

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2018

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Becker, Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, and Elbe answered roll call. Trustee Smallwood was absent.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Board received a copy. A motion was made by Trustee Becker which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to accept the minutes from the last board meeting that was held on April 3, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Smallwood, absent. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The board received a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE: Mayor Klein reported to the board that Prairie Du Long and Smithton Township annual meetings were held on April 10, 2018 at 7:30pm. Klein, Trustee Becherer, and Trustee Elbe attended the Prairie Du Long meeting. Trustees Yoch, Becker, and Rogers attended the Smithton Township meeting. Yoch stated that they took a tour of the Smithton Food Pantry and were impressed with the way it is being run. They thanked Mark Rodriguez for the great work that he is doing. Klein informed the members at the Prairie Du Long Township meeting about the new contract coming up with Republic Trash Service. He stated that they were receptive to it. Becherer stated that they will be voting on it at their next meeting.

REPUBLIC RECYCLING CONTRACT – Mayor Klein reported that Republic had raised their rates when they weren't supposed to, so there will be a credit of \$164.16 given back to each of the townships and the Village. The new contract will include eight containers with pickups on Mondays and Fridays for a cost to each participant of \$276.31 per month from May 1, 2018 to May 1, 2019. There will be a 2% increase yearly for the following two years. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to renew the three-year recycling contract with Republic Recycling and authorize Klein to sign the contract. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Smallwood, absent. Motion was granted.

Mayor Klein reminded the board that Village Hall will be open Saturday April 21, 2018. Vehicle stickers and animal tags will be for sale and Chief Vielweber will be there for UTV/golf cart inspections. Klein will inform Vielweber and the officers who may be doing inspections to inform the applicants that UTVs are illegal on any roadways with a posted speed limit of over 35mph which includes township roads. UTVs are also illegal on all State Highways, except for crossing the

highway. The village does not have authority over the township roads but should pull over anyone driving on the highway and not just crossing it.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: SIREN REPORT – Chief Vielweber was absent. Trustee Elbe reported that Wireless USA told Vielweber that the components can be replaced and that they would charge for the time and material but there is no guarantee that it will work. Vielweber wants to check with the county to make sure which band frequency is needed to activate the siren. Vielweber had mentioned to Mayor Klein that it was suggested that the sirens be replaced along with the components in the relay box. Vielweber will get prices for replacing the sirens and the components together and a price for replacing the components only.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: MFT – Engineer Saeger reported that he is still waiting for H & M to sign the contract. Saeger spoke to them today and they stated that they were working on it. Saeger reported that he gave a list of streets that he thought might need to be oiled and chipped to Supervisor Fults for him to check. Saeger is working on numbers for the budget.

CDBG – Engineer Saeger reported that he submitted the plans for the S. Julia Street project to the grants department today. The board has a letter from Steve Keel who is the Engineer on the project.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT APPLICATION – Mayor Klein reported that the asphalt parking lot was finished at Pavilion 4 in the park. Moore Asphalt did a great job. Klein was told that they are building a batch plant at the Hecker Quarry so in the future the village can call them for cold patch.

ROUTE 159 BIKE TRAIL – No update.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT: No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mayor Klein reported that there was a Safety Committee meeting on April 5, 2018 at 10:00am. Klein will see that the board gets copies of the minutes. Klein reported that the topics included the sirens, placing bullet proof film on the windows and doors at Village Hall for safety reasons, a police substation has been placed at the public school so that officers will be there randomly, changing the diffusers at the wastewater treatment plant, and having the flooring/basement checked in the village hall. Klein requested a Committee As a Whole meeting for April 24, 2018. He would like South Main parking on the agenda. There will be a Safety Meeting scheduled for May 3, 2018 if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT: Zoning Administrator Annette Parker stated the zoning board is moving forward with the annexation proceedings for a portion of property at 5501 Sand Rock Road. There is a Zoning Hearing scheduled for May 10, 2018. Letters have been sent out and the notice will be in the Freeburg Tribune next week.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Fults reported that the oak gall treatment will need to be repeated to the trees at the park. Mulch will need to be placed around the trees and some parking blocks need to be replaced also.

Supervisor Fults reported that the summer help has started.

Supervisor Fults reported that there was a water leak on Cypress Oak Lane in Wildwood. They were able to pull out the conduit and repair the leak.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to accept the officer's reports as given. The board was in favor. Motion was granted.

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE: Mayor Klein reported that there was a Committee As a Whole Meeting on April 4, 2018. The items will be discussed during the individual committee reports. Klein stated that Herbert Frentzel will make a presentation at the Committee As a Whole meeting April 24, 2018.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Smallwood was absent. The budget will be on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE: LIFT STATION REPAIRS: No report.

RADIATOR/HEAD GASKET REPAIRS FOR GENERATORS – Trustee Becherer reported that Oakley Services have submitted a bid on repairs for the generator. Saeger has not received a quote from Cummings. Trustee Becherer would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

STREET CREW OPENING –Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to hire Todd Grohmann and Mitchell Hummert as the new street and utility employees at a starting salary of 87% of the regular pay rate. Their start date will be May 1, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Smallwood, absent. Motion was granted. Klein will ask the employees to come to the next Village Board meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE: FOP - Trustee Elbe would like to discuss this during Executive Session.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Trustee Becker reported that he has been working on numbers for the budget.

GRAVE STONE REPAIRS – Trustee Becker reported that repair work at the cemetery will begin when the weather permits.

911 MEMORIAL – No update.

PARK PAVILION ELECTRICAL OUTLET UPGRADES – No update.

PARK TREES – Trustee Becker went to Bozsa Tree Farm and spoke to the owner about tree pricing. They were given a quote for six trees for \$2500.00. That price is for them to plant the trees in holes dug by the street crew. It includes a one-year warranty as long as the trees are watered by us. The trees are about twelve feet high and four inches in diameter. They are Red Sunset Maple trees. Becker would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting. Trustee Becker made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to purchase the chemicals needed to spray the Pin Oak trees at the park. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Smallwood, absent. Motion was granted.

Engineer Saeger reported that Bill Weber spoke to him last week about the Historical Society wanting to install stones in the cemetery to mark the foundations of the old schoolhouse that had been demolished. The stones would be low enough that they could still be mowed over. They marked the corners of the foundation last week with stakes. The board decided that they would like more information on the project. Mayor Klein will speak to Bill Weber and see if he could make a presentation to the board at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: SIGNS IN B-2 DISTRICT – Trustee Yoch would like this on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

CODIFICATION CONTRACT – Mayor Klein reported that Frank Heiligenstein called him to say that he is one third of the way through the code book and has already reduced it by 50 pages.

SMITHTON LUMBER COMPANY SIGN – Trustee Yoch has not heard back from the Lumber Co. with a decision on applying for a variance for the sign. Mayor Klein stated that they may be waiting to discuss it at their monthly meeting.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY GARDEN – Trustee Rogers reported that the community garden has been tilled by the street crew.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – Trustee Rogers reported that Engineer Saeger is checking on generators. Rogers asked if a permanent one or portable one should be purchased. The board thought that a permanent one would be preferable.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – Trustee Rogers reported that Engineer Saeger is getting some information on this item.

BILLS AND PAYROLL: Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pay the payroll from March 24, 2018 to April 6, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Smallwood, absent. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to go into Executive Session to discuss FOP contract negotiations. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Smallwood, absent. Motion was granted at 8:20pm.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to return to the regular order of business. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Smallwood, absent. Motion was granted at 8:40pm.

Mayor Klein reported that the FOP contract was discussed. The police committee chairman and village attorney will meet with the Chief of Police and discuss a counter offer to make to the FOP.

A motion was made by Trustee Yoch and seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn. All Board members were in favor. Motion was granted. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.