

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Attending: Trustees: Conley, Eade, and Whiteaker. McMillen arrived late at 6:45 pm.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$36,302.25. Morphey stated these are the final bills for the Fiscal year 2018-2019. The highest bill was for DeKalb County for salt this year in the amount of \$10,849.94.

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bills to April 25, 2019 in the amount of \$36,302.25. Trustee Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes and Whiteaker- yes.

Motion Passed

Morphey reported that she and Jeff Wasson had applied for a SRTS grant from IDOT They had received notification this week that they were granted. She presented a list of areas to be addressed. The grant does not address the preliminary engineering so the Village will have to budget for that. The work should be done next summer.

Dispatch:

Grandgeorge reported he had been contacted by Ken Com and they are now ready to go on line. Grandgeorge stated that there is history with this and explained that prior to this agreement in 2015. There had been trouble with reception with DeKalb County dispatch and they had presented a very large increase in the charges. It would go up to over \$75,000.00 a year. King explained that that was the intention at first, but all the municipalities objected. One of the facts is that the Fire Departments paid nothing for dispatch. It became a political issue and DeKalb County backed down. They were able to find another funding source and they now charge the Fire Departments a small amount.

The agreement was signed with Ken Com with the problem connecting with Allie/Annie. Ken Com has been working on the connection. There was also a problem with sending 911 monies to Ken/Com. DeKalb 911 had voted not to send the fees.

Grandgeorge feels that DeKalb is working to improve their reception they have also stabilized their fee structure. It was mentioned the Village had never seen the revised fee schedule. King noted he had presented this year's charges. Morphey stated that we needed to see the fee schedule for several years out. Conley mentioned that he would like to compare apples to apples. They can only do that if they get all the information. King stated that he had contacted Ken/Com and asked for numbers but had not received it yet. The question was asked if the reception at the school was better. Whiteaker stated that Fire Dept. had tested Ken/Com radios and they were better than DeKalb's radios, but there were still some problems.

King feels that DeKalb should be on line in June or maybe July. Grandgeorge feels that now Ken/com will be a lot more expensive. After much more discussion Grandgeorge feels the board is divided and that we should research both Ken/Com and DeKalb to see

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the fee schedules, startup costs, yearly cost etc. Grandgeorge also will send a letter to the Village Attorney to see the validity of the signed agreement with Ken/Com 2015.

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved the close the books for the Fiscal year 2018-2019. Trustee Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes and Whiteaker- yes.

Motion Passed

Grandgeorge mentioned the May meeting would need to be change. It was agreed to have the meeting on Thursday May 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk