

REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2011
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: Loving, Trout, James, Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to accept the October 3, 2011 regular Board meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All vote were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that he had no information provided on the Darci McGaughlin matter, therefore it was tabled.

President Peterson reported that the tree stump is still at the Skallberg property, even though the tree is removed.

President Peterson stated that the Depot Park Committee had started on the clock's foundation in the Depot Park.

Jolene Easley and her daughter Kayla present concerning burning times in the Village. Mrs. Easley explained that her daughter has asthma, and smoke causes problems with her breathing, so she cannot be outside to play when there is burning going on. She requested specific days be designated as burn days, and other days no burning days. Mrs. Easley asked that the Village's burn ordinance be amended so not every day of the week is a burn day with the exception of wiener roasts. President Peterson stated that he felt a time frame of 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. for leaf burning, and no burning at all on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and the fire must be attended even when smoldering.

Motion by James, second by Schmitt to amend the Village's Burn Ordinance (Ordinance 3, Series 2002) to state no burning may be done on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays, only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, James – aye, Trout – aye, and Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to pass the amendment to the Burn Ordinance next month.

Jolene Easley also requested from the Village to make a two car rock driveway from the road to the sidewalk at her property, since the present driveway has the retaining wall on the Village property.. The Board agreed to hire the work done and submit the bill to the Easley's, with Tom Whiting doing the work on the north side of the house, out of the road for the snow plow.

Police Chief Stotts presented the October police report. He reported \$109,582 miles on the squad, 111 calls, 1 warrant, evidence on cell phone, meeting with the police committee, and will have a demonstration on a camera for the department at a sale cost of \$4,000, with \$2,000 for an in car head set. Chief Stotts is going to meet with the Rodeo Association, because they have indicated that they would donate funds for the camera head set. Chief Stotts also stated that he is working with the Viola Police Department on a homicide in Viola, there were two wheel tax at court that attorney Steele took care of, Chief Stotts completed his NIMS training, four vehicles were tagged and then moved. The Police Committee stated that Chief Stotts had recommended giving the part time officers a \$1 an hour raise, and Chief Stotts said that he would handle the duties, so that

another officer did not need to be hired at this time. President Peterson stated that due to the availability of funds, and the sewer project, the matter of a raise for part time officers should be a consideration at the next budget. The Board tabled the raise matter.

President Peterson stated that Walnut Street was completed by Tom Whiting. He also stated that South 5th and 6th Avenue culvert work has not been started.

President Peterson stated that the maintenance department will do a temporary fix on the sidewalk that was taken out and use patch on it due to budgetary matters.

He also stated that the Village has extra sand and chips, and the maintenance department is getting ready for snow removal. President Peterson said that they are looking into a hoist, and he wants to keep the spreader inside the maintenance building. President Peterson instructed the maintenance department to get information on a hoist at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

President Peterson stated he had talked to all involved in the easements for the sewer project, and all have agreed. Scott Kammerman, sewer engineer, present and stated that they are into November for easement problems.

Mr. Kammerman stated that a fee is now needed for an NPDES permit in the amount of \$2,500, and the EPA won't review the sewer plans until that fee is paid.

Motion by Schmitt, second by James to pay the \$2,500 NPDES permit fee. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, and James – aye. all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Clerk Johnson was instructed to follow the specific instructions on the NPDES letter for the payment.

President Peterson reported that John Carlson got word from his pension board that he can be the on sight person from the Village along with Missman for the sewer project. President Peterson stated that as soon as the Village knows about the grant funds, the Village will bring John Carlson aboard, but will have him meet with Scott Kammerman and staff to find out how this works with the company.

Scott Kammerman reported that the sewer project is now over the \$5 million mark, and doing the project in a Phase 1 and Phase 2 through Rural Development is a better chance of getting funding. Mr. Kammerman stated he had talked with Duane Smith of the Rural Development, and he recommends the project be laid out in two phases, one as a separated collection system with a contract, and the plant the other with an unestimated cost due to not knowing who the bidders will be. Mr. Kammerman said that the project will be on each side of the highway, north and south, with packaging the north side with the lagoon as phase 1 at estimated \$3.8 million, and package phase 2 on the south side at estimated \$2.2 million. He stated that this is the best deal, since he is not sure how the payments would be spread out, and he is working on the paperwork to make the loan application work. The Board directed many questions to Mr. Kammerman, but he said he would direct them to Duane Smith concerning the money. President Peterson cautioned that funds may not be there, but the Village has to move forward, and that the Board should not be short sighted on doing the full project. Mr. Kammerman said he would have the plat at the end of the week along with information on the agreements.

Village Attorney Steele stated that he was leaving after Thursday for Texas for Thanksgiving.

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

Motion by Schmitt, Second by James to raise the telecommunication free 25%. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, James – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Attorney Steele stated that Wheel Tax at court now costs \$159 , so he suggested that the Village amend the Wheel Tax ordinance to state that a cost of \$100 be paid to the Village as late fee, rather that pay \$159 court cost. The Board agreed to consider this.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk