

Board Meeting
December 13, 2017, Wednesday

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Attending:
Trustees: Conley, Merrill, McMillen, Colford and Eade.

MOTION:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the minutes for the November 09, 2017.
McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Grandgeorge- yes, McMillen- yes, Colford- yes and Eade-yes

Motion Passes

BILLS:

Bills were presented in the amount of \$61,442.80. Morphey stated this was a lot smaller bill list than last month. Cory Johnson had brought in approximately \$30,904.80 bills, which were for the last six months of jobs preformed for the Village. McMillen asked what the PM Otto bill was for. Wasson stated it was for the area by the Country Kitchen. There were no more questions.

Motion:

Trustee Eade moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$61,442.80. Trustee Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen-yes, Colford-yes and Eade-Yes.

Motion Passed

Communications:

No Communications

Report of Officers:

Police:

Interim Police Chief William King reported there were no state bids for the new squad car. He had also been notified that this is the last month court will be held in Sandwich. In the future the officers will need to travel to Sycamore court house. This is due to Sandwich and their Judaification court.

Water & Swear

Eipers reported there had been a water main break on East Washington St. They had winterized the restrooms at the park and finished the salt storage.

Streets & Alleys: Wasson reported all the trucks had been winterized and were ready for winter. Heartland Bank and Trust had generously donated money to replace the large tree at the water tower park that had to be removed. They replaced it with a Sienna Glenn Maple. Thank you Heartland Bank!

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Nothing to report.

Laws and Ordinance:

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Colford explained the school had finally passed the resolution for the annexation of the property behind Magnuson Lane. It was also explained this had to be passed before the Tax Levy, so the County could receive it first and any taxes the Village would get from the property would have to be before the Tax Levy.

Motion:

Colford moved to pass ordinance 17-16 an ordinance annexing certain Territory into the corporate limits of the Village of Somonauk. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen-yes, Colford-yes and Eade-Yes.

Motion Passed

Finance:

Morphey presented the Tax Levy Ordinance for 2017-2018. She explained it was for the maximum amount they could levy for as the Village as the village was capped (4,999) It would increase the Village tax by \$13,888.00. Which with the insurance going up almost 30% it was needed.

Motion:

Eade move to pass ordinance 17-20 the Tax Levy for 2017-2018 for the Village of Somonauk. Trustee Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-no, McMillen- yes, Colford-yes and Eade-yes.

Motion Passed

Employee Relations:

Conley presented a quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for 2 additional Tasers. Chief King feels each officer should have their own Taser and that would leave one for the part timers to share. There is still money in the fund Officer Wallis collected for the Tasers.

Motion:

Colford moved to purchase two additional Tasers from Fund 49 (the fund where the donation money is) for the amount of \$2073.49. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen- yes, Colford-yes and Eade-yes.

Motion Passed

Conley presented a list of Christmas bonuses for the Village employees. It was listed the same as last year.

Motion:

Conley moved to keep the amount the same, \$50.00 for full timers and staff that had been here for a long time and \$25.00 for office part-timers total of \$600.00. Morphey asked if the board would consider increasing the amount as it had never been increased. Conley stated that they will look at it next year. Colford spoke up and commented it was a small amount and he would like to see it increased. Grandgeorge stated there was a motion on the floor. Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-no, Merrill-no, McMillen-no, Colford-no and Eade-no.

Motion Failed

Motion:

Colford moved to amend the amount of the Christmas to \$100.00 to full time staff and longtime employees and \$50.00 for the office part timers a total of \$1200.00. Trustee

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Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-no, McMillen- yes, Colford-yes and Eade-yes.

Motion Passed

Street & Alleys:

Nothing to report. Morphey mentioned there was an IDOT Audit on Dec. 15th at 1:00 pm

Building & Grounds:

Grandgeorge stated he had asked Eipers and Wasson to go through the old gymnasium. Eipers reported he and Alex Marshall had inspected the building and reported the following:

Inspection of Old Gym

After walking though the building with Alex Marshall, these are the major problems that need to be addressed.

- Foundation – Since the basketball court is in the lower level, cracks in the foundation are leaking moisture onto the floor. The walls are constantly damp and paint will not even adhere to them. They would have to be sealed.
- Drainage – The storm sewer and drains in the stairwells do not appear to be working. This causes flooding during heavy rain. The pipes are plugged or broke.
- Electrical - Old wiring would need to be replaced.
- Plumbing – Galvanized pipe is leaking and would need to be replaced.
- Heating – One furnace would need a total replacement, and the rooftop unit would be to be serviced.
- Windows – Windows on south side need replacement.
- Insulation – No attic insulation!!
- ADA – A lift would need to be installed, and the bathrooms brought up to standards
- Asbestos - Probably lots of it.
- He feels the amount it would take to fix it up another building could be built.

Grandgeorge asked the board if there were any questions.

Merrill stated he had no interest in keeping the Old Gym. It is not something the Village should take on and it is not our fiscal responsibility.

After a long discussion it was decided the Village was not willing to take the responsibility of the Old gym.

In a general consensus the following board members voted NO to taking responsibility of the Old Gym Conley-NO, McMillen- NO, Merrill-NO, Colford-NO, Eade-NO.

Other Business:

Conley asked where we stood with Bud's and their permit.

Grandgeorge replied they still haven't taken a permit out there is a mix up with their corporations on their application; we haven't received a back ground check. At this point it is in the Attorney's hands.

Adjournment:

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Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn. Conley moved to adjourn. Eade seconded the motion, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk