

**VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, December 09, 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, Eade, Whiteaker and Nemcek-Button Absent The meeting was a zoom meeting.

Minutes:

McMillen noticed two typos in the minutes one on the first page under Chief Kings report it should read: everything had been quite. On the same page under Water & Sewer & Streets and Alleys report on the first line it should read Eipers had repaired the air leaks on the new Peterbuilt.

McMillen moved to approve the minutes from November 11, 2020 with corrections. Trustee Conley seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade –yes, Whiteaker-yes and Nemcek-Button – absent.

Motion Passed

Bills were presented \$96,418.83. The major bills being: Builders Asphalt \$61,422.33 for 2020 Street Program, Gerald Heinz \$1285.34 for the engineering and Henrich Lawn Care \$1,290.00 for mowing Illowa Park.

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bills to December 09, 2020 in the amount of \$96,418.83. Trustee Eade seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes and Whiteaker-yes, Nemcek Button- absent.

Motion Passed

Communications:

Grandgeorge announced there was no communications.

Reports of Officers:

Police:

King stated his report was presented but he wanted to thank Ben and Jeff and Becky and the office staff for all the help throughout the year.

He was thanked for his and the departments service.

Water & Sewer & Streets and Alleys:

Eipers reported he had serviced all the snow plows, generators and pumps for the winter. And he has installed the new mudwell pump, and replaced south digester shaft. In Wasson's absence Eipers reported they had hung the Lion's Club decorations. Jeff had the Peterbuilt inspected, started receiving salt for the winter. Put up the Christmas decorations at the Village helped Chief King on placement and installation of security cameras at the PD.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Eade had nothing to present for Water & Sewer

Finance:

Morphey reported she had sent out the Tax Levy for 2020-2021 last month for the board to review ask questions and vote on passage today. The Village need to have it to both Counties by the last Tuesday in December. Mcmillen asked what was the % amount. Morphey reported we are asking for the amount we usually ask for 4.999.

Motion:

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Whiteaker moved to adopt Ordinance 20-15 an ordinance to levying taxes for all corporate purposes. Conley seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Whiteaker-yes, and Grandgeorge-yes. Nemcek Button- absent.

Motion Passed

Laws & Ordinance:

Nothing to report for Laws and Ordinance

Employee Relations:

Conley addressed the list in the board books for staff listed for approval for a Christmas bonus / hazard bonus. Morphey explained the staff had worked through the last month of the pandemic and just wanted that recognized. Conley explained it was broken down for PT if they worked over 400 hours they would receive a \$50.00, if under 200 they will receive a \$25.00 gift card. The total amount is \$1350.00. Grandgeorge noted that it was probably to late but perhaps for next year we could check into purchasing cards from the local businesses for the employees to keep things in the Village. Morphey reported that when there was a Business Association the Village did that. But then it became an audition issue. The Auditor explained the bonus by law had to go through pay roll.

Motion:

Conley moved to approve the list presented for Christmas bonus not to accede \$1350.00. Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Whiteaker-yes. and Grandgeorge – yes. Nemcek Button- absent.

Motion Passed

Street & Alleys:

McMillen reported there was nothing for Streets and Alley's. He also wanted to report that the sidewalks that were done through the grant looked nice. Morphey mentioned that we were still waiting to hear if the other grant was awarded to us. We had also heard from IDOT on the cost of the right of way on RT 34.for next year's St. program. We have heard nothing about the drainage problem.

Building & Grounds:

The roof on the concession stand that was damaged in the August storm. Eipers had presented an estimate to repair the roof in house. The cost is approximately \$4718.13 without the window to be replaced at the sewer plant. The work will not be done until the spring. Morphey asked that a motion be made not to accede \$6800.00. That way they would not have to come back to the board and that was the amount the insurance paid. They could then close the claim. This would be significate savings to the Village.

Motion:

Whiteaker moved to approve the repair of the concession stand roof and the window at the sewer plant, both were damaged in the August storm in the amount not to accede \$6800.00. Conley seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Whiteaker-yes. and Grandgeorge – yes. Nemcek Button- absent.

Motion Passed

Grandgeorge stated the board would be informed as to how the meeting will be held next month. Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn. McMillen moved to adjourn everyone was in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Morphey
Village Clerk