

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2014

7 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the Village Board was called for the purpose of reviewing funds available to the Village's sewer project from the USDA, and the next steps to continue the project, and to appoint a trustee to the Reuben James vacancy.

Acting President Schmitt called the meeting to order with the following members present: Loving, Trout (arrived 7:10 p.m.) Gibeau, Kness, Schmitt, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Also present were Lorali Heintzelman of the USDA, Meghan Overton of Bi-State, Village Attorney Steele, Village Engineer Scott Kammerman, John Carlson, Mike Peterson, Kevin Willems, and Tyler Whiting.

President Schmitt nominated Tyler Whiting to fill the trustee vacancy.

Motion by Gibeau, second by Loving to accept the nomination of Tyler Whiting to be appointed to the office of trustee to fill the vacancy. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau - aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in Tyler Whiting as trustee

President Schmitt announced that the Village had received a letter from the USDA stating that the Village had been awarded a Water and Waste Disposal Loan un the amount of \$3,600,000 and a Water and Waste Disposal Grant in the amount of \$2,380,000, and also Reserve Funds in the amount of a Grant \$1,144,540 have been loaded into the Village's account and are ready to obligate.

Ms. Heintzelman reported on the letter and the funds being received, and stated that it was twice the amount than any other community received.

Ms. Heintzelman stated that she was present to go over the letter of conditions and checklist. President Schmitt stated that he wanted all the Board members present, so that they would be aware of what was happening.

Ms. Heintzelman stated that the Village's Attorney would work with Chapman and Cutler as the Bond Council, and the total amount was \$6,728,000. She also stated that the Village should still be working towards the CDAP Grant in the amount of \$450,000, so that it will be received before construction would begin. She stated that the CDAP is awarded a year from now, but that the loan money must be spent first, then the grant money. She said the Village will have to set up an account for the money to be deposited in, and a construction account. She also stated that the user rates will pay for the loan, and there appears to be at least 316 users now to pay for the system. She said a new

ordinance on this will have to be prepared and adopted by the rural development. She quoted the interest rate on the loan is at 3.25%, but could go lower if a lower rate is made available. She continued that every month there would be a review before a payment, and a full inspection would be made. She also said that Rural Water Association could be helpful and a certified operator would need to be hired.

Meghan Overton of Bi-State reported that the CDAP grant would be applied for in June of 2015 and awarded in the fall around October of 2015 and would run from June 1, 2015 to June 1, 2016. The Board noted that the Village's fiscal year is May 1 to May 1.

Ms. Heintzelman read the letter of conditions and explained them as she read. She asked the Board to hold off on the checklist until the Village is closer to needing the items. The Board agreed.

She presented a letter of intent to meet conditions with the USDA. The Board agreed to the letter. And President Schmitt signed the document.

Mike Peterson reported that the Village still needs more surveys returned for the CDAP grant, and that a low to moderate income resident could receive up to \$3,500 in assistance in installing their sewer. Ms. Heintzelman told the Board to get as many as they can to answer the survey. Ms. Overton stated that the Village needed 235 surveys returned and to have 51% showing low income. The Board also requested more maps sizes 11X17 and two 20X 30. Ms. Overton said there could only be 1 survey per household.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk