

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
November 10, 2015**

***Call To Order:***

President Brandt called the meeting to order on November 10, 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: Steve Rice, Don Luke, LaDon Trost, Tom Sheehan, Amy Haas, Diane Bradley and Susanne Young.

***Approval of Agenda:***

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

***Approval of Minutes:***

President Brandt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2015. Kunz moved and Lickes seconded to approve the minutes. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

***Treasurers Reports:***

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

***Accounts Payable:***

President Brandt asked for approval to authorize payment of claims and List B as submitted. Clerk Young asked permission to add four additional bills totaling \$2,049.38. Lickes moved and Curtiss seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims and additional bills as presented. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion carried.

***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 carried. Trustee Gonnerman thanked Chief Trost for submitting the monthly police reports in the Scoop.

***Water & Sewer:***

A motion was made by Lickes 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 carried.

***Street:***

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

**Public Comments:**

None

**Committee Reports:**

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

Trustee Curtiss reported on the committee meeting held October 28, 2015.

Bard Materials

Steve Rice stated a meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. with Steve Kluesner of Bard Materials if anyone wants to attend. They will be discussing options on alleviating the drainage issue and their encroachment of our water main casement along their property. Rice indicated MSA has forwarded signed easement agreements the Village has with adjoining land owners to Bard.

Scum Pump at Sewer Plant

Trustee Curtiss stated three estimates were received to replace the scum pump ranging from \$8,450 to \$15,966 plus \$300 for shipping. Curtiss moved and Stewart seconded to purchase the scum pump from Gastova & Associates for \$8,450 plus the \$300 shipping charge. Voting aye: Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Mathilda Drive Lift Station

Curtiss stated the electric knife switch was shut off at the Village's Mathilda Drive lift station which caused a sewer back up in Mark Heidenreich's basement at 172 Mathilda Drive. The Village filed a claim with their insurance company which was denied twice. However, because the switch had been turned off, the Village felt they should bear some responsibility for the damage. Heidenreich does have a sump pump insurance rider on his homeowners insurance but is requesting the village pay the \$500 deductible. Gonnerman moved and Curtiss seconded to reimburse Mark Heidenreich \$500 to cover his deductible for damage. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Hayes reported Mike Leslie from Willett Hofmann & Associates gave an update on the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project along Rush Street. Leslie stated the project is complete but for the watering of the sod. A walk-thru was also done on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and a punch list has been compiled. Village concerns were a couple locations of water puddles/pooling present at sidewalk locations during and after rainfall events. Civil will grind at three specific areas which should help the pooling. There were three sink holes on water tower hill which were caused when the landscapers attempted to plant trees but were unable due to the rocky soil. This will be repaired in the spring to allow for the area additional time to settle.

***Police:***

Trustee Hayes stated he contacted Stockton Township and they would like to purchase the Oshkosh truck. Stewart moved and Curtiss seconded to sell the LESO truck to Stockton Township for \$2,000. Voting aye: Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz. Motion carried.

It was also noted Chief Trost also is working with Attorney Paja on having the trailer court remove a trailer damaged by a fire.

***Finance & Purchasing:***

Replacement tires for John Deere Backhoe

Trustee Gonnerman stated Steve Rice has gotten four quotes for replacement tires for the 2001 John Deere backhoe and is recommending to purchase them through Broshous Tire & Auto for \$1,440.00 which was the low bid. Gonnerman moved and Stewart seconded to purchase the tires from Broshous for \$1,440. Rice stated he feels that we should also add tubes which was not added in the quote but will probably add \$200 to the cost. Gonnerman moved to amend her motion to add the tubes to the quote for the tires which was seconded by Stewart. Voting aye: Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

***Personnel:***

Completion of Probation

Lickes moved and Stewart seconded to approve permanent employment for Aaron Sullivan with the pay increase per the terms of employment. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Voting nay: Hayes. Motion carried.

***Economic Development & Subdivision:***

President Brandt stated at the last committee meeting the possibility of Stockton hosting a Peace Corp Fellow was discussed. We have since been informed that all have been placed for a January start. The next availability is September.

***New Business:***

***Resolution No. 15-23:*** Urging Illinois State Leaders to Release Non-General Fund Revenue Payable to Local Governments.

President Brandt stated this resolution requests the State to release specific funds such as Motor Fuel Tax, Use Tax, and Video Gaming funds that are not currently being distributed to local governments. President Brandt said he received an email late today that HB4305 was passed by the House of Representatives by 115 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 present.

Stewart moved and Curtiss seconded to pass Resolution 15-23 urging Illinois State Leaders to release non-general fund revenue payable to Local Governments. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 15-24:** 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.

Lickes moved and Kunz seconded to pass Resolution 15-24 to enter into a TIF Inducement agreement with Kim Mapes for the property at 101 S. Main Street. Voting aye: Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Gonnerman. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion carried.

***Ordinance No. 617 – Tax Levy:***

President Brandt stated the board members each received an explanation sheet and copy of Ordinance No. 617 entitled, “An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016”. It was asked if there were any questions or comments. Clerk Young noted a typo was discovered on page 6 and everyone has been provided a new page. A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Curtiss to pass the ordinance as provided. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes. Motion carried.

***Ordinance No. 618 Tax Abatement:***

President Brandt stated Ordinance No. 618 entitled “An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2015 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. Kunz moved and Curtiss seconded to pass Ordinance No. 618 as presented. Voting aye: Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz. Motion carried.

***Ordinance No. 619 Tax Abatement:***

President Brandt noted that all board members received a copy of Ordinance No. 619 entitled, “An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2015 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 Gonnerman and seconded by Curtiss to pass the ordinance as presented. Voting aye: Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

***“Class B” Liquor License Request:***

President Brandt stated a request has been received for a “Class B” liquor license from the Stockton Fire Department to sell alcohol at the Annual Feather Party, Saturday, November 21, 2015. It was also noted that the required paperwork and proof of dram shop are in order. Stewart moved and Curtiss seconded to approve the “Class B” liquor license for the Stockton Fire Department Feather Party for November 21<sup>st</sup>. Voting aye: Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

***Stray Dog Contract:***

President Brandt said it is the time of year to again renew the stray dog pick-up contract with the Jo Daviess County Animal Control office. He stated that this is an annual contract effective December 1, 2015 and the fee remains the same as last year - \$70 per call. Lickes moved and Curtiss seconded to approve the contract with Jo Daviess County Animal Control. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Hayes, Lickes, Kunz, Stewart. Motion carried.

***Announcements:***

Clerk Young announced that we will be hosting the next Mayors meeting which will be held at Stella’s on November 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Young also stated the next committee meeting is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

***Executive Session:***

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Curtiss to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Employee hiring at 8:35 p.m. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m. following a motion by Lickes and seconded by Kunz. Voting aye: Hayes, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

***Adjournment:***

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Lickes that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m. All members voting aye. The motion carried.

**APPROVED**

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**ATTEST**

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