

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 14, 2020**

Call To Order:

President Brandt called the meeting to order on July 14, 2020 at 7 p.m. and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Members in Attendance:

Trustees present: Billie Jo Eisfeller, Linda Gonnerman, Dan Kunz, Jackie Lickes, Matt Timpe. Staff present: Steve Rice, Jane West, Cheryl Bourland, Amy Haas, Kevin Stewart, Susanne Young, and Rena Eden. Guests: Kim Scace and Karli Weltzin

Installation of Board Member:

President Brandt announced that he was appointing Rhonda Perry to fill the unexpired term of Dave Julius. Village Clerk Susanne Young swore Rhonda Perry in as the new Village Trustee.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Gonnerman 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 June 9, 2020 or the Special Board meeting on June 23, 2020. Kunz moved and Timpe 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 Rena Eden. A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Timpe to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable:

President Brandt asked for approval of the accounts' payable claims and List B. Village Clerk Young asked permission to include seven additional invoices totaling \$8,472.33. Gonnerman moved and Eisfeller seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims and List B and additional bills. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Timpe, Eisfeller, Perry. Motion carried.

Police:

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

Water & Sewer:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Perry to approve the Water Report as submitted by Kari Olson and the Sewer Report as submitted by Aaron Sullivan for the month. All member voting aye. Motion carried.

Street:

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Eisfeller to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by Steve Rice. President Brandt questioned the steps in the Sewer plant berm. Steve Rice explained Sewer plant employees have to walk over the berms to collect samples. Rob Sigafus put in brick steps to make the berms easier and safer to navigate to collect the samples. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Guests Kim Scace and Karli Weltzin presented a proposal for a modified “Fall Into Stockton”. The Stockton Chamber would like to have the event on August 15, 2020 from 11 am to 7 pm. The chamber itself is seeing some unprecedented expenses without income due to prior cancellations of events. Holding this partial event in a new format will allow some of that fund raising to be recouped as budgeted. They would have a beer and wine tent. Individually packaged snacks would be sold at the beer and wine tent. No other vendors allowed. They would have 3 bands playing one after another from 11 am to 7 pm. The area would be fenced, customers would be counted upon entrance with a 50-person max. After discussion President Brandt said he would not issue a liquor license for the event due to safety concerns. Therefore cancelling “Fall into Stockton” for 2020.

Status Reports:

Community Funding and Planning Services

The Village of Stockton applied for two grants for the Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Plan: The Fast Track Grant and The Rebuild Illinois Grant. At this time the State of Illinois has not awarded either grant.

Committee Reports:

Water, Sewer & Garbage:

Trustee Gonnerman reported on the committee meeting held June 23, 2020.

Water System Improvements

After all the final documents are obtained and reviewed by the MSA they will do a final walk-through and the project will be closed.

WWTF USEPA Local Limits Development

A revised letter has been prepared and sent to the USEPA indicating a revised schedule for the ongoing tasks.

Waste Water Treatment Facility Project

All easements have been obtained and have been sent to the Village lawyer to be recorded. We still await news on the funding for the WWTF project to determine the plan to proceed and scheduling. A draft agreement between the Village and Brewster Cheese for the construction of the WWTF project has been prepared and provided to the board for review.

Freeport Community Foundation Grant

The Village of Stockton was awarded a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation for \$10,000. It is to provide assistance in paying water/sewer/garbage utility bills for residents and businesses who have suffered hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Utility Clerk Bourland is still accepting applications for assistance.

Economic Development: None

Police:

Stockton Police Department received Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Camera Grant for \$20,955. The grant covers 4 in-car camera systems and 6 body cameras. They are scheduled to be installed July 15, 2020.

Lickes moved and Kunz seconded to list the two current cameras as surplus with the intention to sell them. The money acquired from the sale of the surplus cameras will be applied to the cost of the installation of the new cameras, which is not covered by the grant. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Chief Stewart announced Jo Daviess County Sheriff's department is planning to purchase a voice analyzer. The voice analyzer will be shared with Jo Daviess County communities. The details of how the cost will be split are still in discussion.

Police In-Car Computers:

Chief Stewart proposed using ESDA Funds for the purchase of in-car computers. The current in-car computers were hand-me-down computers from the Sheriffs department that were going on 12 years old.

Timpe made a motion and Perry seconded to buy three mounts and two in-car computers which will include a three-year warranty utilizing ESDA funds. Voting aye: Perry, Timpe. Voting Nay: Lickes, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion Failed.

Lickes made a motion and Gonnerman seconded to buy three mounts and three in-car computers which will include a three-year warranty. Voting Aye: Lickes, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Voting Nay: Perry, Timpe. Motion carried.

Chief Stewart reported that when the squad cars in-car radar systems were recertified, it was discovered one of the antennas was not working properly. It was originally purchased in 2006.

Lickes made a motion to repair the antenna. Motion died to lack of second.

Timpe made a motion and Eisfeller seconded to purchase a new in-car radar system. Voting Aye: Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry. Motion Carried.

Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds:

President Brandt questioned when the seal coating company would return to fog spray the completed streets. Steve Rice stated they will come 7-14 days after finishing the project. The project was completed on July 7, 2020.

Steve Rice reported there was a water main break on South Main, it was fixed in 2 hours.

Finance and Purchasing: No Report

Personnel:

Trustee Lickes questioned the review process for supervisors. It was decided to have employees complete review questionnaires for their supervisors.

Village Clerk Susanne Young informed the board her retirement date would be October 1, 2020.

Lickes made a motion and Timpe seconded to remove Jane West from her introductory period. Voting Aye: Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe. Motion carried.

Village employees are only allowed to bank twenty-four months worth of vacation accrual. Village employee's accrual rate is based on hours worked and years of service. Following discussion, it was agreed upon due to COVID-19, village employees should be able to accrue more than the allowed hours of vacation time.

Timpe motioned and Eisfeller seconded to allow 6 months for employees to use their excess vacation time or they will lose it. Any excess vacation time must be used by December 31, 2020. Voting Aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ordinance No. 691 – Appropriation Ordinance No. 691

President Brandt noted everyone received a copy of the Appropriation Ordinance for their review. A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Timpe to pass the Ordinance as

presented. Voting Aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Village Hall will remain closed to the public until further notice.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Lickes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) at 8:44pm. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:38 pm following a motion by Gonnerman and seconded by Lickes. Voting aye: Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Timpe and seconded by Eisfeller to accept the Police contract with the Teamsters union. Voting Aye: Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Timpe. Voting Nay: Perry. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Timpe that the meeting be adjourned at 9:47 p.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED

ATTEST
