camera is not working, but will have it checked out. Chief Brendal stated that he was worried about the CDAP grant for equipment or squad, because the Village is getting the CDAP funds for the sewer.

The Board agreed to have the outside water fountain fixed at the Ball Park.

The Board agreed to have Chief Brendal check into who owns the truck trailers that are parked behind the Depot.

Motion by Kness, second by T. Gibeau to authorize the May 2009 bills. Roll call votes: B. Gibeau – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness to adjourn. Seconded by all. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson  
Village Clerk