

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 8, 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, Dan Kunz, Jackie Lickes, Howard Rowe, Kevin Stewart and Tim Zueger. Also present were Steve Rice, JR Gardner, Don Luke, Dale Roberts, Sally Fischer, Irene Logemann, LaDon Trost, and Lillian Townsend.

**SWEAR IN VILLAGE TREASURER**

President Brandt said the first action would be the swearing in of a new Village Treasurer, Lillian Townsend by Clerk Sue Young.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Rowe 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 meeting of October 11, 2011. Hearing none, he asked for approval. A motion was made by Lickes seconded by Zueger to approve the minutes as presented. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

President Brandt asked for approval of the Treasurers Report as submitted. A motion was made by Rowe seconded by Kunz to approve the October Treasurers Report. Voting aye: Curtiss, Kunz, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

When the accounts payable were presented the clerk asked permission to add a bill received from Mullen's Tree Care for \$4,750 for tree maintenance and removal. A motion was made by Zueger seconded Stewart to authorize the payment of claims on List A and List B as well as the bill submitted by Mullen's Tree Care. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**POLICE**

A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Lickes to approve the Police Report for the month of October as submitted. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

**WATER & SEWER**

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Zueger 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; the motion carried. It was noted that approximately 20 new meters have been installed.

**STREET**

A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Kunz to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by J. R. Gardner. It was noted that the Street Department are beginning to pick up leaves and the new set up is working well. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FIBER OPTIC/REGIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK**

Dan Payette of Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation & Development gave a presentation to the board explaining how iFiber (Illinois Fiber Resources Group) was developed to address the issue of limited broadband capacity, speed and service in nine counties of northwest Illinois. He stated that in 2010, the broadband initiative received a \$68.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to deploy a 900 mile network across the northwest Illinois region. The installation of the iFiber cable is being put in our area at this time and a decision will need to be made if the Village wants to participate. The cost would be approximately \$100-\$125 per month per location once service is started which could be sometime in 2012.

**RESOLUTION #11-06 APPOINTMENT OF AN AUTHORIZED AGENT TO ADMINISTER ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND**

President Brandt stated this resolution is required to appoint Lillian Townsend to be the authorized agent for the Village of Stockton for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Stewart to pass Resolution #11-06 as presented. Voting aye: Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss, Kunz. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 557 TAX LEVY**

President Brandt stated the board members each received an explanation sheet and copy of Ordinance #557 entitled, “An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012”. It was asked if there were any questions or comments. A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Lickes to pass the ordinance as provided. Voting aye: Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss, Lickes, Kunz. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 558 TAX ABATEMENT**

President Brandt noted that all board members received a copy of Ordinance #558 entitled, “An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2011 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”. A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Zueger to pass the ordinance as noted.

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

**“CLASS B” LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST**

President Brandt said a request has been received for a “Class B” liquor license from the Stockton Fire Department to sell alcohol at the Annual Feather Party, November 25<sup>th</sup> which needs to be approved by the Board. He noted that the required paperwork and proof of dram shop are in order. A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Stewart to approve the “Class B” liquor license for the Stockton Fire Department for the annual feather party. Voting aye: Zueger, Curtiss, Kunz, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart. Motion carried.

**STRAY DOG PICK-UP CONTRACT**

President Brandt said it is the time of the year to again renew the stray dog pick-up contract with the Jo Daviess County Animal Control office. This is an annual contract effective on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The fee will be the same as last year - \$70 per call. A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Zueger to approve the contract as presented. Voting aye: Curtiss, Kunz, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 559 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

Clerk Young stated that the present golf cart ordinance noted that we would review the ordinance yearly. This amendment would make it permanent. A motion was made by Rowe and seconded by Zueger to pass Ordinance No. 559 as presented. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss. Motion carried.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**MSA**

Marty Beranek of MSA stated he had nothing new to report on the Water Main Project.

**COMMUNITY FUNDING & PLANNING SERVICES**

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services reported that we will be awarding the water main project to Fischer Excavating once we finish up our environmental review. We have done our public hearing and had no comments and have sent it off to the state and expect to have a sign off by November 21<sup>st</sup>. MSA will contact Fischer Excavating asking for an extension of their bid proposal because the current bid tentatively ends November 20<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Zueger to give President Brandt authority to issue notice of award, contingent upon getting the environmental clearance letter from the state. Voting aye: Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss, Kunz. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **WATER & SEWER**

#### **RAS Pumps**

Committee chairman Dan Kunz reported on the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Quotes were received to replace the RAS pumps at the Sewer Plant. A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Zueger to purchase (2) All Prime, Model S4 pumps from L.W. Allen for \$17,377.00. Voting aye: Rowe, Stewart, Zueger, Curtiss, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

Also discussed were the pumps at Cherry Street lift station and more investigation will be required before a recommendation can be made.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at noon at Village Hall.

### **STREET**

#### **Blackhawk Bluffs street lights**

A committee meeting was scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>. Steve Rice will contact the electrical contractors for updated quotes for installing street lights on Hubert and Eugene Streets.

### **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Stewart to set the wage for newly appointed Treasurer Lillian Townsend at \$14 per hour.

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

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **POLICE**

Don Powers presented a proposal for a new club sponsored by the Stockton Police Department called Stockton Police Athletics. He explained that there is a need for wholesome activities in our area and it is extremely important for the children to get to know the officers in a friendly and interactive environment with positive mentoring. The club would use both organized sports events and play theme events to interact with the area youth. One of the first events being planned is a youth wrestling tournament. The clerk will check with the Village's insurance company regarding liability.

A motion was made by Zueger and seconded by Stewart to support the proposed Stockton Police Athletic program. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

Trustee Curtiss asked the Police Department to continue monitoring business owners/employees parking in front of their buildings on Main and Front Streets during business hours.

### **PURCHASING**

Clerk Young stated she has received a quote for a new Dell computer for the desk the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk share for \$723.00. The old computer is four years old and will be moved to the desk of the Village President. A motion made by Curtiss and seconded

by Lickes to approve the computer from Dell for a cost of \$723.00. Voting aye: Zueger, Curtiss, Kunz, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart. Motion carried.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

Trustee Curtiss noted we have contacted Wayne Simmons who currently is leasing the farm ground at the landfill with an offer to extend the lease for one year. A motion was made by Curtiss and seconded by Stewart to extend the lease for the 36.4 acres of farm ground for one year for \$6,600. Voting aye: Curtiss, Kunz, Lickes, Rowe, Stewart, Zueger. Motion carried.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

A Committee Meeting was scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Dollar General.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Zueger that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

**APPROVED**

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**ATTEST**

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