

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 13, 2014**

Call To Order:

President Brandt called the meeting to order on May 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll.

Members in Attendance:

Trustees: Rich Curtiss, Linda Gonnerman, Dan Kunz, Jackie Lickes, and Kevin Stewart.
Absent: Scott Noller. Others present: S. Rice, D. Roberts, K. Olson, D. Luke, I. Logemann, A. Haas, L. Trost, D. Bradley, and S. Young.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Lickes to approve the agenda. All members present 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 8, 2014. Stewart moved and Curtiss seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion passes.

President Brandt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the special board meetings held April 29, 2014 and May 1, 2014. Hearing none, he asked for approval. Lickes moved and Stewart seconded to approve the minutes of April 29th and May 1st. All members present voting aye. Motion passes.

Treasurers Reports:

President Brandt asked for approval of the Treasurers Report as submitted by Treasurer Diane Bradley. A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Gonnerman to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

Accounts Payable:

Stewart moved and Kunz seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims totaling \$93,070.43 and List B. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

Police:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Curtiss to approve the Police Report for the month as submitted by Chief Trost. Trustee Stewart also thanked Chief Trost for recognizing Officer Powers and Officer Patridge for their hard work with the Meth labs

investigations and arrests made this month. All members present voting aye. Motion passes.

Water & Sewer:

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Lickes to approve the Water Report as submitted by Dale Roberts and the Sewer Report as submitted by Don Luke for the month. Trustee Stewart questioned the shut-off list and status of payments and it was noted we need to work on the excessive water use policy. Utility Clerk Irene Logemann was thanked for her efforts with collections. All members present voting aye. Motion passes.

Street:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Curtiss to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by Kari Olson. Gonnerman questioned the status of the surplus 2008 Dodge pick-up. President Brandt stated that it will be put out for bid. All members present voting aye. Motion passes.

Public Comments:

Amy Laskye announced that the “Fall into Stockton” event has been moved to September 13, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Laskye stated they have a number of new and exciting things they are planning for this year. As the hours are being extended they are requesting for the road closure to be from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. and will need traffic support during that time.

Ron Koncz brought up the following concerns:

- Striping downtown – Was told that the Village is planning to stripe the downtown this year.
- Stop sign Queen & Hudson – Currently vehicles traveling eastbound do not have to yield or stop but westbound vehicles have to stop. He feels that is a dangerous intersection.
- Would like to see the Village continue to send letters to property owners when they let their property deteriorate.

Trustee Curtiss stated he would like to see the 30 mph speed limit lowered through the downtown and if it can be done. Chief Trost stated IDOT determines speed limits and several requests have been made through the years but he will contact them again.

Amy Laskye gave a brief summary of the MAPPING program where the group identified four main objectives for the program.

1. Thriving Retail Sector
2. Festivals, Events, and Fun Activities
3. Attracts, Develops & Retains Businesses
4. Beautifying the downtown district.

Amy stated at Session 5 there was a large number of guests from a variety of organizations & agencies that will be able to help Stockton to reach its goals by either providing knowledge or by helping with funding requirements. She announced Randy & Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services will be explaining Stockton's TIF program at Stella's on Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 a.m. There will also be a follow-up meeting June 9th for maintaining the momentum. Plans for a Town Hall meeting scheduled to be held Saturday, August 16, 2014 are in the works.

MSA:

President Brandt stated Nick Wagner, from MSA, was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following update:

Hwy 78 Water Main Crossing and Replacement Design and Permitting

The permit forms have been submitted to IEPA and IDOT. Both agencies have what they need to issue permits. Once funding is in place, the project can be bid and construction can commence.

MSA also has prepared the Engineering Design Contract Amendment #1 in the amount of \$5,230. This amendment adds the water main replacement area between Queen and Railroad Avenue to the project. Kunz moved and Stewart seconded to approve Amendment #1 for \$5,230. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

Water System Assistance

MSA has been in contact with Attorney Paja regarding water service provided to Simmons Street trailer court property. A draft letter has been prepared.

Wastewater Treatment Facility, Lift Station and Collection System

MSA continues to provide assistance regarding the sewage collection and treatment systems as directed.

The Stockton Cheese billing/invoice structure has been revised for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The revised June invoice will be issued later this week.

Community Funding & Planning Services:

President Brandt stated Sharon Pepin contacted Mike Leslie of Willett & Hofmann and they are moving forward with the Safe Routes to School project with development of the construction drawings and project report simultaneously per discussions with IDOT. Willett & Hofmann plan to submit to IDOT prior to June 13 which corresponds with advertisement for bids for the November 7, 2014 IDOT letting.

Committee Reports:

Personnel:

No Report but Trustee Lickes thanked all the employees for all the work they are doing.

Water, Sewer & Garbage:

Trustee Kunz reported on the committee meeting held on May 6th. Discussed the water tower cleaning which is scheduled to be done this summer. Dale Roberts would like to have the outside cleaned which would be an added cost. The recommendation was to continue to do the scheduled washout & visual inspection as scheduled and have Dale get costs for outside cleaning.

The Community Garden is being expanded this year and the Village was asked about having another water source available for watering. Following discussion no change will be made in adding another water source.

Also discussed was the hole opening up on Route 78 South which is part of the water main project. IDOT wanted this repaired immediately so Civil has done that.

The committee also reviewed the plans to install the water line at the Veterans Memorial site.

Kunz stated the final item discussed was the draft for an excessive water use adjustment policy. It was recommended that more review is needed before approving the current draft.

Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds:

Chairman Curtiss reported that the Village planned a Red Maple tree in memory of Wayne Bardell, former VFW Commander, for this year's Arbor Day Celebration.

President Brandt also announced that the closing for the purchase of the former FHN building is tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2014 and that the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2014 for a Special Use Request to allow that property to become a Police Station.

Finance and Purchasing:

Trustee Gonnerman reported they met on April 15th and April 22nd to finish working on the budget and wage adjustments for FY 14/15.

The committee met again on May 6, 2014. Chief Trost has been researching telephone, alarm and video surveillance systems for the Police department at the proposed new location. Gonnerman moved and Lickes seconded to authorize Chief of Police Trost to purchase telephone, alarm and video-surveillance systems and arrange installation within the budgeted amounts. Voting aye: Stewart, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Abstain: Curtiss. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

Mini Excavator

Gonnerman stated the Public Works department has been renting the mini excavator from E. S. Lieb which is now for sale. Also included is a breaker attachment and trailer for the cost of \$25,000. Gonnerman moved and Curtiss seconded to authorize the purchase of the mini-back hoe from E. S. Lieb for \$25,000 and the cost will be equally divided

between the Water, Sewer and Street departments. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

Portable Trash Pump

Gonnerman moved and Stewart seconded to purchase a portable trash pump for the water department for \$1,402. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes Stewart, Curtiss. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

VFD – Well #4

The final item discussed was the installation of a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) for Well #4. Gonnerman noted this is part of our plan to install controllers on all our well pumps. Herrell Electric has submitted an estimate to build and install a 125 hp VFD for \$22,925. Gonnerman moved and Kunz seconded to authorize Herrell Electric to build the VFD per specifications & estimate of \$22,925 for installation at Well #4. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

Economic Development/Subdivision: No Report

A committee meeting will be scheduled before the next board meeting to discuss the status of the Carpenter Street trailer park and seasonal food vendors along highway 20.

Police:

Stewart stated the Village of Stockton have reached an agreement with Teamsters Local 722 and the final paperwork will need to be signed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Class B Liquor License Requests – Fireworks Committee & Stockton Museum/Kraft Reunion.

President Brandt said a request has been received for a Class B liquor license from the Fireworks Committee to sell alcohol at the Stockton Park on the 4th of July. He noted that the required paperwork and proof of dram shop are in order. Stewart moved and Lickes seconded to approve the “Class B” liquor license for the Stockton Fireworks Committee. Voting aye: Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

A request also has been received from the Stockton Museum/Kraft Reunion to sell alcohol at the Stockton Park on June 21, 2014 during the Kraft family reunion weekend. Stewart moved and Lickes seconded to approve the “Class B” liquor license for the Kraft Reunion on June 21, 2014. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Absent: Noller. 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. There are no changes on the policy this year. Lickes moved and Kunz seconded to approve the policy as presented.

Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

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 already supports them with monitoring the beer tent and traffic control. Lickes stated Stockton is known for their 4th of July celebration and it is extremely difficult to raise funds for the fireworks. Lickes moved and Stewart seconded to contribute \$1,000 to the Fireworks committee. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss. Voting nay: Gonnerman. Absent: Noller. Motion passes.

Announcements:

Clerk Young announced that our Audit will be the week of May 27th.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Curtiss that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m. All members present voting aye. The motion passes.

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