

August 12, 2020
Regular Board Meeting

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. Attending: Trustees: Conley, McMillen, Severson, Whiteaker, Nemcek-Button and Eade. The meeting was a zoom meeting.

Minutes:

McMillen moved to approve the minutes from July 08, 2020. Trustee Severson seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Severson-yes and Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –Yes.

Motion Passed

Bills were presented \$52,742.89

Morphey stated that this was a regular payable run and there was nothing out of the ordinary.

Motion:

Trustee McMillen moved to approve the bills to August 12, 2020 in the amount of \$52,742.89. Trustee Nemcek-Button seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Severson-yes and Whiteaker – No, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

Motion Passed

Communications:

No Communication.

Reports of Officers:

Police:

King started by giving Kudos to Ben and Jeff for their work on the storm. There is still a lot out there but they have been busy cleaning up. The new squad car is in and they will start getting it ready for use.

Water & Sewer:

Eipers reported the Sewer Plant was still without power after the storm it is running on generator.

There was a leak on Dale St. that was repaired. Meters were read. They have been busy cleaning up after the storm. Grandgeorge asked if Eipers and the building inspector had talked about the restrictor at the 125 Burlington building. Eipers said yes they had agreed on a 4” restrictor on both sides of the driveway.

Streets & Alleys:

Wasson reported they had been very busy cleaning up after the storm. He reported that he is looking at calling in a contractor to help clean up. He has called the three contractors who usually work in the Village. He will be getting bids for brush pick up with a chipper and removing hangers (branches hanging up in trees) Grandgeorge asked if he had seen the tree on Stahl St. Wasson said no he had not been down all the streets as there was so much down. Whiteaker mentioned there were 2 chippers where he worked and would see if the Village could use one. It was also suggested to contact SEECOM Dispatch to see if the village could get any help from IPWMAN. Morphey will look into that. It was also mentioned that there were piles of branches in some of the alleys. Nemcek added that if there was excess chipping it could be offered to the residents to use for mulch. Wasson also reported that a branch had fallen on the concession and put a whole in the roof.

Water & Sewer: Nothing to report in Water & Sewer.

Finance:

Morphey reported that Brian Zabel was supposed to attend the ZOOM meeting tonight to go over the Audit with the board but he had not called in at this point. Hopefully he will call in before the end of the meeting.

Transfer \$20,000.00 to Resource bank from Illinois Funds:

Morphey explained that during the Union bargaining one of the requests was to have direct deposit. In checking with Heartland Bank there was a sizeable monthly cost. We then checked with Resource Bank and found it was about 1/3 of the cost. In the meantime, Heartland Bank came back and offered it at no cost but the feeling was to stay with Resource as they are located in Somonauk and we need to use both banks. So it was decided to stay with Resource Bank for the direct deposit but in order to open an account we need to transfer \$20,00.00 to them. Eade asked if all the employees were offered this, Yes, they were.

Motion:

Nemcek-Button moved to transfer \$20,000.00 from Illinois Funds to Resource Bank for direct deposit payroll. Eade seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Severson-yes and Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

Motion Passed

FYI Moving Tree at Village Hall:

Morphey explained that as a FYI the tree in front of the Village Hall periodically is removed for a smaller tree which is because they get to big to handle. This is to be done sometime this week.

Laws & Ordinance:

Nothing to report.

Employee Relations:

Conley reported the 2012 Impala squad car had not been running as it needed extensive work. The new squad is in and is being put into service soon. He would like to make a motion to decommissions the 2012 squad car and check with Govdeals to sell the squad.

Motion:

Conley moved to decommission the 2012 Impala squad car and place it on GovDeals or similar a similar service to sell the 2012 Impala. Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Severson-yes and Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

Motion Passed

Street & Alleys:

Tree Trimming: McMillen presented three bids for two different addresses:

126 W. Lafayette (1 Maple)		205 S Cherry St (2 Maples)	
Busted Knuckles	\$1024.00	Busted Knuckles	\$1632.00
Stephens	\$1260.00	Stephens	\$3320.00
Treescape Solutions	\$ 900.00	Treescapes Solutions	\$1600.00

Motion:

McMillen moved to award Treescapes Solution both bids not to exceed \$2500.00 for both jobs. Severson seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Severson-yes and Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

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HR Green agreement for SRTS:

McMillen explain this is an agreement with HR Green for the STRS project with the Village President signing the agreement. This would be hiring HR Green to provide part-time construction observation services along with QA material testing for the Safe Routes to School.

Motion:

McMillen moved to enter into an agreement with HR Green hiring HR Green to provide part-time construction observation services along with QA material testing for the Safe Routes to School. Nemcek- Button seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Severson-yes and Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

Motion Passed

Ratifying sweeping at Prairie View:

McMillen presented a bill to D&D Sweeping for the sweeping of Prairie View after the roads had been chip and sealed. The Village assumed it was in the original bid with the county but was not. A consensus vote was taken at the time. This is to rat the action

Motion:

McMillen moved to pay D&D Sweeping for sweeping Prairie View after the seal and chipping. Nemcek-Button seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Severson-yes and Whiteaker – no, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

Motion Passed

McMillen presented the memorandum from our street engineers on the 2020 street program. McMillen explained this did not get on the agenda so he was only looking for a majority consensus, to proceed with the maintenance program.

1. Pass the maintenance resolution (Form BLR 14220) appropriating \$80,000.00 from Motor Fuel Tax Account to fund the year 2020 Street Program.
2. Approve the Maintenance Engineering Agreement (BLR 05520)
3. Approve the Estimate of Maintenance Cost (BLR 14222) and the specifications; and
4. Authorize the Village President and the Clerk to execute all necessary IDOT forms and authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids upon formal approval from IDOT of the program.

McMillen asked for a consensus vote: The following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Severson-yes and Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

The project will be moved forward and this will be ratified next month.

Building & Grounds:

Nothing to report.

Grandgeorge stated the board would be informed as to how the meeting will be held next month.

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn. Eade moved to adjourn everyone was in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Morphey
Village Clerk