

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 12, 2014**

Call To Order:

President Brandt called the meeting to order on August 12, 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, Scott Noller and Kevin Stewart. Others present: S. Rice, D. Roberts, K. Olson, D. Luke, A. Haas, D. Bradley, L. Trost and S. Young.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Kunz 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 July 8, 2014. Kunz moved and Stewart seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All members 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 Curtiss to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Motion passes. Next President Brandt asked for approval of the Annual Treasurers report. Lickes moved and Curtiss seconded to approve the Annual Treasurers report as submitted. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Motion passes.

Accounts Payable:

When the accounts payable were presented the clerk asked permission to include five additional bills from Herrell Electric, Freeport Press, Verizon Business, Beyer Plumbing which total \$11,522.26 along with one from Timpe Construction for \$5,046.44. Lickes moved and Kunz seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims and list B and additional bills as presented. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, and Curtiss. 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. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Trustee Curtiss thanked Chief Trost for his recognition of Officers Vanderheyden and Patridge for their assistance with an ambulance call which helped save a life. Curtiss also stated he would like to meet the new SPYC Coordinator Alice Schaney.

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. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Street:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Noller to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by Kari Olson. All members voting aye. Motion passes. It was noted that the landfill will be locked because there have been numerous incidents of debris and construction materials being dumped without authorization.

Public Comments:

Randy Pepin thanked the board for listening to his ideas for a paint program and he will continue to work on ideas to present to the board in the upcoming months.

Pepin also noted that he along with Terry McGovern and Ashlie Simonson attended the Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting held earlier that day. He stated the CVB is closing their facility in Galena at the end of November. Pepin would like to see a CVB location put in Stockton as it is the “Gateway to Jo Daviess County” and will continue to look into possible locations in Stockton.

MSA:

Abby Kraemer, from MSA, attended the meeting and gave the following update:

Hwy 78 Water Main Crossing and Replacement Design and Permitting

Bids were received and opened on August 5th. Two bids were received:

Fischer Excavating - \$259,262.08

Civil Constructors - \$348,780.00

Both bids exceeded the Engineer’s estimate of \$188,600. The elevated construction costs are likely due to the lateness of having the project being bid.

MSA recommended the Village award the contract to Fischer Excavating (low bidder) contingent upon execution of the grant agreement and clearance of special conditions. Once contracts are prepared, a preconstruction conference will be scheduled and work can commence.

Water System Assistance – Mobile Home Park

MSA and Village Staff is scheduled to meet with the manager of the mobile home park on Simmons Street and an IEPA representative on August 14th.

Water System Assistance

MSA helped prepare the response letter to IEPA regarding their recent engineering inspection of the water system and noted what the IEPA is requiring to be completed in the upcoming months.

Community Funding & Planning Services:

Dan Pepin stated the Village received the award letter today for the CDAP grant in the amount of \$159,456 for the water main improvements needed along Route 78 South where the total project costs are estimated to be \$280,000 which includes engineering and grant administration.

Committee Reports:

Personnel:

Chairman Lickes reported the committee met on July 28, 2014 and reviewed the June 24th truck accident. Discussed was safety training and the need for proper documentation in the event of accidents. The Village will purchase any safety equipment which is needed and expects that employees will follow OSHA safety requirements on the job.

Water, Sewer & Garbage:

Trustee Gonnerman reported that the committee met on July 28, 2014 and discussed the delinquent water bill of \$1,073.44 for the property owned by Terry Schlichting at 242 N. Willis which goes back to November 2012 when the water meter was changed. Schlichting brought the issue to the Village in January 2013 after the water pipes in the unoccupied house had frozen and broke. Schlichting stated he requested the water to be turned off but admitted he should have checked on the property sooner. Gonnerman moved and Curtiss seconded to accept a payment of \$500 to be paid within 30 days of notification and also before water is turned on he will need to pay \$150 for a new meter and \$50 turn on fee. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

Simmons Street Trailer Park

Gonnerman stated the Village intends to provide, maintain and install water service to the mobile home park from our water main to a check valve and 4-inch master meter. Per MSA, the back-flow device requires an above ground installation and the mobile home park would need to comply with IEPA regulations and take responsibility for its own water supply sub-system and connection to our meter. A meeting with Village personnel and IEPA is scheduled for August 14, 2014.

Grant Administrator for Hwy 78 Water Main Project

The Village received two applications; one from MSA which was a notice of intent not to bid and the other quote was from Community Funding and Planning Services for \$9,000. Gonnerman moved and Noller seconded to approve the bid from CFPS in the amount of \$9,000 for grant administrator of the water main project on Rte. 78. Voting aye: Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion passes.

The final item discussed was the responsibility of water lines at the former Heartbilt Homes property now owed by Stockton Cheese. It was determined the customer is responsible for any water lines beyond the B-Box.

Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds:

Trustee Curtiss reported on the July 29th meeting and stated they discussed safety training for public works employees and also decided that CPR training is optional for them. They are looking into installing radiant heat in one of the Public Works buildings and salt shed and waiting for estimates. The dump truck received from the LESO program needs a new engine but it was decided to hold off doing any repairs at this time. We also are continuing to work through the many roadblocks with the safe routes to school project.

Finance & Purchasing:

Gonnerman reported that the Police squad dash cameras have been sent away for repairs and the estimate to repair them is approximately \$875.

Furniture for Police Department

An estimate for 6 chairs, conference table with 6 chairs, guest chair w/o arms and labor to rework existing office furniture was received from Wagner's Office Supply. Gonnerman moved and Stewart seconded to approve the purchase for \$2,387.00 from Wagner's. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

Economic Development/Subdivision:

Trustee Noller stated the committee reviewed a TIF Assistance Request from Stockton Hardware for the demolition of the property located at 120 W. Benton Avenue and construction of a gravel parking lot. Discussion concerns were of water run off once property is removed and percentage of assistance to be given. Following discussion Noller moved and Lickes seconded to approve a reimbursement of \$4,680 which is 30% of the eligible expenses of \$15,600. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller. Voting nay: Gonnerman, Stewart. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

President Brandt reported that M & M has purchased the Carpenter Street Trailer Court and has begun removing the trailers and cleaning up the property.

Police:

Trustee Stewart stated the Police department is in the process of moving to their new location and an open house will be planned.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Resolution No. 14-15 –Village of Stockton Homecoming Parade Resolution:

President Brandt stated this resolution is submitted along with a letter to IDOT asking for permission to close Highway 78 for the Homecoming parade being held on Thursday,

September 25th at 6:00 p.m. Lickes moved and Kunz seconded to pass Resolution #14-15 as presented. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Resolution No. 14-16 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.

President Brandt stated this pertains to ILEAS and they are updating their by-laws and they are asking all of their member agencies to adopt this new agreement. Stewart moved and Gonnerman seconded to pass Resolution #14-16 as presented. Voting aye: Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion passes.

Ordinance No. 596 Tax Abatement:

President Brandt noted that all board members received a copy of Ordinance No. 596 entitled, “An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2014 to pay the principal of and interest on the \$410,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 1997 of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois”. The tax abatement ordinance is to notify the County Clerk and the public that it is not necessary to levy taxes to cover the principal and interest payments that are due on the water tower loan. A motion was made by Noller and seconded by Kunz to pass the ordinance as noted. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Motion passes.

Ordinance No. 597 Tax Abatement:

President Brandt stated Ordinance No. 597 entitled “An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2014 to pay the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013, of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois”, is to notify the County Clerk that it is not necessary to levy taxes to cover the payments that are due on the sewer plant bond. Noller moved and Stewart seconded to pass Ordinance No. 597 as presented. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion passes.

Award Hwy 78 Water Main Repair Project:

President Brandt announced we have been awarded a CDAP grant for \$159,456.00 for the Hwy. 78 water main repair project and are able to award the contract to Fischer Excavating contingent upon execution of the grant agreement and clearance of special conditions. Stewart moved and Gonnerman seconded to award the contract to Fischer Excavating as noted. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

Announcements:

Amy Laskye announced the final “Movie in the Park” will be held Friday, August 15th and they will be showing “Land before time”. The second annual “Fall into Stockton” will be held Saturday, September 13th and “Stroll thru Stockton” is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2014.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Stewart to go into Executive session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Section 2 (c) (1) at 8:34 p.m. Voting aye: Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion passes.

The board returned to open session at 9:25 p.m. following a motion by Stewart and seconded by Curtiss. Voting aye: Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion passes

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Curtiss that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. All members voting aye. The motion passes.

APPROVED _____

ATTEST _____