

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 7:30 pm

Village President Aaron Grandgeorge called meeting to order at 7:30 PM, in attendance were Trustees Becky Morphey, Dan Stahl, Rob Hanson, Rich Mc Millen, and Merlin Milligan. Absent is Scott Merrill.

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to appoint Morphey clerk Pro-Tem Mc Millen seconded the motion the following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Hanson-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Milligan-yes, Morphey-abstain, Merrill absent.

MOTION PASSED

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Stahl made a motion to approve minutes from March 12, 2008 regular board meeting, Mc Millen seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted: Mc Millen-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes; Milligan-abstain, Hanson-abstain, Merrill absent.

MOTION PASSED

BILLS:

Morphey announced that the second payout for the water tower is included in the bill list in the amount of \$125,383.00.

MOTION:

Hanson made a motion to accept the bills in the amount of \$198,075.33. Mc Millen questioned the BNSF check, and it was explained that this was a yearly due. Milligan seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill absent.

MOTION PASSED

ORDINANCES:

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to approve the liquor license for the establishments in Somonauk that need to renew their liquor license from last year. As follows:

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| Apple Inn Inc. | A | \$1,000.00 |
| 111 W. Market | | |
| BUD'S SERVICE, INC. | B | \$800.00 |
| 150 E. Market | | |
| CASEY'S GENERAL | B | \$800.00 |
| 900 W. Market | | |
| MILLER'S FOODS | B | \$800.00 |
| 115 E. Market | | |
| RAMBO'S | E | \$1,250.00 |
| 140 W. Market | | |
| Village Courtyard | D | \$900.00 |
| 120 W. Market | | |

Hanson seconded the motion. The following trustees voted: Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, Morphey-yes, Milligan-abstain, and Merrill absent.

MOTION PASSED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Regional Planning:

Grandgeorge asked if any one else was interested in being on that committee with Becky, there was no response.

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to appoint Becky Morphey to represent the village of Somonauk on the Regional Planning Board. Milligan seconded the motion the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-abstain, Merrill absent.

MOTION PASSED

Grandgeorge said we have two Eagle Scout programs that are going to happen this year, one will be going on this year into next year and both will possibly be at the park. One, which is in the very minor stages, is to repaint the buildings there, the ones that are up now. The second one, which is a little farther along, is kind of like a nature preserve kind of thing. In that area by the building they want to do some native plantings with the help of Mr. Tucker, they are working on that right now. That one is a lot of work and will take up until next spring. I just wanted to bring everybody up to date on that.

LAWS / ORDINANCES:

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to approve **Ordinance # 08-07** to amend section 5.3.1.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance of Somonauk. Mc Millen seconded the motion. Grandgeorge explained the need for the change being that we have no area for grain storage currently in the UDO, this is allowing it with a Special Use. The following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

A discussion ensued between Attorney Eric Hanson, Stahl, and Grandgeorge explaining the Findings of Fact and request for a Special Use Permit for the Leland Farmers Company's to enable them to replace the old Grain Elevator with new storage bins for grain storage. This adaptation will include a Termination Clause in the event the business is abandoned for a period of 90 consecutive days or more at any given time in the future. Also if this Company moves its business, any future business at this site will have to go through the same procedure to open a business on the site. The Leland Farmers Companies will also have to adhere to the site plan presented.

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to adopt **Ordinance #08-08** the ordinance accepting the recommendation of the PZC to allow a Special Use for the Leland

Farmers Companies to erect Grain Bins. McMillen seconded the motion. The following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

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Stahl made a motion to adopt **Ordinance #08-09** to grant a variance waiving landscaping from this property due to the nature of the business the property is mostly gravel and will driven on so landscaping is impossible. Planning and Zoning Commission recommends this petition be granted. Motion seconded by Milligan, the following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

POLICE:

Chief Smith:

We had some car burglaries on the North side and Smith is going to send out a press release to remind people to lock their vehicles nobody has broken into vehicle they just walk by and if it's open they have taken small items.

Also now that the weather is getting warmer we've had some young people discharging BB guns and that kind of stuff. There is a village ordinance about discharging firearms BB Guns or anything that discharges a projectile can be dangerous. This includes air guns we've had some complaints about those. They now make these air guns as exact replicas of real guns this could be especially dangerous if some one pointed one at a police officer, they are identical to a real gun. There could be some serious repercussions.

Officer Wallace is in the process of applying for a grant for a couple of in car digital cameras 921 the '98 ford.

Water & Sewer:

Ben Eipers: With all the rain we have two excess motors that are not working they have been pulled and need to be repaired. Eipers attended a conference, at which he attended several classes: Water Tower Maintenance Repairs, planning, general maintenance, and treatment systems, he had approximately 15 class hours.

Street & Alley:

Jeff Wasson: presented a list of project he had been working on the past month.

Patch holes, check parks for garbage, attended class for Permangante and Phosphate application, checked Village Furnace, Destroy old files at PD., etc. It was asked about Jake's list of projects.

Discussion ensued about a fire hydrant map for the village. For \$1500.00 we can put together a fire hydrant map, with hydrants colored in, and get that to the Fire Department, which will be a cheaper alternative than having a survey crew come out and doing it.

Water & Sewer:

MOTION:

Milligan made a motion to not to exceed \$1500.00 for the hydrant mapping. Stahl seconded the motion the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion to purchase a radiator for the International truck not to exceed \$535.00 from Total Performance. Mc Millen seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Morphey-yes, Hanson-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Milligan-abstain, Merrill Absent.

MOTION PASSED

Excess Flow Motors are being rebuilt for \$1000.00 apiece, \$2000.00 for the two of them.

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion to rebuild the two motors for the Excess Flow Meters for a cost not to exceed \$2000.00 for both. Seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

Storm Sewer repairs:

Storm Sewer on corner of North Depot and Ann Street has broken tile in it and flooded that block. Eipers said they are going to reroute it over to the new storm sewer across the street, right now we're going out to the old field tile. I got a bid from Dienst to do the digging for \$2500.00 and the material will be about \$500.00 we'll need a couple pieces of pipe. The estimate will be about \$3000.00.

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to repair the storm sewer not to exceed \$3000.00 Merrill seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

Mc Millen said we talked about the inter net at the sewer plant, there are two options that we talked about: the Media Com was approximately \$60.00 a month with free installation, or Wireless Internet that's \$25.00 a month with a one time \$225.00 charge for equipment. A discussion ensued about the advantages and disadvantages of each type.

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to accept Media Com's terms for Internet service Mc Millen seconded the motion the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-no, Merrill is absent.

Motion Passed

Stahl had made mention that he wanted to pass the DeKalb County Hazard resolution, but after talking to Eric Hanson (Village Attorney) He thought they needed to wait and Stahl now agrees with him because there are areas that we need to appoint certain people to be in charge and be responsible for and keep us up to date by making sure we meet requirements that the county wants to have us meet; so it's a good idea we wait and thrash it out. Stahl said he needs to have a meeting too, about Rambo's.

Finance:

Trustee Hanson said the Chief just turned in his worksheet, we are setting to go for June 08, and we have a meeting at the end of the month to close out the books. Bank Search, there was only three of us at the last Finance Committee Meeting and we really need everybody there for a good working session. Fixed asset list we discussed that at the last Finance Committee Meeting and we decided that we had to get some clarification about capital from Brian Zabel? I don't know is everything over \$5000.00 considered capital? We also had a discussion on fixed assets list we should have a list, an inventory list of everything we own in case of fire or natural disaster. We need to work on both of those.

Grandgeorge asked, "So you have a plan?"

To which Hanson replied, "We have a plan."

Employee Relations:

MOTION:

Milligan made a motion to pass **Ordinance 08-10** to increase the cumulative sick leave to be accumulated from year to year to a maximum of 240 hours and in no event shall an employee be paid for unused sick leave. Mc Millen seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

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Milligan made a motion that we enter into an agreement with Chris Bland to have do IT to work for the Village for \$35.00 an hour. He is to be paid as a vendor and will receive a 1099.

Morphey seconded the motion the following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Morphey-yes, Hanson-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Milligan-yes, Merrill Absent.

MOTION PASSED

A vendor is only paid once a month so he will need to submit his hours once a month for his pay.

P Z C appointments tabled.

Milligan wants to set a time for the week of the 21st to hold a meeting for the Insurance. He will have new plans and new options available at Village Hall for employees to take a look at. Any employees that have any concerns or questions about it should attend the meeting as well.

Streets & Alleys

The 2008 sidewalk bid is in the paper now, Mc Millen thinks the deadline is the 15th we have one reply so far.

There is a need to seal coat; parts of the roads in Prairie View, Mr. Mueller need to get this done before we can sign off on the subdivision.

Morphey said they have a bond for Prairie View and until the lawsuit is finished she hadn't wanted to release it. We need to save some funds for the seal coating, detention calculations and any engineering fees and attorney's fees \$10,000.00 should be sufficient.

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion to release the Prairie View Line-of-Credit down to \$10,000.00 so they can get the repairs to the road done. Stahl seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION:

Mc Millen made a motion to purchase a Stihl weed blower not to exceed \$395.00. Stahl seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

A short discussion was held about the water standing on Magnuson Lane.

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS:

MOTION:

In Merrill's absence Morphey made a motion to get gravel the entrance to the South Park and the Sewer Plant not to exceed \$1500.00. Milligan seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Morphey-yes, Hanson-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Milligan-yes, Merrill Absent.

MOTION PASSED

Chief Smith is asking for upgrading of the Electric service coming into the Police Department. Wasson came up with a total of \$762.78 for these repairs.

MOTION:

Mc Millen made a motion not to exceed \$800.00 for the Electrical work needed at the Police Department. Hanson seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Hanson-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey-yes, Merrill is absent.

MOTION PASSED

Summer Fest Merrill has been working on it, he has lots of sponsors he thinks it's going well.

Winter spoils need to be cleaned up at the South Park, may cost up to \$310.00, the consensus was to go ahead with it.

Public:

Matt Wilson

The school had a Career Awareness Day it was very well received; Aaron did a very good job representing the Village as the Village President. He also wanted to inform the board that the FFA would be running the School Farm Ground this year. They will be doing a little fence cleaning up, they have a Mulberry Tree that needs to be cleared out, the students and he will get that cleaned up. He wanted to let the Board know that they have a Four Wheel Drive vehicle that has a sprayer on it. He will be taking it across the road to use in the field. Morphey said the need to get a permit and the Village would waive the cost.

MOTION:

Stahl made motion to go into Executive Session for Employee Relations and litigation with no action to be taken. Mc Millen seconded the motion all Trustees-aye.

MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned for Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Palley Wohlers Clerk Pro-Tem