

Board Meeting
February 14, 2018, Wednesday

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Attending:
Trustees: Conley, Merrill, McMillen, Colford and Eade.

MOTION:

Trustee Merrill moved to approve the minutes for the January 09, 2018. Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Grandgeorge- yes, McMillen- yes, Colford- yes and Eade-yes

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Bills were presented in the amount of \$99,017.27. Morphey submitted a list of bill which were out of the normal but approved. `Alarm Detection, \$961.56, Universal (non-MFT) approved before but not exact amount, \$49,200.42, Vaessen Brother's (new truck) \$8905.00, CAW, \$509.86 (brakes impala).

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$99,017.27. Trustee Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen-yes, Colford-yes and Eade-Yes.

Motion Passed

Communications:

Grandgeorge announced he would like a motion to appoint Bill King the new Police Chief. The Employee Relations committee had interviewed 3 final applicants and felt Bill King was the best applicant for the Village.

Motion:

Colford moved to accept the recommendation from President Grandgeorge to appoint William King Chief of Police of the Village of Somonauk with the starting salary of \$55,000.00 with 6 mths, 1 year and 18mths review and increases accordingly. (see attached sheet) Trustee Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen-yes, Colford-yes and Eade-Yes.

Motion Passed

Grandgeorge gave King the oath of office. Everyone congratulated King.

Report of Officers:

Police:

Police Chief William King thanked everyone for his appointment. He is looking forward to working with everyone and moving the department in a positive move forward. He also reported he and Officer Wallis had been working on a new report format, this report will have more information on it and hopefully easier to read. The state bid for the new squad still has not come in. They will be looking at different programs to see if they can get the new squad through. King reported during the last snow storm there had been

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problems with people parking on the Village streets. At this last storm there were no problems. King also expressed kudos to the Public Works dept. (Ben and Jeff) for the great job they had done on the streets. The board reiterated the great job public works had done on the streets.

Water & Swear

Eipers reported besides plowing a great deal he read meters, rebuild the chem feed pumps. There would be an EPA inspection at the water plant on Thursday.

Streets & Alleys:

Wasson was not in attendance. Eipers reported besides his submitted report he had plowed snow, plowed snow and plowed more snow.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer:

Eade presented an agreement for Next-Level for rent on the water tower. The changes would be starting January 1, 2018 an increase of 10% to \$745.00 a month. The agreement is for a 5 years period with renewal of one five year term after that. Next-Level must notify the Village 150 days before the final date if there is intent to renew. There is a 20% late fee charge to the renter is their payment is late. This would be an amendment to ordinance 10-15.

Motion:

Eade move to adopt ordinance 18-04 an ordinance authorizing the exclusive wireless network tower attachment amended lease agreement with Next-Level Technology Partners. Merrill seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen-yes, Colford-yes and Eade-Yes.

Motion Passed

Finance:

Morphey introduce an agreement with Comcast. Comcast is looking at offering service to the businesses at this point in time. They are looking for a permit to start installation as well as an agreement with the Village. The Village attorney is still in conversation with the Comcast attorney. The concerns brought forward were the need to make sure this agreement would not jeopardize our franchise agreement with Mediacom. Morphey stated that our Village Attorney had stated that both companies agreement had a nonexclusive franchise. Pete, Comcast construction manager was present and explained he had been contacted by several businesses inquiring about hooking up. The line would be connected to the fiber located by the Lake Holiday entrance on LaSalle St. and run in the right of way to the Library it would cross over to the north side of the street and then be 90% above ground on the ComEd poles. Morphey passed around a map showing where they would go. One of the questions is that the franchise fee would be for all three Phone, internet and cable. There was also a question about the length of the contract. The current agreement states that it if for 10 years period. Morphey would like to see something to renew or end the agreement with everything going back to original. The consensus of the board was they are very much in favor of Comcast coming into the Village but they feel there are a few issues that need to be addressed. However they do not want to make the Company wait another month before be able to start installation.

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Motion:

Colford moved to enter into a franchise agreement with Comcast Television pending Village Attorney's review and modification. The ordinance number will be 18-05. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Grandgeorge- yes, McMillen- yes, Colford- yes and Eade-yes

Motion Passed

Laws & Ordinance:

Colford introduced ordinance 18-03 An Ordinance adopting a policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the Village of Somonauk. Colford explained this is a state mandate. The Village has an harassment policy in their personnel handbook but with the new mandates our policy need to be amended to cover state requirements.

Motion:

Colford moved to adopt Ordinance 18-03 an Ordinance adopting a policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the Village of Somonauk. Conley seconded the motion the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Grandgeorge- yes, McMillen- yes, Colford- yes and Eade-yes

Motion Passed

Merrill left the meeting at 6:10 pm

Employee Relations:

Conley reported King had submitted a request for new radios for the PD. These would be required to communicate with DeKalb County and the City of Sandwich in the future when DeKalb County upgrades their entire dispatch system. King reported that the County is in the process of purchasing Johnson/ Kenwood Model radios in a large quantity giving the County municipalities an opportunity to put in an order and potentially get them at a better price with a March 1 deadline. He also stated that the actual purchase would be able to be put on next fiscal year's budget. King also stated he was obtaining another quote from Motorola as he would prefer the Motorola radios to the Johnson/Kenwood radios. Colford asked if he would prefer Motorola to the Johnson/Kenwood. King stated yes but the cost would be a factor.

Motion:

Conley moved to purchase 6 EF Johnson/Kenwood Model VP5430 700 MHz portable radios and accessories for the amount of \$13,815.96 McMillen seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-absent, Grandgeorge- yes, McMillen- yes, Colford- yes and Eade-yes

Motion Passed

Street & Alley's

In Wasson's absence Morphey explained she had received a call from Universal requesting there money owed for the 2017 Street program. Morphey informed them the Village had not received any IDOT approval so they could not pay anything out. After talking to Wasson it was decided the Village could pay out the non-MFT funds for the work that was done at the salt storage building and in the drying shed sewer plant as well as patches for 4 water breaks that had occurred for a total of \$49,200.02

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Motion:

Conley motioned to pay Universal \$49,200.02: \$25,456.39 for salt storage, \$13,561.63 for the drying bed, \$3342.00 Sycamore St., \$1428.00 RT 34, \$2844.00 Geraldine Ct, \$2568.00 N. Depot St (N. Depot is a reimbursement). Eade seconded the motion Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Grandgeorge- yes, McMillen- absent, Colford- yes and Eade-yes.

Motion Passed

Building and Grounds:

Nothing to report

Other Business:

Colford reported the minutes for a committee meeting were in the book with the copy of an agreement. This was a disgruntled resident who had received a parking ticket during the snow storm and wanted to contest it. After listening to her and discussing it in committee it was decided the ticket was valid but gave the resident a longer period of time to pay the fine to help her.

Adjournment:

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn. Conly stated so move all were in favor of adjournment at 6:45 pm

Morphey mentioned Merrill had requested a meeting change for next month and was supposed to ask the board but left before there was an opportunity to do so. She will follow up and inform the board.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk