

JUNE 6, 2011
REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Peterson with the following members present: Trout, James, Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Loving, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent- none.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to accept the May 2, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in Duaine Schmitt as Trustee elected to a four year term.

President Peterson nominated Dennis Loving to fill the trustee position vacated by Kathy Gregory. Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to accept the nomination of Dennis Loving as trustee to fill the vacancy of Kathy Gregory for a two year term.. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, James – aye, and Trout – aye.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in Dennis Loving as trustee.

Police Chief Stotts present for the May police report. He reported 102 calls, a list of duties preformed, 114,020 miles on the squad car, and introduced Jim Pierson of ILEAS, mutual aid organization for the State Organization of Illinois Law enforcement Alarm System including weather, terrorist, criminal or any aid necessary. Chief Stotts stated that with one phone call he would have mutual aid, and the cost would be \$25 for the Village's agreement, with the organization being funded by federal tax money. President Peterson stated that this system would go along with the Village's emergency program.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to join the ILEAS for \$25 the Village has the approval of Village Attorney Steele on the contract. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, and James – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson presented the 2011 Committee List with the Chairman named first.

Police Chief Stotts requested a Police Chief Contract at two years, May 1 to May 1 with a 2% increase each year beginning June 1, 2011 and June 1 2012.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to have a contract with Police Chief Stotts for two years with a 2% increase each year beginning with the fiscal year May 1, 2011. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, Loving – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that there are eight or nine violations on weed/grass, and that Chief Stotts has met with Village Attorney Steele on the problem. President Peterson tabled the matter until Attorney Steele can explain the procedure at next month's meeting, because some the Village cannot mow because the Village cannot find the property owner.

President Peterson recommended canceling the court date on Contract Funding LLC due to the fact that they have so many fines from others, and the Village was informed of their foreclosure, and the cost to the Village.

Motion by Schmitt, second by James to have the Village not go to court against Contract Funding LLC on June 13, 2011 due to all the fines, and the cost to the Village. Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that he is waiting for better direction from Attorney Steele on mowing properties in violation.

President Peterson reported that the 2011 MFT oiling and chipping project with Mercer County will be at the end of June, with tearing up South Second Avenue by the Post Office and elevator, and Franklin Street between Tenth Avenue and Eleventh Avenue. President Peterson said he asked for a 72 hour notice before the project begins, and that the Village is doing some patching now. He also stated that the Village is putting off sidewalks until after the Fair and Rodeo and estimates of costs can be gotten.

President Peterson stated that the sewer project is working towards the construction permit. President Peterson informed the Board of a meeting with Scott Kammerman, engineer, Bi-State's Meghan Overton, USDA representative Duane Smith, Clerk Johnson, and himself on preparing for a USDA loan.

Scott Kammerman present with easements, plat map, and an explanation of going through yards to minimize footage and save money.

President Peterson asked the Board where the Village wants to put laterals, and hook ups on vacant properties unless the owner is taking a house down. President Peterson told the Board he has a few in mind and they would go over the map.

Scott Kammerman explained the EPA letter stating that it was a nice warning and that every year the Village will submit a preapplication, but there was not enough time to get in this action. He also explained that it was a nice deal, but no permits were in by this time, and that the Rural Development, (USDA) has the Village available for up to a 1.5 million grant with better payments, and a 38 year loan with a better swing with the payments. He also stated that the facility plan for the sewer has been sent to Duane Smith with the USDA wording.

Scott Kammerman further informed the Board of an internal timer with the EPA construction permit application of ninety days, He stated that they need more time, and that he knows the representative at the EPA. Also, he said that the NPDES permit is part of the process and valid for five years, with 180 days to do renewal. Mr. Kammerman said that Missman, Stanley Engineers will keep track of the time, and it is a test of our patience with the regulations, engineering and administration.

President Peterson stated that K & R Tree Service will be in the Village this week.

President Peterson reported that the Village made the sewer loan payment to the Bank.

Kevin Willems, Village Treasurer, present with the annual fiscal year report. Mr. Willems stated that the State is four to five months behind in payments, and that the General Fund is down.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to accept the FY May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011 treasurer's annual report. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Gibeau – aye, James – aye, Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Budget Committee, Trout, Kness, and Gibeau, set a Budget meeting for June 25, 2011 at the Village Hall beginning at Noon.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that the Water Consumer Confidence Report had been submitted and published as required.

President Peterson stated that there has been no word from the Depot Park Committee on the Partlow tree or donated clock.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to accept Ordinance Number One, Series 2011, Prevailing Wages. Roll call votes: James – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the generator was in the Village Hall garage for inspection by the Board, that it does run, its cost is \$375.00, and would be for the Hall.

President Peterson stated that the generators for the lift stations would be needed at each sight.

Motion by Kness, second by James to purchase the generator at \$375. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, James – aye, and Schmitt – aye.

Village Clerk Johnson reminded the Board that the next board meeting would be Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7 P.M. due to Monday's July fourth holiday.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to authorize the May 2011 bills. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to adjourn. Voice Votes: all votes in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk