

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 13, 2018**

Call To Order:

President Brandt called the meeting to order on November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Trustees: Linda Gonnerman, Dan Kunz, David Julius, Jackie Lickes, Rhonda Perry, Kevin Stewart. Staff present: Don Luke, Steve Rice, Kari Olson, Aaron Sullivan, Rena Eden, Amy Haas, Cheryl Bourland, Tom Sheehan, Diane Bradley & Susanne Young.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Kunz 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 9, 2018. Kunz moved and Gonnerman seconded to approve the minutes. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

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

Accounts Payable:

When the accounts payable were presented Clerk Young asked permission to add bills received from Rockford Register Star for \$2,240 for advertisement for the water main improvement project and Herrell Electric for \$42,705 for on-going repairs resulted from flood damage to the sewer plant in 2017 which is partially covered by insurance. A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Lickes to authorize the payment of claims on List A and List B as well as the additional bills totaling \$44,945. Voting aye: Julius, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Police:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Gonnerman to approve the Police Report for the month submitted Chief Sheehan. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Julius 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 Kunz and seconded by Gonnerman 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:

Economic Development:

Ordinance No. 660 – An Ordinance of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois and Marquita Brown.

Lickes moved and Kunz seconded to approve Ordinance No. 660 to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Marquita Brown for the property located at 117 N. Main Street. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18-14:

Lickes moved and Julius seconded to approve Resolution No. 18-14 which is the Appropriation of Funds from the Village's Redevelopment Area Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Payment of Public Infrastructure Expenditures. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius. Motion carried.

Water, Sewer & Garbage:

Trustee Gonnerman reported on the committee meeting held on October 23, 2018.

Gonnerman noted the 2019 Water System Improvement Project was put out for bid, with a pre-bid meeting on November 4, 2018 with MSA, Community Funding and Planning Services and interested contractors. The bid opening will be held at the Village Hall on December 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

The next item discussed was the Water Main Extension to the Waste Water Treatment Facility. MSA along with Community Funding & Planning Services are working on the plans for this project for submission to the IEPA, for permitting and review for funding. MSA has prepared a contract to complete the design. Gonnerman moved and Stewart seconded to approve the Design Engineering Contract with MSA in the amount of \$38,600 for the WWTF Water Main Extension Project. Voting aye: Lickes, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz. Voting nay: Perry. Motion carried.

Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds:

Trustee Kunz reported they met with Amber Cummins from Perfection Property Restoration. They specialize in disaster restoration for fire, flood, mold, etc. Kunz moved and Gonnerman seconded to enter into a Standard Facility Agreement at no charge with Perfection Property Restoration. Voting aye: Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

Audit:

Steve Jordan of WIFPLI presented the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Audit. Jordan went through the General Communication which summarizes the audit process which reported

that no difficulties were encountered performing and completing the audit requirements. Jordan next called attention to the financial report provided and explained various items and recommended the board take the time to review it.

Perry moved and Lickes seconded to approve the Audit as presented. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius. Motion carried.

Police:

Trustee Gonnerman noted were advised by Chief Sheehan that the computers used in the squads will need to be replaced and they are currently using loaners from the County.

Finance and Purchasing:

Trustee Perry stated the current employee's medical insurance policy which expires November 30th is no longer available but will be replaced with a comparable one. Perry moved and Julius seconded to approve the new medical insurance plan for the employees. Voting aye: Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

Property Liability & Workers Comp Insurance

Trustee Perry noted we received two quotes for our property liability insurance which is up for renewal at the end of December. The lower quote received was from our current carrier HCC Public Risk Illinois for \$44,631. The Workers' Comp yearly premium was lower at \$21,081. Also discussed if there was a need to add cyber security insurance coverage which would be an additional cost of \$1,602 per year. Following discussion it was decided more investigation is required before adding cyber coverage.

Perry moved and Lickes seconded to remain with the current insurance package through The Bauer Group for the property, liability and worker's comp insurance. Voting aye: Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz, Lickes, Perry. Motion carried.

