

Board Meeting
April 13, 2017

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 3:30 pm

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Attending Trustees: Conley, McMillen, Eade and Merrill: absent

MOTION:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the minutes with one correction (page 2 under Water & Sewer the word should be manhole not man whole) for the March 09, 2017 regular board meeting. McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes, Eade – Abstain, Merrill- Absent.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Morphey presented the bills ending April 13, 2017 with a total of \$48,303.85.

Morphey reported there were several bill that are to not the normal C. Johnson Trenching for \$16,575.00 was for 5 different jobs for the Village dating back to Aug. 2016, Marco for \$1043.00- yearly contract for the hall copier, Rydin Decal- for this year's Village stickers, they are purple, they are purple Apex Industrial Automation for \$2943.33, for the digester motor that was approved last meeting.

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$48,303.85. Trustee Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen-yes, Grandgeorge-yes, and Merrill –Absent.

Motion Passed

Grandgeorge asked Eipers to give his report as he had a funeral to go to. Eipers reported on his monthly report. Grandgeorge asked if Ben had talked to the Fire Department about the ISO report. Eipers had not. Grandgeorge mentioned the Fire Dept. was in the process of having the reports completed. He will get one for Ben. Eipers commented that he now has all the information on the computer so it should be easy this year.

Morphey asked him to report on the items he has listed under Water/Sewer. Eipers reported he would like to purchase a portable generator, a Generac iQ2000 1,600 Running 2,000, model 6866. He also mentioned it was on sale at Menard's until Friday.

He also presented a list of materials to update the sewer plant office and Lab. The total of the materials is \$2368.00

Eade will bring them up for vote under his committee report.

Eipers left the meeting at 4:00 pm. Grandgeorge stated that this request was for material only and the public works saves the Village lots of money because they do most of the work in house.

Communications:

Grandgeorge announced that he had two announcements under communications One is the posting of minutes, we have correspondence from the paper that they are not able to post the minutes because of the size. So we will not be putting the minutes in the paper unless it is a PSA or something. As for the supposedly mold in the old hotel. We were in

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contact with Mr. Baker and our inspector took numerous pictures and there was not mold so that is a dead issue. Grandgeorge asked if there were any questions from the board or the audience.

MJ Turney asked to speak and said that she had called all the papers and talked to the editors and they had said they would put minutes in the papers as long as the Village would take an ad in the paper. Grandgeorge stated that we had contacted them a week after the meeting and we had an answer on paper that he would be happy to share with her. We are not going to put the minutes in the paper it is a dead issue.

Grandgeorge noticed that John Spoor was not yet in attendance and asked the solar information if they would like to present.

Dr. Everton Walters introduced himself and stated that WCP Solar had acquired a farm in the Village limits and that are looking at installing a 10 megawatt farm to start with. It will incorporate about 10 acres to start with. There is a potential for approximately 40 acres available. He is introducing an option to have the Village and or maybe the school system take advantage and invest with them and they would receive a credit back to their electric bill. This farm will bring approximately 20 jobs for the installation and 2 regular full time workers after it was built. He has looked at the Village bills and it is not paying a lot in energy so this would be a good opportunity to use it for your own uses or for the school to save money on electricity. Dr. Walters stated that the cost would be about 6.5 cents and would be locked in for 20 years Grandgeorge asked it that included the transmission or distribution fee. Dr. Walters stated that is still in question, but should be cheaper because it is determined on the amount you pay so it should be cheaper. Grandgeorge directed the question to Mr. Castagnoli and asked exactly where the area is. Mr. Castagnoli explained that he owned the 12 acre parcel that the old Montgomery house was on and a 38 acre parcel behind that. Grandgeorge asked if the 12 acres would be left for a different type of development along Somonauk Rd. Castagnoli stated that is could be. Grandgeorge also asked what kind of jobs would be created Dr. Walters commented that they would be construction, electrician, installers etc. Grandgeorge also asked where there were any of these solar farms local. Dr. Walters replied up near Chicago. Mr. Castagnoli also mentioned that anybody interested should look up Community Solar. Ms. Whiteaker (in the audience) asked exactly where this was located. It was explained that is north on Somonauk Rd. just behind the old Montgomery homestead. Morphey asked him to explain how the monies are credited back to the village or the school. Dr. Walters also explained that the village or school or even a single resident could invest and receive a credit from Com Ed. McMillen asked what happened at the end of the 20 year contract. Would the land owner be required to contract to another 20 years with the solar company? Dr. Walters stated No they were not required to up for another 20 years. Conley asked Walters to clarify the fire safety portion. Walters explained that we will train the building inspectors, the Fire Department and Public works all about the system. Ms. Whiteaker asked if this would be an option for the residents are would they be required to hook up and would they have to install a new meter. Walters stated no that it would be an option for the residents and no, no additional meter would be required. It would all be run through ComEd. Eade asked if the area would be fenced in or would there be a bright light. Walters stated they would have a fence with barbwire around the top. Some villages require screens on the fences. Grandgeorge asked if there were any further questions. Ms. Whiteaker asked if there were any places that we could view if we wanted. Walters stated there was one in Naperville and Batavia and several other places. 2 Castagnoli mentioned there was several sites on line. Grandgeorge stated that they will

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continue to move things forward.

