

September 09, 2020  
Regular Board Meeting

**VILLAGE of SOMONAUK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 09, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. noting there had been technical difficulty in connecting to the scheduled zoom meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken. Attending: Trustees: Conley, McMillen, Whiteaker, Nemcek-Button and Eade. The meeting was a zoom meeting.

***Minutes:***

Conley moved to approve the minutes from August 12, 2020. Trustee Nemcek- Button seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –Yes.

***Motion Passed***

Bills were presented \$99,479.98. Extra bills: C Johnson Trucking - total of \$13,455.00, William Stoll (tax reimbursement) \$2381.00, Steffens 3-D Constructions (prime and spray) \$26,919.75. Added to payables was Gary Bark \$607.50.

***Motion:***

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bills to September 09,2020 in the amount of \$99,479.98. Trustee Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Whiteaker – Yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

***Motion Passed***

***Communications:***

Grandgeorge wanted to reiterate that the scheduled zoom meeting had malfunctioned and the new meeting started at 6:58pm.

***Reports of Officers:***

***Police:***

King shared the new squad car is coming along and should be in use in a week or two.

***Water & Sewer:***

Eipers reported he had replaced a valve on Lafayette and a water main break on Lafayette. They ran the generators and pumps during the power outage. There is a new sewer service on LaSalle St.

***Streets & Alleys:***

Wasson reported besides his submitted list he was waiting for a repair quote for the concession stand roof from A& B Exteriors. So all damage could be turned into the insurance company. Grandgeorge asked if they had thought about replacing the roof with a metal roof. Wasson he will check into it after the insurance company assess the damage.

***Committee Reports:***

Grandgeorge asked to address Progressive Energy for the Village buildings. Shawn Ajazi presented an agreement per posing the Village sign with Dynegy Energy at a rate of \$0.04764 vs Constellation (which is the existing company) at their rate \$0. 05301. He is advising the Village to sign the agreement for 4 years.

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**Motion:**

Conley moved to have the Village President sign the agreement with Dynegy Energy for a four years for the Village buildings. Eade seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

**Motion Passed**

Water & Sewer:

Eade presented the need for a new submersible pump for the sewer plant. The pumps usually last about 10 years and are considered throw away pumps. The total cost is \$1890.00 from Xylem Water solutions USA, Inc.

**Motion:**

Eade moved to purchase a Flygt Model DS-2008 2” Submersible pump. For the cost of \$1890.00. Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

**Motion Passed**

**Finance:**

Morphey reported that Brian Zabel was a guest on the ZOOM call to address the Audit. Zabel reported the Village had received a clean opinion. We were in good financial shape at this point. We would be completing the payment of the GO Bonds. That would be saving tax payers at least a total \$200,000.00 a year. Grandgeorge asked if there was a time when we could look at giving back to the community. Brian said that was a board decision but with the payment of the GO Bonds the community would have their taxes go down. Zabel also presented the Ordinance 20-13 the Appropriation Ordinance for May 1,2020 to April 30, 2021.

**Motion:**

Conley moved to accept the Independent Auditor’s Report for April 30, 2020, along with Ordinance 20-13 making the Appropriations for all corporate purposes for the Village of Somonauk for the Fiscal year from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. Nemcek -Button seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

**Motion Passed**

Denise Mestemaker was in attendance to present the Annual Treasurer’s Report for the fiscal year May 01, 2019 to April 30, 2020. Morphey added it needed to be published in a paper. And the cost would need to be approved. She would like the motion not to accede \$1,000.00. Morphey also stated that the Village has no local paper in the Village so it will be published in the DeKalb paper.

Motion:

Conley moved to accept the Treasurer’s report from May, 1,2019 to April 30, 2020 and have it published not to accede \$1000.00. McMillen seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

**Motion Passed**

**Laws & Ordinance:**

**Golf Carts:**

Morphey asked Nemcek-Button lead the discussion on golf cart in the Village limits. She explained that a neighbor on her street had brought her the letter requesting she present it to the board. The letter was requesting the Village relook at the Village ordinance and allow golf carts on Village streets. Nemcek-Button was not in favor of this, but was asked to bring it to the board. Conley replied that he was not in favor of golf cart on Village street, with Rt.34 the train tracts it would be too dangerous. Wasson spoke up and stated that it would be putting people at risk. Leland allows golf carts but they do not have a major highway going through their town.

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Chief King stated that we already have trouble with go-cart and 4- wheelers running around town it would be more trouble trying to police the golf carts too. He also felt that Village intersections on RT 34 alone would it would make the intersection not safe. There is not visibility at Green St. and RT 34. Whiteaker stated that we have an ordinance in place that address vehicles on the street and feels there is no reason to change it.

***Motion:***

Nemcek-Button moved to keep Ordinance 07-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF SOMONAUK CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO UTILITY VEHICLES intact and not change anything. Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

***Motion Passed***

***Employee Relations:***

Conley had nothing to report for employee relations.

***Street & Alleys:***

McMillen presented once again the memorandum from our street engineers on the 2020 street program. McMillen explained there was a concensus last month as McMillen presented the memorandum from our street engineers on the 2020 street program. McMillen explained this did not get on the agenda. So this vote would ratify it.

***Motion:***

McMillen moved to:

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.

Eade seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Whiteaker – yes, Nemcek-Button –yes and Eade –yes.

***Motion Passed***

***Building & Grounds:***

Nothing to report.

Morphey announced that at the end of the month election packets would be ready. Grandgeorge announced that Brian Severson had resigned.

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***