Personnel: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ordinance No. 661 – Tax Levy:

President Brandt stated the board members each received an explanation sheet and copy of Ordinance No. 661 entitled, "An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019". A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Gonnerman to pass the ordinance as provided. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Stewart. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 662 - Tax Abatement:

President Brandt stated Ordinance No. 662 entitled "An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2018 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. Gonnerman moved and Kunz seconded

to pass Ordinance No. 662 as presented. Voting aye: Julius, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing – November 5 – Text Amendment:

Steve Rice, Zoning Administrator reported the Zoning Board of Appeals met on November 5, 2018 to consider a text amendment to allow for non-building mounted solar panels as a special use in an Agricultural District. Rice stated following discussion the Zoning board recommended to the Village Board approval of the amendment to the Village’s Zoning Ordinance to allow for non-building mounted solar collectors for export of energy for use by an electrical utility as a special use in an Agricultural (A) District and to add a definition of “export of energy” to the definitions in said ordinance (11-19-1A). Lickes moved and Gonnerman seconded to approve the text amendment as noted. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Stewart. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 663 – An Ordinance Amending Title 11 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, IL allowing solar panels in an Agricultural District as a “Special Use” and amending the definitions to include “Export of Energy” Gonnerman moved and Perry seconded to pass Ordinance No. 663 as presented. Voting aye: Julius, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing – November 8 – Stockton Solar Special Use Permit Request:

President Brandt introduced Robert Leah, from Geronimo Energy who explained Stockton Solar is being developed by Geronimo Energy. Mr. Leah noted Stockton Solar, LLC, and an IL Limited Liability Company who is requesting a special use permit in order to construct and operate community solar energy facilities which would include non-building mounted solar collectors for export of energy for use by an electrical utility. The Project will be marketed as a host for a Community Solar project under the Illinois Adjustable Block Program. Under the program, utility customers may subscribe to a solar project and receive a credit on their monthly electric bill based upon the production of their project subscription. Mr. Leah noted there is no need for the Village to provide for any infrastructure improvements and Stockton Solar is not seeking any incentives. Once completed and operational, it will produce minimal noise, yield real estate benefits, not adversely impact neighboring existing and prospective uses, are not expected to diminish property values of surrounding properties.

Steve Rice, Zoning Administrator, noted the Zoning Board recommended to the Village Board approval of the Application of Stockton Solar, LLC, an IL Limited Liability Company, requesting a special use permit in order to construct and operate community solar energy facilities, which would include non-building mounted solar collectors for export of energy for use by an electrical utility, in an Agricultural District as per 3.2 B of the Village’s Zoning Ordinance, as amended, specifically on property located north of Dura and east of South Simmons and Cherry Streets according to the terms, conditions and details of said application, allowing for suitable vegetative screening on the west side of the north facility site, satisfactory performance guarantees, as well as the prospect of permit renewal for an additional term so long as adequate and appropriate evidence that the project is being diligently pursued is provided.

Kunz moved and Gonnerman seconded to approve the Special Use permit request submitted by Stockton Solar, LLC. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius. Motion carried.

Amendment of Zoning Fees:

Steve Rice stated the current Zoning fees for Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Variance and Zoning Special Use permit are \$100 plus cost and the recommendation is to increase those to \$200 plus costs. Rice stated the current fee doesn't currently cover the cost of holding a Zoning hearing. Gonnerman moved and Perry seconded to amend the Zoning fees noted for items 1, 3 & 4 on the Zoning fee schedule from \$100 to \$200. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz. 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. Lickes moved and Stewart seconded to approve the contract with Jo Daviess County Animal Control. Voting aye: Perry, Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

Class B Liquor License:

President Brandt stated we have received a request from a "Class B" liquor license from Holy Cross Church for their Christmas Party on December 1, 2018. Gonnerman moved and Stewart seconded to approve the Class B liquor license for Holy Cross Church for December 1, 2018. Voting aye: Stewart, Gonnerman, Julius, Kunz, Lickes, Perry. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Trustee Gonnerman noted Small Business Saturday is November 24, 2018 and the lighting of the Chamber tree is Friday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. followed by the annual Christmas Walk on Saturday, December 8th.

Lisa McCarthy, from NW Illinois Development, thanked everyone for their support of possible solar development for our community.

Ms. McCarthy stated they are hosting a computer coding class on December 6, 2018 at the Jo Daviess County Highway Building which coincides Computer Science Education week.

Lisa McCarthy also announced that the 2019 Build It Grow It program will be held in Stockton. Class meets on the second Thursday of the month from January through October, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the Stockton Township Library. There is no charge for each 1.5 hour education session and consulting is free.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Stewart that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

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