

November 10, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

**VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm
The meeting was a zoom meeting**

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Roll call was taken. Attending: Trustees: Conley, McMillen, Eade, Diebold and Nemcek-Button. Whiteaker- absent. The meeting was a zoom meeting.

Minutes:

McMillen moved to approve the minutes from October 13, 2021 meeting. Trustee Conley seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Nemcek-Button -yes, Diebold-yes, and Eade yes. Whiteaker Absent.

Motion Passed

The bill list to November 10, 2021 was presented in the amount of \$74,298.71.

Morphey reported extra bills were: Stephen’s Tree Service- \$2500.00, A&B Exteriors- PD and Park repair \$4102.00, Ill EPA Tower payment- \$44,487.07

Motion:

Trustee McMillen moved to approve the bills to November 10, 2021 in the amount of \$74,298.71. Button-Nemcek seconded the motion and the following voted: Trustee Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Diebold-yes, Eade-yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Whiteaker- absent.

Motion Passed

Communications:

Petition for Dewey St.- A petition with about 20 signatures from residents on Dewey Street asking to install speed bumps, speed tables or flashing speed cameras due to the increased traffic flow of vehicles speeding through the neighborhood. Grandgeorge asked Diebold if he felt this was a valid request since he lives in the area. He feels that the major problem is the number of vehicles that run the stop sign. He stated this happens all the time. Chief King commented that it was a 2 block area and it is difficult to catch anybody speeding. He does not feel that speed bumps would help. He does feel running the stop sign is a valid complaint and has been patrolling the area more often. Grandgeorge asked if it was the consensus not to do anything on Dewey street but increase patrol at this point. The board was in agreement.

Reports of Officers:

Police:

King reported the October activity report was off as DeKalb County was hacked and the CAD was not working so they had to hand log the activities.

Water & Sewer:

Eipers reported the meters had been read, they had winterized the restrooms at the park and had been looking for leaks to repair.

Streets & Alleys:

Wasson reported that Curran’s is almost finished with RT 34. Grandgeorge stated the roads look nice but he felt the paint was really cheap and already coming off. Wasson reported they are still waiting for light at the cross walks. Hopefully by December. They are waiting for Curran to fill in the areas at the cross walks instead of filling them with grass. Not sure when they will finish. The new plow and the salt spreaders are ready for the snow.

Reports of Committees:

Water & Sewer:

Eade had nothing to report.

Finance:

Morphey presented the Tax Levy for 2021-2022. The Village was levying 4.9% which is about \$15,000.00 in funds. Grandgeorge explained that this is a yearly process. Morphey stated the Village had lost population in the Census so the funds would be needed. Grandgeorge asked if there were any questions.

Motion:

Eade moved to accept the 2021-2022 Tax Levy. Conley seconded the motion and the following trustees voted Trustee Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, , Diebold- Abstain, Eade-yes. Nemcek-Button –yes - Whiteaker - Absent.

Motion Passed

Morphey presented two quotes for new servers for the Police Department for \$8617.00 with a backup charge of \$40.00 a month and the Village Hall for \$7432.00 with a backup charge of \$30.00 a month. The funds for this will be taken out of the American Rescue Plan Act. The Village will be using a portion of funds on public safety.

Motion:

Nemcek-Button moved to accept the quotes from MCC for \$8,617.00 with a \$40.00 a month back up charge for the Police Department. and Village Hall for \$7,432.00 with a backup charge of \$30.00 a month for servers for each location. Eade seconded the motion and the following trustees voted Trustee Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Diebold- Yes, Eade-yes. Nemcek-Button –yes – Whiteaker- Absent.

Motion Passed

Law & Ordinance:
Nothing to report

Employee Relations:

Conley presented new price and plans for the health insurance. The plan we have is increasing only by \$160.48, but because of a mandate from the Affordable Care Act deductions will go from \$3250. /\$6500. to \$3750. /\$7500. and Co-pay will go from 15.00/\$35.00 to \$35.00/\$55.00. This is for a PPO plan. Grandgeorge asked if we had checked into a HMO. Usually a HMO is cheaper. Conley stated they had checked in the past and because of the size of the group there were a lot of restrictions. Wasson stated that he was fine with the plan and wanted to stay with a PPO plan. His concern is how much his wife and child will go up. After much discussion it was decided to pass the quote and check with our insurance agent on HMO and see what the better fit is.

Motion:

Conley moved to accept the new plan Blue Cross Blue Shield from Crum-Halstead for \$4924.00 a month but check the HMO cost for the program too. Eade seconded the motion. and the following trustees voted Trustee Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Diebold- Yes, Eade-yes. Nemcek-Button –yes – Whiteaker- Absent.

Motion Passed

Conley presented a list of names of employees for Christmas bonuses for a total of \$1,200.00. Nemcek- Button was concerned that was not enough. She would like to look at other options to reward the employees. Conley suggested we table this until next month. Nemcek-Button will have a discussion with Morphey about this.

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Building and Grounds:
Nothing to report

Other Business:
Nothing to report

Adjournment:

Grandgeorge then asked for a motion to adjourn. McMillen moved to adjourn Eade seconded the motion and everyone was in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Morphey
Village Clerk