

OCTOBER 4, 2010
REGULAR MEETING
7 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: Smith, T. Gibeau, Kness, Gregory (7:08 P.M.), Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Dillbeck.

Motion by Kness, second by Smith to accept the September 7, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Smith – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Brendal presented the September Police Report. He reported 89,832 miles on the squad, maintenance was done on the squad, the squad's headlight was okay, ordered a module for the squad, completing an inventory list of the police department and a safety equipment list, donated reflective vests that are compliant with requirements, made a list of police equipment that the department lacks such as no arrow sign, road closed signs, barricades, traffic cones (6 have been donated by Ameren to the Village), orange 18" cones at a cost of \$7.90 each (20 cones recommended = \$158) so that the Village would have 26, traffic signs cost \$18 - \$47 each, and caution tape at 10,000 feet from Gall's at \$90 plus shipping. Chief Brendal stated that this was his last night as Police Chief for the Village and thanked the Board for the last four years. Chief Brendal resigned, because he has taken the position of Police Chief at Woodhull, Illinois. Chief Brendal stated that he had a schedule done for October and November for the Village, and violations were up to date. He informed the Board that the police department had part time officers Bill Engle, Gordon Nichols, and Shawn Meier, and that he can help out on a part time basis for a temporary chain of command . President Peterson stated that he would talk to Officers Nichols and Engle on their hours of duty. Village Attorney Steele stated that the court date for Contract Funding would be November 4, 2010 for Chief Brendal.

President Peterson reported on the two water main breaks and valves, their repairs, and that there is one more to fix.

John Roegiers, of Missman, Stanley, and Associates engineers, present. President Peterson told Mr. Roegiers about the water valves bad condition, and stated that the Village would like to add water lines along with the sewer work . President Peterson said that he would get together with Mr. Roegiers on the matter.

President Peterson stated that with the budget restraints and water main problems, water rates were raised to \$20 for the first 4,000 gallons and \$3.50 per thousand thereafter starting the last quarter of 2010 payable in January 2011, but he addressed changing the quarterly billing to every other month with the penalties staying the same.

Motion by Smith, second by Kness to amend the water ordinance by changing the billing from quarterly to every two months beginning in 2011, but with new water rates beginning in the final quarter of 2010. Roll call votes: Gregory – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Smith – aye. all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board instructed Village Attorney Steele to prepare the amendment for the November Board meeting.

John Roegiers present and had met with President Peterson concerning the sewer project and location plans. President Peterson brought Mr. Roegiers up to date on the housing interest and the Rodeo Association's concerns about the lagoon on the Village property at the northwest corner of the Village.

President Peterson stated that the Village should keep the housing development with ten houses a viable option, but the sewer is priority number one, and that the Rodeo Association has expressed interest in purchasing ground from the Village.

John Roegiers, engineer, informed the Board that the engineering aspects show the site selected, with the facility plan submitted more than a year ago, and identified and agreed on the ground on the north side, being the preferred site to move ahead with that. Mr. Roegiers stated that the Village would have to go back to the EPA to redo. Mr. Roegiers explained the pros of the north site, including that the Village is in good shape with the EPA using the north site with a list of items the Village has completed. Also, the Village has done the design costs with the design grant, and moving ahead with the design, and the Village is pretty far along with the site with a footprint of a plan of 1 – 1.5 acres, and in detail with the lagoon with the berm area taking up the west side of land. Mr. Roegiers stated that the design will be complete by mid November and will submit it to the EPA, but the EPA response may take ninety days for their review and approval. Mr. Roegiers stated that the Village will then look to the next round of CDAP grants for construction sometime around mid February. Mr. Roegiers stated that the south side of the Village for a sewer site presented the problem that the Village does not own any property so the Village would have to negotiate a purchase of land. Mr. Roegiers stated that there would be a time window, and then the Village would have to go through all the same processes as has been done for the north side, and that the land would present a time issue with the land having to be surveyed and platted. Mr. Roegiers said that the timing is not good, because the Village would lose a lot of time and not make the February deadline. Also, he said that the land on the south side is rougher and not flat with slopes out further, which would make a need for more area for the lagoon and berm.

Leonard Luxmore of the Rodeo Association present with the Associations concerns over area and odors. Mr. Roegiers stated that they work with a group about that, and they state that there have been no odor complaints from residents or facilities close to the lagoon. Mr. Roegiers gave examples of Plymouth and Toulon, Illinois and showed photo examples of systems by schools, ball parks and residential areas. Mr. Roegiers stated that the systems go deep to keep surface footprint limited and honor the soil types. Mr. Roegiers said that the size of the sewer will accommodate twice the size of the Village, and does not require a full time sewer maintenance person, just someone to check each day, maybe an hour, check lift stations, but no one needed on site, but the person would need to take a class and test for a class license. Mr. Luxmore had no questions. President Peterson stated that there is still a possibility of selling some acres, but the Village would have to look at the sewer design. President Peterson said he would meet with the Rodeo Association on the matter.

Mr. Roegiers stated that Bi-State is a big help assisting with the grants, and that is another reason not to switch sites around.

President Peterson said that not much has been done about the housing development. He said that the area at the LLC Contract Funding, Allen's property, and

Hargis property would be a good area to improve with that project, but that he would not talk to Mercer County's Jenny Garner until more is done on the sewer.

President Peterson stated that Dean Friichtenicht is retiring from the Water Department as meter reader and will be at the November meeting for recognition of his forty – one years of service.

President Peterson reported that the tile at the Walsten property was done by Tom Whiting.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to go into Closed Session due to litigation. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Smith – aye, and Gregory – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

CLOSED SESSION 8:32 P.M.

MEETING OPENED 8:45 p.m.

Village Attorney Steele stated that the Allen's Bulk Plant is in a "no man's land" at this time with Judy Allen not claiming the property. He said that the Village could put a lien on the property and foreclose like a bank, and then inherit the property, but there is the possible EPA problem of the gas spill.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to file a lien on the Allen's property for the cost of mowing and upkeep of the area. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Smith – aye, and Gregory – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Ralph Smith presented Reuben James as person to take the vacant trustee position created by Bruce Gibeau. President Peterson nominated Reuben James as trustee to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Smith, Second by Gibeau to accept the nomination of Reuben James as trustee to fill the Bruce Gibeau Trustee vacancy (4 year term, but to be filled at next election). Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Smith – aye, and Gregory – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in Reuben James as trustee.

President Peterson stated that Chief Brendal will assist with the search for a new police chief. Chief Brendal gave President Peterson a list of possible candidates, but stated that Gordon Nichols, part time officer, was not interested in the position, but that Bill Engle, part time officer, was interested, but was not out of the Guard until February.

President Peterson stated that there was really no problem with placing an ad in the newspaper for two weeks, and the Village might just catch someone interested in the position. Chief Brendal stated he would work one night a month.

Motion by Kness, second by T. Gibeau to place an ad for the police chief position in the Argus/dispatch for two weeks as before on October 15, 16, 17, and 22, 23, and 24 with resumes in by October 25, 2010. Roll call votes: Gregory – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Smith – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board asked Chief Brendal to work one day a month, and he stated that he would be done October 4, 2010 with one week vacation. The Board will pay Brendal through the October 15, 2010. The Board agreed to have Chief Brendal as acting chief until the next Board meeting on November 1, 2010.

The Board set Halloween Trick or Treat for Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Motion by Kness, second by Smith to keep Chief Brendal as acting chief until next Board meeting on November 1, 2010 (October 15 through November 1). Roll call votes: Smith – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, and Gregory – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to authorize the September Bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Smith – aye, Gregory – aye, and Gibeau – aye. all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to adjourn. Voice votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson
Village Clerk