Grandgeorge next addressed reports of officers;

Police –Chief

We had a problem with parents leaving their children home alone so they had to contact DCSF. Everything else was quite.

Streets -Jeff Wasson:

Wasson stated he had been filling potholes and filling potholes and filling potholes. Soccer poles put together we will put them in place after the Boy Scouts shooting weekend at the park, which is April 28, 29 and 30th. Eade asked if there were any storm problems at the plant. Wasson stated no the flow was up but not to the problem level. They did realize that there were illegal hook ups but nothing that would cause problems at this point.

Electrical Aggregation:

Shawn Ajazi was present from Progressive Energy explaining they were here to reestablish the aggregation program. The program of American Energy was higher than ComEd so we then dropped out and went to ComEd. The saving to the residents since it started was about \$226.00, with the last year being a negative -\$43.00. They are now looking to add a total of 15 municipalities which will get a better price with 250,000.000 kilowatt hours. Com Ed's price in June came out today and their cost will be 7.1-7.2 cents per kilowatt hour until May of 2018. Progressive is looking at bids of 6.8-7 cents per kilowatt, the one good thing is this contract will have a price match guarantee. The will go with which price is less. They do not want to go out for more months than ComEd has committed.

Grandgeorge asked if this was going to be it or did he have to come back and have another vote. Shawn stated this ordinance would give the Village President the authority to sign. The will have the bids in in the end of May and everything should be up and running by August. Eade asked if Progressive did not get all 15 municipalities would the program still be able to continue. Shawn answered yes. He already had 12 municipalities agreeing to do this and he feels certain that they will be able to sign the others. But in case they do not get them the program will still go on. Grandgeorge asked for a motion for ordinance 17-03.

Motion:

Conley seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 17-03 Authorizing Aggregation of Electricity Load. Eade seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes, Eade – yes, Merrill- Absent

Motion Passed.

Grandgeorge moved next to John Spoor water/sidewalk issues. Mr. Spoor addressed the board stating that since the Village had resurfaced Depot St. the basement of his property at 108 S. Depot has taken on excess water. With the heavy rains it seems to seep in along the wall. The renter of the property brought in a video in to the village hall so show how bad it was. Grandgeorge enquired what kind of basement wall was at the building. Spoor replied flag stone. Grandgeorge inquired about having upkeep with flag stone. Grandgeorge questioned how it could flood the basement when village had ground down the edges and there was not pooling in that area. Rick Morphey/ Building inspector had inspected the area and had written his assessment of the situation. (attached) He had a concern about the two roofs coming together not knowing is the pitch of the roofs had

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held over the years. He felt the Village should replace the side walk only if the property owner were to correct the other issues he had pointed out in his assessment. Spoor was willing to repair the basement wall if everything could be coordinated at the same time. It was stated that the only access to repair the basement would be at the same time the Village were to replace the sidewalk. Spoor was in agreement that he would coordinate with the Village and do the work at the same time.

Motion:

McMillen moved to contract with PMOTTO Concrete Construction to replace the sidewalk at 108 and 112 S. Depot as along as the property owner John Spoor corrects the other problems in his basement at the same time. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes, Eade – yes, Merrill-Absent.

Motion Passed

Grandgeorge excused Smith and Wasson at 4:20pm.

Water / Sewer:

Eade continued on the explanation from Eipers request. It has been a lot years since the sewer plant office has had anything done to it. He would like to update it with new flooring, paint & stain, new cabinets, counter tops and a new refrigerator. All materials will be purchased from Menard's and Ben and Jeff will do all the installation. They would also like a small portable generator for the planet. Grandgeorge reiterated the public works does all the work and save the Village money and this happens consistently.

Motion:

Eade moved to purchase a Generac iQ2000, 1,600 running 2000 Portable Generator model 6866 for the amount not to accede \$699.00 and to be equally taken out of GL:51-009653 and 52-00-653. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes, Eade – yes, Merrill- Absent

Motion Passed

Motion:

Eade move to approve the purchase of materials to compete the update of the sewer plant office, new flooring, paint & stain, new cabinets, counter tops and a new refrigerator to be purchased at Menard's not to accede \$2368.00. and to be taken out of GL:52-00-511. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes, Eade – yes, Merrill- Absent

Motion Passed

Finance:

Budget should be ready for review next week. Hopefully Verizon will be ready for next month.

Laws & Ordinances:

Grandgeorge stated the liquor licenses needed to be approved. McMillen had a question. Why was there a different address for Rambo's? Morphey stated that wat the address of his parking lot when he applied for a Club license, where he has held a few fund raisers. Morphey also mention there were a liquor license reserved for both the grocery store and the restaurant on the east end of the Village. She stated we should probable look at removing those as there has been no action. Grandgeorge asked for a motion to approve the 2017-2018 liquor licenses.

Motion:

Eade moved to approve the 2017-2018 liquor licenses as listed:

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Dollar General			Tobacco License
Bud's Service , Inc.	B license	\$800.00	and Tobacco License
Casey's General Store	B license	\$800.00	and Tobacco License
Village Courtyard	D license	\$900.00	
Rambo's Bar and Grill	E license	\$1,200.00	4 gaming license \$100.00

The following voted: Conley=yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge=yes, Eade – yes, Merrill- Absent.

Motion Passed

Grandgeorge presented a proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness. Illinois Chapter of Open Roads ask the municipalities to pass this every year as a way to bring awareness to motorcycle traffic.

Motion:

Conley moved to adopt proclamation 17-04 a proclamation to proclaim the month of May Motorcycle awareness month. . McMillen seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley=yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge=yes, Eade – yes, Merrill- Absent

Motion Passed.

Grandgeorge brought up Resolution 17-02 which is a resolution we pass every few years and applies to elected officials the last time we passed it was in 2010.

Motion:

Conley moved to adopt Resolution 17-02 a resolution relating to IMRF participation by elected officials. . Eade seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley=yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge=yes, Eade – yes, Merrill- Absent

Motion Passed

Conley presented a per posed wage increase for the Village employees. Conley explained the Police Department we receiving a 2% per Union contract and he is asking for that for all Village employees. McMillen asked if that was for part-time employees. Yes it is. Eade asked if that were for the part-time police officers. No, they were increased a while ago and the Chief usually bring a request to start comparing the different Municipalities.

Motion:

With no more questions Conley moved to give a 2% increase to Village employees in the amount of \$7,133.27. Eade seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley=yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge=yes, Eade – yes, Merrill- Absent

Motion Passed

Streets & Alleys:

McMillen stated he had been working on the sidewalk program and had stopped by Wasson's and found out that the sidewalk issue on Depot St. was a costly issue that would use up the budgeted amount for sidewalks.

Building & Grounds:

Not report

Other Business:

Grandgeorge addressed scheduling a meeting for closing the books. He was leaving town on April 26, so it would need to be before that if he needed to be here. He was working on Monday; Eade was available as was Conley and McMillen. Grandgeorge

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suggested emailing Merrill to see when he would be back in town and emailing everybody.

Grandgeorge asked if there was any other business or if the audience had anything.

Barb Tuttle addressed the board asking for closure on the water bill at 220 S. Cherry St. And asked for some corrections on the February board minutes there were several corrections.

She had not called to change the name on the water bill. On March 13 she had come into the Village Hall and read the water and sewer ordinance which was adopted in 2008 and nowhere did it state the ability to reduce or charge the minimum amount with in water periods. Which is what the water clerk told me as well as Becky told me at the meeting and perhaps we should look at updating the ordinance.

She would also like a correction to the minutes she never asked if 4 people moved in and put in the same month would we charge them a minimum. She asked if one person did. She would like that corrected.

My name is Tuttle not Tittle as listed in the minutes. I find it very interesting when Bob came up to pay his bill he was given a blue stub that shows his usage and days of service the amount he owed. It was the blue bill. No one seems to know how the blue bill got back. I understand the late bills are on a pink receipt. His was the blue bill. Bill came back undeliverable. The water clerk said she did not recall the bill coming back. I think she said she did not have the number. She called him when the pink bill was there. Mrs. Tuttle stated that is was done and over with.

Also there are various statements put in the minutes and she understood it was said that something she said was a lie. She would like that verified.

McMillen asked if that statement was in the minutes? No it was not in the minutes. It was said in open meeting.

Trying to address her concern. She said the clerk said she did not recall the bill coming back, so that is why she did not call Bob to tell him about the bill. Morphey stated that she thought she did not have the phone number. Ms. Tuttle stated that she had called him when they were going to turn the water off. She stated again that she just wanted to put this to rest.

Code Enforcer Rick Morphey asked Mrs. Tuttle could you please have your grandson move the bails of straw and the table that he has put in the Village lot. She said she would have it removed.

Grandgeorge stated that we would review the minutes as we have them recorded.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk