

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

**OCTOBER 11, 2011**

**ROLL CALL**

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked the Clerk to call the roll. The following responded: Rich Curtiss, Jackie Lickes, Howard Rowe, Kevin Stewart, Tim Zueger. Absent: Dan Kunz. Also present was JR Gardner, Don Luke, Dale Roberts, Steve Rice, Doug Wierema, Irene Logemann, Lillian Townsend and Sally Fischer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Rowe to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Brandt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2011. A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Zueger to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Stewart stated he wanted to clarify information regarding the Streets Committee meeting held on September 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the bid Bob Douglas received from a contractor for repairing a water runoff area on his property and their request for assistance from the Village. The committee had determined that we were not going to assist them with the improvements but would offer assistance under our new curb & gutter program if they so chose. All members present voting aye; the motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

President Brandt asked for approval of the Treasurers Report as submitted by Treasurer Sally Fischer. A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Zueger to approve the September Treasurers Report.

Voting aye: Curtiss, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

When the accounts payable were presented the clerk asked permission to add bills from Lyons Well Drilling for \$1,190.00, and from B-Squared for \$13,666.95. A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Stewart to authorize the payment of claims on List A & List B including the additional bills as requested. Voting aye: Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **POLICE**

A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Rowe to approve the Police Report for the month of September as submitted by Doug Wierema. Trustee Curtiss questioned Chief Wierema regarding the accident involving the police squad and overtime. All members present voting aye; the motion carried.

### **WATER & SEWER**

A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Rowe to approve the Water Report as submitted by Water Superintendent Dale Roberts and the Sewer Report as submitted by Sewer Superintendent Don Luke for the month. It was noted that four fire hydrants were replaced in September. All members present voting aye; the motion carried.

### **STREET**

A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Stewart to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by J. R. Gardner. Trustee Rowe asked when the Street Department would be beginning to pick up leaves. Street Superintendent JR Gardner said they were working on the leaf vac and will be putting it on the 2008 Dodge this year. He also stated that Lieb Excavating would begin work on replacing the catch basin on West Front Avenue Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. All members present voting aye; the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **TRICK OR TREAT HOURS**

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Stewart to set Trick or Treat hours from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. All members present voting aye; the motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 554 – MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION**

Clerk Young noted everyone received a copy of Ordinance No. 554, “Ordinance providing for the submission to the Electors of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, IL the question whether the Village should have the authority under Public Act 096-0176 to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program.” President Brandt stated that we need to pass this ordinance in order to have the referendum question be placed on the ballot for the March 20, 2012 election. If the referendum is successful, then the Village of Stockton will be able to solicit bids for electricity purchases for residential and small commercial customers. A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Lickes to pass Ordinance No. 554 as presented. Voting aye: Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

## **GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

President Brandt stated that according to our present ordinance we were going to visit it again prior to October 31, 2011. Presently there are three golf carts registered and no problems have been noted. Following discussion it was recommended to have the ordinance amended to make it permanent at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

### **MSA**

Marty Beranek of MSA stated we have received our loan agreement from IEPA and we are still waiting for authorization to make the formal award to Fischer Excavating for the water main project. He noted the current bid from Fischer Excavating will expire on October 21<sup>st</sup> and he will contact them to extend their bid for an additional 30 days.

### **WILLETT HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES, INC**

Matt Wagner, of Willett Hoffmann & Associates reported that the hot mix asphalt work has been completed. The Front and Hudson portion of the project came in under budget, so the remaining patches excluding the Front Street curb patching were added to the Motor Fuel Tax project. Civil Constructors, Inc. is requesting a final pay request in the amount of \$19,207.44. A change order which includes a credit of \$466.56 is also included for approval. A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Zueger to approve the pay request for \$19,207.44 to Civil Constructors, Inc. Voting aye: Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss, Lickes. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

Matt stated that the original resolution approved use of \$35,000 for motor fuel tax work. Total cost for motor fuel tax work this year is \$40,136.96 which includes construction and engineering. A resolution appropriating \$5,136.96 for motor fuel tax funds to account for the cost difference must be passed. A motion made by Rowe and seconded by Zueger to pass the resolution appropriating \$5,136.96 as noted. Voting aye: Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss, Lickes, Rowe. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

### **Landfill**

New gas probes have been installed. The remaining work consists of sampling of the gas probes and submitting the report to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **WATER & SEWER**

*A Committee meeting was scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.*

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chairman Lickes reported the committee met on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The committee reviewed TIF assistance requests from Terry McGovern owner of the building located at 100 N. Main Street and a revised request from Stockton Hardware.

Ordinance No. 555 – An Ordinance approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Terry McGovern

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Zueger to pass Ordinance No. 555 approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Terry McGovern for TIF assistance in the amount of \$30,900 payable in 5 yearly installments. Voting aye: Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger. Absent: Kunz. Abstain: Curtiss. Motion carried.

Lickes stated that Stockton Hardware's revised request has new project expenses to include paying prevailing wages.

Ordinance No. 556 – An Ordinance approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Stockton Hardware, Inc.

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Zueger to pass Ordinance No. 556 approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Stockton Hardware for TIF assistance not to exceed \$35,000 payable in 5 yearly installments. Voting aye: Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Lickes. Absent: Kunz. Abstain: Curtiss.

Also discussed were incentives to get new businesses to locate to downtown area.

**STREETS**

Chairman Stewart reported on the committee meeting of September 20<sup>th</sup>. Dan Bergman of the Corner Tap is redoing the alley approach on Benton Avenue and at the same time would like to have the sidewalk, curb and gutter redone. Bergman submitted an estimate from M & M Concrete for \$1,990.00 which would be the Village's portion and he has offered to pay 30% or \$600 of \$1,990.00. A motion made by Stewart and seconded by Zueger to pay for Village's portion of the repairs in the amount of \$1,390.00. Voting aye: Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

The next item discussed was the repairs to the catch basin on West Front Avenue damaged from the June 23, 2010 rain storm. Street Superintendent JR Gardner received an estimate from E. S. Lieb Excavating to remove and install the catch basin for \$2,463.00. All pipe and basin material will be supplied by the Village of Stockton. A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Rowe to accept the bid for \$2,463.00 from E. S. Leib Excavating to repair the catch basin on West Front Avenue. Voting aye: Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss, Lickes. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

The final item discussed was repairing the street along the curb on West Front Avenue from Main to Pearl Street. We received a quote from Civil Construction for \$3,547.50 to hot mix a three foot wide strip from Main to Pearl Streets. A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Lickes to accept the quote for \$3,547.50 from Civil Construction. Voting aye: Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss, Lickes, Rowe. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

**FORESTRY & SIDEWALK**

Trustee Rowe reported that he and Steve Rice attended a Tree Risk Assessment Workshop held at the Stockton Park house. It was very informative and many topics covered.

**PERSONNEL**

Trustee Lickes reported that the committee met on September 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> to interview three candidates for the opening for a police officer.

**Hire Police officer**

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Stewart to hire Robert Michael Plavchak as a fulltime Police officer at \$15.75 per hour with one year probation starting on October 13, 2011. Voting aye: Curtiss, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart. Voting nay: Zueger. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Zueger to adjust the rate of pay for Don Powers from \$15.50 to \$16.25 upon hire of the new patrol officer to align with pending pay scale. Voting aye: Curtiss, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

A committee meeting was scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> to continue working on pay scales for employees.

**Appoint Treasurer**

President Brandt announced he will be appointing Lillian Townsend as Village Treasurer effective November 9, 2011. A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Zueger to approve the appointment. Voting aye: Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried.

**POLICE**

Chairman Zueger reviewed several police vehicle options replacing the Dodge Charger which was wrecked. Following a lengthy discussion on several vehicle options, a motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Stewart to purchase a Dodge Ram 4 x 4 quad crew pickup truck replacing the Dodge Charger. Voting aye: Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss. Absent: Kunz. Motion carried. The Village will work with Barkau Automotive to get state purchase pricing through Thomas Dodge Chrysler Jeep.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

President Brandt reported that the lease of the 36.4 acres of farm ground is expiring on February 28, 2012. We have not heard if Wayne Simmons is interested in extending the cash farm lease with the Village of Stockton but will follow up on it.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Clerk Young announced that the annual TIF Joint Review Board meeting will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at the Village Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Zueger that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m. All members present voting aye; the motion carried.

**APPROVED**

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**ATTEST**

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