

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STOCKTON
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 13, 2020**

Call To Order:

President Brandt called the meeting to order on October 13, 2020 at 7:04 p.m. and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Members in Attendance:

Trustees present: Linda Gonnerman, Dan Kunz, Jackie Lickes, Rhonda Perry, Matt Timpe. Present via Zoom: Billie Jo Eisfeller. Staff present: Steve Rice, Jane West, Amy Haas, Kevin Stewart, and Rena Eden. Gayle Lingle attended via Zoom. Guests: Dan Pepin, Tom Fagan, Megan and Marsha Schwitz.

Appointment of Village Clerk:

President Brandt asked for a motion to appoint Jane West as Stockton Village Clerk. A motion was made by Timpe and seconded by Lickes to appoint West as Village Clerk. Voting Aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller. Motion carried.

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 on September 8, 2020. Clerk West made a change on page four, to discuss the Brian Rex property at the October Committee meeting and not the September Committee meeting. Timpe 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 and Annual 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: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable:

President Brandt asked for approval of the account's payable claims, List B and any additional bills. Village Clerk West asked permission to include seven additional invoices totaling \$8,578.64. Gonnerman moved and Timpe seconded to authorize the accounts payable claims, List B and additional bills. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

Police:

A motion was made by Eisfeller and seconded by Lickes 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 Perry and seconded by Gonnerman 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 Lickes to approve the Street Department Activity Report for the month as submitted by Steve Rice. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Megan Schwitz presented her request to keep their front yard fence as already constructed. The variance request at the Zoning Board of Appeals on October 6, 2020 was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Schwitz explained the several circumstances as to why they choose a chain link fence in the front street yard.

New Business

Zoning Variance Request- Kathryn Schwitz

Steve Rice, Zoning Administrator, stated Kathryn Schwitz, 217 W. North Ave., requested a variance from the existing fence regulations in 11-14-2A and 11-14-3A of the Municipal Code to allow for placement of an existing non-decorative, 4' tall, black powder-coated, chain-link fence in the front yard of the applicants property. The recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals was to deny the variance as requested. Following additional discussion a motion was made by Timpe and seconded by Gonnerman to allow the front yard fence as constructed. Voting aye: Perry, Timpe, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Voting nay: Eisfeller. Motion carried.

Zoning Variance Request- Josh & Karli Weltzin

Steve Rice, Zoning Administrator, stated Josh & Karli Weltzin, 429 N. Simmons St., requested a variance from the existing setback regulations in 11-4-4B of the Municipal Code to allow the Owners to locate a garden storage shed within the street, side yard setback on the north side of the property. The recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals was to grant the variance as requested. A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Timpe to approve the Zoning Variance Request for Josh and Karli Weltzin provided that the shed be placed on a gravel base and be moveable. Voting aye: Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry. Motion carried.

Status Reports:

Community Funding and Planning Services: Scheduled a Special Meeting for October 27, 2020 to discuss the Resolution 20-07 IDOT ITEP Resolution.

Committee Reports:

Water, Sewer & Garbage:

Trustee Gonnerman reported on the committee meeting held September 22, 2020.

Water System Improvements

MSA advises the final closeout documents have been requested and outlined activities that have yet to be completed.

WWTF USEPA Local Limits Development

Communication continues with the USEPA regarding the local limit's analysis report under review.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Project

The Construction Permit for the wastewater treatment facility has been issued. The NPDES storm water permit will be submitted prior to construction. MSA is working with Nicor to finalize the proposed work that will occur within Nicor's easement.

IEPA SRF is requesting that funds spent to date be separated to correspond with the two Phases to be constructed. MSA is working to provide that information to CFPS.

Additionally, MSA is preparing a Bidding and Construction Engineering Fee breakdown for the two projects. The current contract will be modified to show what is required in Phase 1 and prepare a separate contract for Phase 2 that will implemented in 2021. Phase 1 - Equalization lagoon and Utilities to be bid this winter, and Phase 2 - WWTF to be bid summer 2021

A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Timpe to approve the MSA Amendment to split the Waste Water Treatment Facility into Phase 1 and Phase 2. Voting aye: Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe. Motion carried.

WWTF Agreement Negotiations continue with Brewster Cheese and the Village of Stockton.

Water & Sewer

Clerk West presented a proposal for Sand Prairie to provide fiber internet service to the Stockton Park District, Stockton Pool, Heritage Museum, Stockton Police Department, and Stockton Village Hall with the installation of an antenna on the water tower. Clerk West is currently working with Sand Prairie to provide engineering details to Suez Utility Services, Inc., the company that holds the maintenance contract for the water tower.

Economic Development: None

Police:

A motion was made by Timpe and seconded by Kunz to approve the 2021 Jo Daviess County Animal Control Services Contract for stray dog pickup. Animal control will make every attempt to identify the owner before transporting the dog from our municipality. If the dog is transported there will be a \$300 fee. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller. Motion carried

A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Eisfeller to approve sending Officer Vanderheyden to a Defense Tactics Training Certification training course February 8 to February 11 for \$870 plus room and board and per diem. Voting aye Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Eisfeller, Gonnerman. Voting nay: Timpe. Motion carried.

Streets, Sidewalks, Forestry, Building & Grounds:

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Kunz to approve the snow removal bid for the Village of Stockton of \$280/hour by Kleckner Excavating. Voting aye Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

Jones and Curtiss submitted an estimate of the cost to replace the old clay and tile drain located along North Simmons Street which provides drainage of gray water run-off from neighboring streets which has collapsed. Jones and Curtiss have asked for financial assistance from the Village as the Village shall benefit from this improvement. It will improve the storm water drainage in the immediate area. A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Timpe to approve to pay fifty percent of the project cost. Voting aye: Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ordinance No. 697- Approving Reimbursement for a Redevelopment Project. Diane Bradley of Stockton, Illinois applied for TIF assistance by submitting a proposal to the Village to improve the property she owns within the Amended Area, commonly known as 105 South Main Street, Stockton, Illinois, with eight (8) new windows on the second floor of the building and painting the exterior crown requiring an investment of \$8,803. A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Perry to approve reimbursement of thirty percent (\$2,641.00) to Diane Bradly from the Village TIF fund. Voting aye: Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe. Motion carried.

Finance & Purchasing

Azavar Government Solutions submitted a proposal of 3 years at forty-five percent collection of any outside profit found while conducting their audit. Azavar is a company

that audits the Village municipal tax revenue. A motion was made by Timpe and seconded by Lickes to sign a contract with Azavar Government Solutions. Voting aye: Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller. Motion carried.

Personnel: None

Announcements:

- Trick or Treat Hours: Oct. 31, 2020 5pm to 7pm
- Burn Date: Nov. 6 to Nov. 15, 2020

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Timpe and seconded by Lickes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Section 2 (c)(1) at 8:26pm. Voting aye: Kunz, Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:30pm following a motion by Lickes and seconded by Kunz. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz.

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Kunz to approve a fifty-cent pay increase for Jeff Altfillish. The raise will be effective as of 10/12/20. Voting aye: Lickes, Perry, Timpe, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lickes and seconded by Perry to approve the new terms of employment for Chief Stewart, effective as of 10/12/20. Voting aye: Perry, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, Lickes. Voting Nay: Timpe. Motion Carried

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Gonnerman that the meeting be adjourned at 9:33 p.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

APPROVED

ATTEST
