

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

Call To Order:

President Brandt called the meeting to order on December 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. Luke, D. Roberts, K. Olson, A. Haas, L. Trost, D. Bradley, and S. Young.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Curtiss 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 November 12, 2014. Gonnerman noted a roll call name error. Noller moved and Lickes seconded to approve the minutes as presented with the change noted. 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, Noller, Stewart, Lickes. Motion passes.

Accounts Payable:

When the accounts payable were presented the clerk asked permission to include four additional bills totaling \$1,187.81. Stewart moved and Lickes seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims including List B and additional invoices as presented. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, and Curtiss. Motion passes.

It was noted that the invoice from Attorney Paja reflects a deduction of \$155.35 to be put towards the unpaid water bill left after the sale of property at 531 S. Main Street. The \$155.35 represents his fees for the sale of the house at that address. After some discussion the board agreed to allow the \$155.35 to be considered as closing the account.

Police:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Stewart 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 Lickes to approve the Water Report as submitted by Dale Roberts and the Sewer Report as submitted by Don Luke for the month. Trustee Curtiss expressed his concerns with the unaccountable water being reported on the monthly report. MSA Engineer, Nick Wagner recommended that Dale Roberts, Water Superintendent get costs for flow testing to be done on the wells. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Street:

A motion was made by Stewart 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:

Ann Coppernoll, president of Stockton Heritage Museum was in attendance and brought to the attention of the Village Board that Stockton will be celebrating its 125 year anniversary in 2015. Coppernoll reviewed activities the Museum is planning and welcomed any suggestions and support from the Village and Stockton Chamber.

MSA:

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

NPDES Permit Renewal Application

MSA has prepared the permit renewal for the wastewater treatment facility which needs to be signed by President Brandt prior to submitting which will be good for the next five years.

Waste Water Treatment Facility

Wagner commented on the issues involving the WWTF that had been discussed at the Committee meeting that took place before the board meeting. The Village did not meet effluent permit levels in October and November and is working with Stockton Cheese in making operational changes to improve the levels, following an onsite inspection by the IEPA held December 8, 2014.

Hwy 78 Water Main Replacement

The Certificate of Substantial Completion has been prepared for Fischer Excavating for the project. They have not submitted their payment application but hopefully this can be presented at the January meeting.

Community Funding & Planning Services:

Dan Pepin, of CFPS had no new business but also noted that the Hwy 78 water main project will not be closed out until spring to make sure all restoration is good.

Committee Reports:

Water, Sewer & Garbage:

Trustee Gonnerman reported Jim Haas, owner of the Stockton Car Wash, has been in contact with the Village over the settlement of his car wash building. Haas paid Northern Illinois Concrete Lifting, Inc. \$1,200 to mud jack the building and there is a potential further stabilization to be done in the spring for an additional \$400 fee. He is requesting the Village pay for this expense plus loss of revenue during the Hwy 78 Water Main construction project. Kunz moved and Stewart seconded to reimburse Haas up to \$1,600 for the mud jack work done and credit \$400 for loss of revenue upon having him sign a hold harmless release. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman. Motion passes.

Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds:

Trustee Curtiss reported they met on December 2 and listened to a presentation by village resident, John Scott, regarding using terrace trees stumps for chainsaw art instead of being taken down by the Village. John Scott is working on forming a committee to work on a theme & costs for the project.

Curtiss also noted that costs to remodel the former police department are being requested and the CAT used at the landfill was hauled to Bellevue, Iowa to get an estimate for possible repairs.

Economic Development:

Trustee Noller stated that the following resolutions and ordinance were reviewed at the December 2, 2014 committee meeting.

Resolution No. 14 -22 – TIF Surplus

A Resolution of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, declaring surplus from the special tax allocation fund of the Route 20/Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area.

Noller moved and Lickes seconded to pass Resolution No. 14-22 declaring a total TIF Surplus of \$25,000 to be paid back to the seven Taxing bodies. Voting aye: Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Gonnerman Kunz. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

Trustee Gonnerman asked all board members to please think about the reason we have established the TIF districts and how certain projects are more appropriate to help with than others.

Resolution No. 14-23:

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, as amended.

Noller noted FOF, Inc. is looking to make improvements on their facility and this agreement will allow them to move forward and that the Village will consider their

request for financial assistance. Noller moved and Lickes seconded to pass Resolution No. 14-23. Voting aye: Noller, Stewart, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

Ordinance No. 603:

Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois and Barkau Brothers Holding, LLC.

Barkau has acquired the property located at 416 East North Avenue and is installing lighting, security cameras, constructing a new curb and gutter and repaving the lot for an estimated investment of \$280,000. Noller moved and Kunz seconded to enter into a redevelopment agreement with Barkau Brothers Holdings for their estimated \$280,000 project with a reimbursement of 30% over 10 years. Voting aye: Stewart, Kunz, Lickes, Noller. Voting nay: Gonnerman. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion passes.

Personnel:

Employee Appreciation:

Trustee Lickes moved and Stewart seconded to approve annual appreciation bonuses of \$150 to fulltime employees and \$75 to part-time employees totaling \$2,625 to be paid on their next paycheck. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart. Motion passes.

Finance and Purchasing:

FY 14/15 Audit:

Gonnerman moved and Curtiss seconded to continue using WIPFLI as auditors for the upcoming fiscal year audit. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller, Stewart, Curtiss. Motion passes.

Police:

Trustee Stewart reported on the December 2nd committee meeting. Stewart said issues involving ordinance violations were discussed. Chief Trost and the ordinance enforcement officer will pursue solutions to rectify these violations as well as implement procedures to prevent future occurrences.

New Business:

2015 Liquor License Renewals:

President Brandt reported that all the current liquor license holders had submitted their checks for renewal of their licenses for 2015. There are ten license holders; Casey's, The Corner Tap, The Bottle Shed, Sullivan's, Shell Express Lanes, The Red Knight, Stockton Travel Center, Checo's, Coxy's Liquor and JJ & Freddie's. A motion was made by Noller and seconded by Curtiss to approve the 2015 liquor licenses. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Zoning Board Re-appointment:

President Brandt stated he would like to re-appoint Steve Levan to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term. Stewart moved and Curtiss seconded to approve the appointment of Steve Levan for a five year term. All members voting aye. Motion passes.

Renewal of NIEA Sludge Removal Contract Extension:

President Brandt noted the contract extension covers the spring and fall sludge removal for 2015 with Northern Illinois Environmental Applications, Inc. He noted the price is the same as the previous contract which is \$.026/gallon for land application and \$800.00 for mobilization, de-mobilization, set-up and tear-down. A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Noller to renew the contract for 2015 with NIEA. Voting aye: Noller, Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion passes.

Announcements:

Clerk Young announced she will be accepting petitions for the consolidated election to be held April 7, 2015 beginning Monday, December 15, 2014 until 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2014.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Noller to go into Executive session for the discussion of Personnel at 8:20 p.m. Voting aye: Stewart, Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Noller. Motion passes.

(Noller exits meeting)

The board returned to open session at 9:20 p.m. following a motion by Kunz and seconded by Lickes. Voting aye: Curtiss, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Stewart. Motion passes.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Kunz that the meeting be adjourned at 9:23 p.m. All members present voting aye; the motion carried.

APPROVED

ATTEST
