

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 12, 2015**

Call To Order:

President Brandt called the meeting to order on May 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll.

Members in Attendance:

Trustees: Rich Curtiss, Linda Gonnerman, Jerry Hayes, Dan Kunz, Jackie Lickes, and Kevin Stewart. Others present: S. Rice, D. Luke, S. Townsend, K. Olson, A. Haas, L. Trost, D. Bradley, and S. Young.

Installation of Trustees:

President Brandt asked that the Village Clerk, Susanne Young, administer the oath of office to the newly elected officials from the April 7, 2015 consolidated election. Clerk Young administered the official oath to Kevin Stewart, Rich Curtiss, and Dan Kunz as Village Trustees.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Lickes to approve the agenda. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Approval of Minutes:

President Brandt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2015 and special meeting of April 28, 2015. Clerk Young noted a correction in the regular board meeting minutes. Kunz moved and Stewart seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion passes.

Treasurers Reports:

President Brandt asked for approval of the Treasurers Report as submitted by Treasurer Diane Bradley. President Brandt stated this is final report of the fiscal year and thanked all departments in controlling expenses. A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Curtiss to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Motion passes.

Accounts Payable:

President Brandt asked for approval to authorize payment of claims and List B as submitted. Clerk Young asked permission to add two additional bills from Ink & Paper for \$70.00 and Viking Chemical for \$1,254.40. Stewart moved and Lickes seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims as presented. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Voting nay: Curtiss. Motion passes.

Police:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Curtiss to approve the Police Report for the month as submitted by Chief Trost. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Water & Sewer:

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Curtiss to approve the Water Report as submitted by Kari Olson and the Sewer Report as submitted by Don Luke for the month. All members voting aye. Motion passes. It was noted the unaccounted water amounts were lower than on previous reports. Water Superintendent, Kari Olson stated that she read the flow meters to coincide with the meter reading time schedule.

Street:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Stewart to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by Steve Rice. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Public Comments:

Amy Laskye gave an update on the NW IL Art Fest being held July 18 & 19, 2015 at Stockton Memorial Park which is being hosted by Stockton Strong. Laskye made a request to the village for a \$1,000 sponsorship donation to help with expenses. Stewart moved and Curtiss seconded to donate \$1,000 to the NW IL Art Fest. Voting aye: Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

Scott Noller read a letter to the board expressing his concerns and personal opinions on how he felt things are being handled by Village President, board and personnel.

Ron Koncz, 250 W. Blackhawk Lane voiced his concerns with the lack of street sweeping, appearance of street signs and blighted properties in the village.

Bill Jenkins expressed his concerns with the odor produced by Brewster Cheese periodically and the need for the Village to work toward resolving this issue.

John Scott gave an update of the terrace tree carving sculpture project. The committee has chosen "Cartoon style barnyard animals" as their theme for carving the trunks of trees within the terrace areas and are now working on logistics and funding of the project.

Committee Reports:

Water, Sewer & Garbage:

Effluent Flow Meter

Kunz moved and Stewart seconded to accept the proposal from L.W. Allen to replace the Effluent Flow Meter at the Sewer plant for \$4,851.59. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes. Motion passes.

Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds:

Resolution No.15-13 – Amendment of the Sidewalk Replacement program, In order to get reimbursed for replacing sidewalks the owner must follow the required specs provided for the construction of the sidewalk and obtain two (2) estimates for the work. The Village will reimburse the property owner 50% of the lowest estimate once the work is completed and proof of payment is received. Curtiss moved and Lickes seconded to pass Resolution No. 15-13 as presented. Voting aye: Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz. Motion passes.

Exterior Paint Beautification Program

Trustee Curtiss stated that we are implementing an exterior paint program for village residents which can be used towards residential and commercial buildings. Residents will be reimbursed up to \$250 for paint which must be purchased in Stockton. There also will be a limit of five (5) applicants this year on a first come basis. Lickes moved and Kunz seconded to approve the exterior paint program. Voting aye: Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes. Motion passes.

Downtown Building Panel Material

Trustee Curtiss stated the Village of Stockton, Stockton Chamber and Stockton Strong are working with business owners to install fencing in the gaps between the buildings downtown. This project is being coordinated by Randy Pepin and will be installed by volunteers. Curtiss moved and Lickes seconded to pay for the fencing material up to \$550. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Motion passes.

Pole Banners

Amanda Pierce, owner of Creativeations passed out samples of banners they are working on to be installed on poles downtown and along highway 20. Various ideas were discussed and she will work on ideas which were presented. Also, previously the board had approved the \$1,600 cost, but by adding a removal decal noting Stockton's 125 year anniversary, there is an additional cost of \$367. Curtiss moved and Stewart seconded to pay the additional \$367 for the pole banner decals. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion passes.

Wayfind Signs

Randy Pepin, representing Stockton Strong, has been working with IDOT and pending approval by IDOT, Wayfind signs would be installed at the Highway 20 / Hwy 78 South intersection pointing to downtown Stockton noting Downtown, Stockton Museum, and Village Hall. The cost of 4 signs (2 wayfind and 2 trailblazer signs) would be \$1,360 and Pepin is requesting the Village apply for the signage and pay for 1/3 or \$453. Curtiss moved and Stewart seconded to have the village apply for the signs and pay \$453 towards the cost. Voting aye: Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

Speed bumps

Curtiss moved and Gonnerman seconded to purchase and install speed bumps along Pearl Street, one set by the pool and one set by the ball diamond for \$2,000. Curtiss noted these are removal as to not interfere with snowplowing. President Brandt also stated that “children playing” and “20 mph” speed limit signs have been placed along the park since last year. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman. Voting nay: Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Hayes. Motion does not carry.

Economic Development: No Report

Police: No Report

Finance and Purchasing:

Fireworks donation

Trustee Gonnerman stated the Stockton Fireworks Committee is soliciting cash contributions to help fund the fireworks on July 4th. Gonnerman noted the Village donated \$1,000 last year. Gonnerman moved and Lickes seconded to contribute \$1,000 to the Fireworks committee. Lickes stated she would like to see the Village make an annual donation for this event. Curtiss stated he would like to Village donate more as it is Stockton’s biggest yearly celebration and brings many people to town. Gonnerman amended the motion and moved to donate \$2,000 which was seconded by Kunz. Voting aye: Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes. Motion passes.

Personnel:

Trustee Lickes reported that they have interviewed applicants for the full-time public works position and hope to have it filled soon.

Unfinished Business:

Award Safe Routes to School Project

President Brandt stated the letting of the Safe Routes to School Project was April 24, 2015 and the low bidder was Civil Constructors. This project is primarily being funded by federal funds administered by IDOT. Stewart moved and Curtiss seconded to award the Safe Routes to School Project to Civil Constructors for \$415,991.60. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Motion passes.

New Business:

Resolution No. 15-14 – Reimbursement for Medical Insurance Premiums for fulltime employees. This states the Village will compensate a full time employee for private medical insurance so long as that premium is less than the premium paid by the village. Stewart moved and Kunz seconded to pass the resolution as presented. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion passes.

Utility Identity Theft Prevention Program Policy

Clerk Young explained that it is mandated by the Federal Government to review the Utility Identity Theft Prevention Program Policy yearly. Stewart moved and Curtiss seconded to approve the policy as presented. Voting aye: Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

Announcements:

Rich Curtiss noted there will be a Veterans Memorial meeting May 14th at 7:00 p.m. Randy Pepin thanked Steve Rice for his help with the “Wayfind Sign” program. John Scott stated the USA Tug of War Association has sanctioned a tug of war event in Stockton on August 29th which coordinates with the “Fall into Stockton” event. They will also have a non-sanctioned event on July 4th. Amy Laskye stated the Chamber will hold a ribbon cutting event at 10:00 for Livonia Massage Therapy on Friday, May 29, 2015.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Curtiss to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hiring personnel at 9:05 p.m. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes. Motion passes.

The board returned to open session at 10:15 p.m. following a motion by Lickes and seconded by Stewart. Voting aye: Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Stewart to offer the public works position to two people, Voting aye: Stewart, Kunz, Lickes. Voting nay: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes. President Brandt voted yes to break the tie. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Curtiss offer \$18 per hour to the new employees and after completion of probation to increase to \$19 per hour. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Voting nay: Hayes. Motion passes.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Kunz that the meeting be adjourned at 10:42 p.m. All members voting aye. The motion carried.

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