

September 12, 2019
Board meeting

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm

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

Grandgeorge announced he had met with NHK a committee out of Washing DC working with the DeKalb County Farm Bureau on the trade agreement. He had been interviewed by them and he welcomed them to attend the meeting.

Minutes:

MOTION:

Trustee McMillen moved to approve the minutes for the August 14, 2019. Conley seconded the motion and the following voted: Eade-yes, Conley-yes, McMillen –yes Grandgeorge-yes, and Whiteaker – yes.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Bills were presented in the amount of \$51,097.51. Morphey reported it was a pretty normal bill run. Morphey presented the following bills: Allen Stevens- \$5844.98, Stoll (reimbursement) - \$2428.98, C. Johnson Trenching- \$16,614.00. These were bill that were bills out of the normal bills.

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bills to September 12, 2019 in the amount of \$51,097.51. Trustee Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes and Whiteaker- yes.

Motion Passed

Communications:

Grandgeorge stated that he had met with several people who are interested in the trustee position. He would like to appointment one this month and another one next month. This would give us a full board. He is interested in looking at the committees and getting them more active.

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to appoint Rhonda Nemcek-Button as a new trustee for the unexpired trustee term.

Motion:

Conley moved to appoint Rhonda Nemcek Button to the board of Trustees for the unexpired term. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge – yes, and Whiteaker- yes.

Motion Passed

Grandgeorge swore Nemcek-Button in and Nemcek-Button took a seat at the table.

Grandgeorge asked Chief King and Israel Ramos to step forward.

Motion:

Conley moved to hire Israel Ramos as a full time officer starting September 15, 2019. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge – yes, Whiteaker- yes and Nemcek-Button-yes

Motion Passed

The board congratulated Officer Ramos.

Report of Officers:

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Police:

Chief King reported the with hiring Officer Ramos they are back to full strength. Scheduling should be much easier to schedule. He and Wasson had worked on getting the trees along LaSalle St.

Water & Sewer

Eipers reported lightening had hit the computer knocked out the protection system. He had replaced everything that was damaged and things were back to normal.

Grandgeorge asked if he had talked to Alex about the drainage. Eipers stated that he had spoken to him He feel that we would have the ability to reshape the drainage, but he feels the school would not put any money towards it. When Marshall has the crops out we can look at have some word done. Conley asked if Wasson had spoken to Diane Bristol when she was here. Wasson reported yes he had spoken to her and things were fine.

Streets & Alleys:

Wasson presented his report and added Stephen's Tree Service has been making progress with the list of trees they have been approved for but there are several to go. HR GREEN looked at the drainage at Illowa and is working on several options.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Eade reported he had received a request from Public Works to purchase a new pick-up truck for Public Works. They try to stay on a 4-year rotation. This would be a replacement for Ben's vehicle.

Motion:

Eade moved to purchase a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Reg. Cab LT and the plow mounts not to accede \$11,310.00. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge – yes, Whiteaker- yes and Nemcek-Button-yes.

Motion Passed

Eade then presented a quote to replace the pump at Cook Court. This pump was put in in the 1950's and can no longer get replacement parts and it is time to replace it.

Motion:

Eade moved purchase a Flygt Model NP-3102 Volute Submersible pump equipped with a 230 Volt/3phase/60Hz 5 HP 1750 RPM motor, 463 impeller, 1x50 ft. length of SUBCAB 4G4+2x1.5 submersible cable, volute is prepared for Flush Valve, 1 Connection, Disch 4x4 CI, 1 Hardware, Disc Conn Assy 304SS, 1 kit, Hardware 3/8 SS (2x, 1 Bracket, guide bar upper 2" 316 not to accede \$9233.00. Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge – yes, Whiteaker- yes and Nemcek-Button-yes.

Motion Passed

Finance:

Morphey reported there was nothing for Finance this month. Next month would be the Tax Levy

Motion:

Conley moved to accept the Audit for the fiscal year 2018-2019. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge -yes and Whiteaker- Absent.

Motion Passed

Laws & Ordinance:

The draft ordinance was presented to the board for allowing Chicken. The Village Attorney had

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contacted Morphey saying this is a zoning addition so it will need to go through the Planning and Zoning Commission. She will set up a meeting before the next board meeting.

Pfortmiller's, 410 DeKalb St. were in the audience and given a copy of the draft. They commented that there was not a hurry at this point. Now was not the time to start chickens. They were just interested in getting everything in place.

Employee Relations:

Conley reported we had still not receive a MOU from the Attorney. Grandgeorge stated his disappointment in this. He feels that is a very easy agreement to put together.

Conley reported we had heard nothing from the Union. The Village stance is to go to arbitration. Conley presented.

Conley stated the chief King had completed the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and was accepted by the Village Board on August 14, 2019. This was an agreement of his employment.

Motion:

Conley moved to increase Bill King's salary to the agreed amount of \$29.32 an hour from \$27.65 going back to the June 18, 2019 pay period. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge – yes, Whiteaker- yes and Nemcek-Button-yes

Motion Passed

Streets & Alleys:

To continue last month discussion about eliminating parking at Green St. and RT 34. Public Works was to block 2 parking lots off so the board could look at the amount of spaced would be removed. The total would be 72 ft. if 2 spaces were removed. This would match Rambo's across the street. King presented an old GIS photo showing before the sidewalks were replace the entire area was painted yellow for no parking. After much discussion it was decided to try on parking space and see how it went.

Motion:

Conley move to designate a NO PARKING ZONE on the south side of Market St. (RT 34) and Green St. east approximately 50 ft. (1 parking space) Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge – yes, Whiteaker- yes and Nemcek-Button-yes

Motion Passed

Building and Grounds:

No report

Other Business:

No other business

Adjournment

Motion:

McMillen moved to adjourn. At 7:20 pm. Conley seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge-yes. Whiteaker- Absent

Motion Passed

Respectfully,

Rebecca Morphey
Village Clerk