

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
August 11, 2020**

***Call To Order:***

President Brandt called the meeting to order on August 11, 2020 at 7 p.m. and asked the Deputy Clerk to call the roll.

***Members in Attendance:***

Trustees present: Linda Gonnerman, Dan Kunz, Jackie Lickes, Matt Timpe, Rhonda Perry. Billie Jo Eisfeller was present via Zoom. Staff present: Steve Rice, Jane West, Cheryl Bourland, Amy Haas, Kevin Stewart, Susanne Young, and Rena Eden. Guests: Mike Mudge attended via Zoom.

***Approval of Agenda:***

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Lickes 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 July 14, 2020. The following corrections were made, Susanne Young was added to members in attendance at the July board meeting. The date was corrected from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2020 for when employees have to use their excess vacation time. It was added to the motion that Eisfeller is the Trustee who seconded to accept the Teamsters contract with the corrections as noted. Kunz moved and Gonnerman 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 Perry and seconded by Gonnerman to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Voting aye: Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry. 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 \$8,472.21. Gonnerman moved and Perry seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims, List B and additional bills. Voting aye: Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

***Police:***

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

***Water & Sewer:***

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Timpe to approve the Water Report as submitted by Kari Olson and the Sewer Report as submitted by Aaron Sullivan 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:***

Linda Gonnerman was contacted by a local resident with concerns about the Christmas garland and lights not being on the fence at the Stockton Park in 2019. President Brandt stated that was up to the Park District Board. Gonnerman stated a couple different organizations in town would be willing to cost share. President Brandt offered that he would be willing to entertain cost sharing if the organizations brought the request to the board.

***Status Reports:***

*Community Funding and Planning Services*

A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Lickes to allow President Brandt to sign the Waste Water Treatment Plant IEPA Loan Application. Voting aye: Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

***Water, Sewer & Garbage:***

Trustee Gonnerman reported on the committee meeting held July 28th, 2020.

Water System Improvements

MSA estimates the project will be closed out in August after receipt of the completion of all documents.

WWTF USEPA Local Limits Development

The Village is waiting for an approval from the USEPA, after submitting an updated schedule.

Waste Water Treatment Facility Project

CFPS provided an update of funding options for the WWTF project. CFPS and MSA are working on a plan to divide the project and loan documents into two parts due to the \$5 million projected principal forgiveness limit and to coincide with two State of Illinois fiscal years. This is due to changes in the rules. Previously, we were set to receive a percentage of the total cost of the project.

New 2020 ITEP Grant

CFPS informed the Village of the availability and details of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). A brief discussion resulted in interest for further consideration. This will be a topic at the next Committee Meeting.

Freeport Community Foundation Grant

The Village of Stockton was awarded a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation for \$10,000. It is to aid in paying water/sewer/garbage utility bills for residents and businesses who have suffered hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Utility Clerk Bourland reported approximately \$2,000 has already been awarded to Stockton residents and businesses as she continues to promote the program.

Electronics Recycling Day

The Village of Stockton held an Electronics Recycling Day on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Economic Development:***

Perry moved and Kunz seconded to approve Ordinance No. 692 – An ordinance of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, approving a Third Amendment to a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois and Mud Run Beer Company. Due to Covid-19 the Amendment to Ordinance No. 692 changed the deadline of completion from October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The original amendment allotted for a disbursement of funds over a 10-year period, due to the end date of the TIF reimbursement program in 2029, the reimbursement will now be paid over an 8-year time period pending the completion of the project. Voting aye: Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe. Motion carried.

***Police:***

Kunz made a motion and Eisfeller seconded to ratify the Stockton Police Teamster Union Local 722 contract. The adopted contract will be retroactive from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Timpe, Eisfeller. Abstain: Perry. Motion carried.

***Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds: None***

***Finance and Purchasing:***

Eisfeller made a motion and Gonnerman seconded to allow Jane West to become a check signer for the Village of Stockton. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

Eisfeller made a motion and Timpe seconded to allow Jane West to get a Village of Stockton Credit Card. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

***Personnel: None***

***Old Business: None***

**New Business:**

***Zoning Variance Request- Jack and Jackie Lickes:***

Steve Rice, Zoning Administrator, stated Jack and Jackie Lickes, 246 N Stockton St., requested a variance from the existing setback regulations in 11-4-4B of the Municipal Code to allow for the replacement of an existing storage shed within the side yard setback on the west side of the property. The recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals was to grant the variance as requested. Timpe motioned and Kunz seconded to approve the Zoning Variance request for Jack & Jackie Lickes. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller. Abstain: Lickes. Motion carried.

***Zoning Variance Request- Deryl Broshous:***

Steve Rice, Zoning Administrator, stated Deryl Broshous, 508 S Main St., requested a variance from the existing 6' fence height regulations in 11-14-3A of the Municipal Code to allow for the replacement of an existing chain link fence with a privacy fence that exceeds the height limitation by 1.25' in the rear yard of the property. The recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals was to grant the variance as requested. Timpe motioned and Lickes seconded to approve the Zoning Variance request for Deryl Broshous. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

***Ordinance No. 693 – Ordinance No. 693 Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County Title 11, Chapter 18, Section 3K***

An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County Title 11, Chapter 18, Section 3K. This amendment allows for the Zoning Board of Appeals to publish Notice of Hearings in newspapers of general circulation rather than a newspaper published in the village. Kunz motioned and Timpe seconded to approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 693 as presented. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

***Ordinance No. 694 – Ordinance No. 694 Amending Title 11, Chapter 18, Section 5 B (5) of the Municipal Code of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, IL.***

An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County Title 11, Chapter 18, Section 5 B (5). This amendment allows for the Zoning Board of Appeals to publish Notice of Hearings in newspapers of general circulation rather than a newspaper published in the village. Perry motioned and Lickes seconded to approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 694 as presented. Voting aye: Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

***Ordinance No. 695 – Ordinance No. 695 Amending Title 11, Chapter 18, Section 6C of the Municipal Code of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, IL.***

An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County Title 11, Chapter 18, Section 6C. This amendment allows for the Zoning Board of Appeals to publish Notice of Hearings in newspapers of general circulation rather than a newspaper published in the village. Perry motioned and Lickes seconded to approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 695 as presented. Voting aye: Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe. Motion carried.

***Village of Stockton Electric Pumping Contract-***

Rock River Energy Services bid out the Village of Stockton Electric Pumping contract. After reviewing the eight different company bids, Direct Energy was selected. This will be a \$8,529.86 savings from our current contract. Timpe motioned and Lickes seconded to choose the 36 month bid by Direct Energy for the annual fixed energy cost of \$39,036.68 a year starting December 2020. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller. Motion carried.

***Village of Stockton- Street Lighting Contract***

Rock River Energy Services bid out the Village of Stockton Street Lighting contract. After reviewing the five different company bids, Constellation was selected. This will be a \$2,161.89 saving from our current contract. Lickes motioned and Perry seconded to choose the 41 month bid by Constellation for the annual fixed energy cost of \$3,479.90 a year starting July 2021. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

***Resolution No. 20-06 – Executive Minutes for Public Inspection***

Gonnerman moved and Timpe seconded to pass Resolution No. 20-06 to not release the executive minutes from the last six months. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

***Announcements: None***

***Executive Session:***

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Lickes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel – Section 2 (c) (1) at 7:48pm. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:40 pm following a motion by Kunz and seconded by Timpe. Voting aye: Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Perry to approve wage increases as discussed in executive session for non-union employees. The raise will be effective as of August 31<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Perry Voting nay: Timpe, Eisfeller, Lickes. Village President Brandt broke the tie by voting aye. Motion carried.

***Adjournment:***

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Kunz that the meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

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