

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
September 9, 2014**

***Call To Order:***

President Brandt called the meeting to order on September 9, 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:***

President Brandt noted an addition of Resolution 14-20 to the agenda. A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Lickes to approve the amended 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 August 12, 2014. Kunz moved and Noller 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 Noller and seconded by Stewart to approve the 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 eight additional bills totaling \$2,915.37. Noller moved and Stewart seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims, List B and additional bills as presented. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion passes.

***Police:***

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Stewart to approve the Police Report for the month as submitted by Chief Trost. Trustee Curtiss questioned Chief Trost on the status of appointing an officer to be in charge of ordinance violations and was told he was working on it. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

***Water & Sewer:***

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Stewart 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 Curtiss to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by Kari Olson. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

**Public Comments:**

Amy Laskye, Chamber President, reminded everyone of the “Fall into Stockton” event to be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in downtown Stockton. Amy also showed off one of the “Stockton Strong Shop Local” bags printed by Gateway Apparel which will be sold for \$5 and comes with a list of participating businesses. Lastly, October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Mapping Town Hall meeting, “Stroll thru Stockton” beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Randy Pepin asked permission to block off East & West Front Avenue during the “Stroll thru Stockton” event on October 4<sup>th</sup>. His request was granted.

Bob Zdziarski asked for an update on the water main repair project for South Main Street. President Brandt stated we were waiting for the signed grant agreement from the state to move forward with the project with completion within the next 30-45 days.

Terry Schlichting, owner of the property at 242 N. Willis, paid the \$500 owed for his overdue water bill.

Randy Pepin thanked the Village for the sealcoat work done in the alley behind his property.

***MSA:***

Nick Wagner, from MSA, attended the meeting and gave the following update:

Hwy 78 Water Main Crossing and Replacement Design and Permitting

Fischer Excavating has been given the “Notice of Intent to Award” document. They have completed their bonds, insurance and contracting as well as submitted shop drawings for MSA’s review and will begin construction as soon as contracts are signed. The project duration is 30 days for substantial completion and 45 days for final completion once the preconstruction meeting is held on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Water System Assistance – Mobile Home Park

MSA has completed the preliminary design and permit preparation for the mobile home park water meter station. Once the Village signs the permit forms they will be submitted to IEPA for their review. The Village will need to decide whether it wishes to bid the project or directly hire a contractor to complete the work.

Water System Assistance-IEPA Response letter and As-Built Permit

MSA has submitted the necessary as-built information regarding Well #4 to the IEPA for their review.

***Audit:***

Steve Jordan of WIFPLi presented the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year audit. Jordan went through the letter and financial report provided and called attention to various items. Jordan stated the Village is subject to governmental auditing standards and compliance of funds must be noted. He next went through the audit page by page. He noted a good system of internal controls procedures requires segregation of duties so that no one individual can handle a transaction from its inception to its completion. It is the opinion of the audit staff that the Village does not currently have a large enough staff to satisfy these requirements, but strong supervision and review by the Board can compensate for this weakness. It is the opinion of the auditors was that the village could be given a “clean” opinion on modified cash basis.

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Noller to approve the audit as presented. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

**Committee Reports:**

***Personnel:***

No Report

***Water, Sewer & Garbage:***

Trustee Kunz reported that the committee met on August 26, 2014.

MSA Task Order

Kunz reported MSA has prepared a Task Order to complete the design and permitting of the mobile home park meter station for \$2,700. Kunz moved and Noller seconded to approve the task order as presented. Voting aye: Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion passes.

Sludge Transfer Pump for WWTP

Kunz stated that there are two sludge transfer pumps at the Sewer Plant which need to be replaced. One already has been pulled and sent to LW Allen to be rebuilt for \$6,500 with a 3 to 4 week lead time. The other pump is still in use but either needs to be rebuilt or replaced. The cost for a new pump is \$9,060 with a lead time of 5 to 6 weeks. Kunz moved and Gonnerman seconded to authorize the purchase of a new sludge transfer pump for \$9,060 from L.W.Allen. Voting aye: Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion passes.

#### Dehumidifiers for use at Well #5

Kunz moved and Lickes seconded to authorize the purchase of two dehumidifiers at \$200 each for the well house. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Motion passes.

#### Mobile Home Park Water Meter Station

Lastly, Kunz moved and Stewart second to approve the application for construction permit forms to be sent to IEPA for approval for the Simmons mobile home park meter station. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion passes.

### ***Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds:***

#### Insulate & Heat Public Works Garage & Salt Bay

Trustee Curtiss reported on the meeting held August 26. Estimates received from Shawn Saunders Insulation to insulate the garage at 104 Cherry Street and salt bay with either spray foam or fiberglass insulation were reviewed. Along with insulating these buildings an estimate to install radiant heaters were reviewed from Jansen Heating & Air Conditioning. Following discussion Gonnerman moved and Kunz seconded to insulate the salt bay with spray foam for \$8,734 and purchase a radiant heater for \$2,800. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

#### Cleaning Village Properties

Next Curtiss reviewed the estimate to clean the Police department and Village Hall weekly by Clean 'n Green. They are insured and will provide all cleaning supplies & equipment. Curtiss moved and Lickes seconded to have Clean 'n Green clean the Police Department for \$57/per week and Village Hall for \$45/per week. Voting aye: Lickes, Stewart, Gonnerman, Kunz. Voting nay: Curtiss, Noller. Motion passes.

#### Landscaping Police Department

A proposal from Fritz Nursery to remove and replace shrubs along the building and add mulch was reviewed. Following discussion it was decided not to take any action at this time.

Curtiss also noted that Orkin will add the Police Department to their monthly visits for Pest control for \$40.

### ***Finance & Purchasing:***

#### Security Bench

Trustee Gonnerman reported on the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting during which they reviewed the quote from Rod's Welding to construct a stainless steel security bench for the booking room in the Police Station for \$580. Gonnerman moved and Stewart seconded to authorize the construction of the bench for \$580. Voting aye: Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion passes.

### Flagpole

Quotes were reviewed from Rod's Welding and Freeport Flag Pole for a flagpole to be installed at the new Police Department. Stewart moved and Gonnerman seconded to accept the bid from Freeport Flag Pole for \$1,360. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Voting nay: Curtiss, Noller. Motion passes.

### ***Economic Development/Subdivision:***

Trustee Noller reported on the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting where they met with the owners of the food trailers on the Sullivan property and a property owner regarding the ability to operate legally per our Zoning ordinance at that location. Noller stated further discussion and review of the current ordinances will be required.

### Ordinance No. 598 – An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois and JJ & Freddie's, Inc.

Noller moved and Stewart seconded to approve a TIF request to reimburse 30% of eligible expenses over 5 years at approximately \$11,040 per year. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

Trustee Noller reported on the committee meeting held prior to the board meeting where the following Resolutions were discussed.

Resolution No. 14-19 – A Resolution of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, to induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Noller moved and Lickes seconded to enter into a TIF Inducement agreement with Sweet Alice's located at 107 N. Main Street. Voting aye: Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Kunz. Voting nay: Gonnerman. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

Resolution No. 14-20 – A Resolution of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, to induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Noller moved and Lickes seconded to enter into a TIF Inducement agreement with Barkau Automotive. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Gonnerman. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

### American Legion TIF Request

Trustee Noller stated the Village has received a request for TIF assistance request from Stockton American Legion Post 449 for new windows for their property at 128 E. Front Avenue. The project cost is \$6,500. Noller moved and Stewart seconded to provide TIF assistance to the American Legion for 30% or a \$1,950 one-time payment. Voting aye: Noller, Stewart, Kunz, Lickes. Voting nay: Gonnerman. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

### Briggs TIF Request

The Village also received a TIF assistance request from Bill Briggs for assistance to replace the existing oil furnace at his property located at 114 & 118 W. Front Avenue.

The project cost is \$3,320. Noller moved and Lickes seconded to provide TIF assistance for 30% or a \$996 one-time payment. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Voting nay: Gonnerman. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

#### Illinois Enterprise Zone

Noller stated the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act has been recently changed, and the old qualifying criteria has been deleted from the Act. All current Enterprise Zones are going to die, and DCEO is accepting applications for the creation of new Enterprise Zones. Noller moved and Stewart seconded to submit an application and encourage other communities in the county to apply. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Lastly, Noller stated they are looking into developing a facade improvement program for downtown buildings using TIF funds. More discussion will be needed.

#### ***Police:***

No Report

#### **Unfinished Business:** None

Trustee Gonnerman asked about the status of Data Technologies. President Brandt stated we terminated our contract with them and have heard nothing else from them. Gonnerman also asked what the status of the water tower maintenance program was for this year and was told that because of the Hwy 78 Water Main project it will have to be delayed until next spring.

#### **New Business:**

##### ***Amendment No. 2 - MSA Task Order for the Washington Avenue & Hwy 78 Water Main Project:***

President Brandt stated this amended task order for \$12,000 is required because of the addition of bidding and construction related services due to the project. Kunz moved and Noller seconded to approve the amended task order as presented. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

##### ***Resolution No. 14-17 – Establishing a Policy for Public Comments at Meetings of the Stockton Village Board.***

President Brandt stated this resolution establishes a policy of the Village Board to permit comments by the public at regular board meetings. Noller moved and Stewart seconded to pass the resolution as presented. Voting aye: Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion passes.

##### ***Resolution No. 14-18 – Resolution of Support.***

President Brandt noted this is a resolution of support for establishing a Visitors Center in Stockton. The CVB is closing the Visitors Center in Galena and the Village along with the Stockton Strong group would like to see it moved to Stockton. Noller moved and Curtiss seconded to support a Visitor's Center in Stockton. Voting aye: Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz. Abstain: Lickes. Motion passes.

***Electric Contract Renewal for the Village’s Water/Sewer Pumping accounts:***

President Brandt stated that the electric contract for the Village’s water/sewer pumping accounts is coming up for renewal in December 2014. Rock River Energy submitted a bid comparison with renewal pricing for 6 suppliers for 1, 2, & 3 year terms. Dynegy Energy was the low bidder at .05245 per kWh for 36 months. The recommendation from Rock River Energy is to lock the price in for 3 years, as it appears that energy is on the rise in the upcoming years. Noller moved and Curtiss seconded to choose Dynegy Energy as the energy supplier for the Village’s water & sewer pumping accounts for the next 3 years. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Motion passes.

***Announcements:***

Clerk Young announced that the Consolidated Election is scheduled for April 7, 2015 and the terms for Trustees Curtiss, Kunz, and Stewart are up for election and petitions will be available beginning September 23, 2014.

Young also announced Community Funding & Planning Services is hosting a Legislative Round Table Dinner on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Museum & Cultural Center in Savanna.

President Brandt announced we have received notification from Standard & Poor’s rating services that they have raised our credit rating from “A” to “A+”.

***Adjournment:***

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Lickes that the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m. All members voting aye. The motion passes.

**APPROVED**

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**ATTEST**

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