

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Village President Aaron Grandgeorge attending were Trustees Milligan, Mc Millen, Merrill, Morphey, and Stahl. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION:

Milligan made a motion to appoint Palley Wohlers Clerk Pro-Tem for this meeting, Morphey seconded the motion the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Morphey-yes, and Stahl-yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

MINUTES:

Morphey submitted the minutes for the regular board meeting of April 9, 2008.

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to accept the minutes, Morphey seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Morphey-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Milligan-yes. Merrill-no. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

BILLS:

Monthly bills in the total \$59,203.07 were submitted.

MOTION:

Milligan made a motion to accept bills in the amount of \$59,203.07, Mc Millen seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Morphey-yes, and Stahl-yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES:

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to ratify Ordinance # 08-11, a resolution supporting The IDOT Grant for building and replacement of sidewalks. Morphey seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Stahl-yes, Morphey-yes, Milligan-yes, and Mc Millen-yes; Merrill-abstained. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning / Zoning:

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to appoint Eric Johnson to a four-year term on the Planning and Zoning commission, Milligan seconded the motion, the follow trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, and Stahl-yes; Morphey-no. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION:

Milligan made a motion to appoint Charles Marshall to a four-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Stahl seconded the motion. The following trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Stahl-yes, Milligan-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustee Hanson absent

MOTION PASSED

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to appoint Greg Grandgeorge to a four-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Merrill seconded the motion. The following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Morphey-yes, and Stahl-yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Development:

President Grandgeorge reported the Castingoli property that extends from Somonauk Road to Governor Beverage Road across from Buck Lake- Mat Blocker was involved in that a year ago. They will be approaching the board to amend their annexation agreement to provide for some commercial parcels. There will be three commercial parcels and the rest will be R 1- A. They will still need to come in for rezoning to learn the available zoning that we would be interested in permitting per Attorney Eric Hanson. They will need to meet with Walt to see what they will legally need to do first. They will need to publish not less than 15 days not more than 30-days before there will be a public hearing.

La Salle County Bridge will be started in July, construction from July-November. Mark road for traffic.

Morphey reported that Jeff Muellner is requesting to reduce his bond on Prairie View Subdivision. Now that the law suit is settled and the Attorney has signed off and the Engineer (Joe Heinz) has checked the detention calculations but feels the roads should be seal coated and is suggesting that \$10,000.00 be held on the bond to cover the roads and any attorneys fees and engineering fees that might come up.

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to pass Resolution 08-12, Morphey seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey- yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

Grandgeorge informed the board about a Metro West COG meeting involving three counties DeKalb, Kane and Kendall to be held May 29, 2008 at the Timber Creek Lodge. If there was interesting attending please let Denise know.

The is also a ground breaking ceremony at the new water park "Waves of Fun" in Sandwich.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Police:

Chief Smith announced they are half way through the concentrated seat belt enforcement period for IDOT. He has talked with the Circuit Clerk in regards to printing traffic tickets in the squad cars and transfer data to her, rather than have her print them out, it would cut back on a lot of paper work.

Water / Sewer:

Ben Eipers reported excess flow mixers were rebuilt and installed. Dienst installed a storm and fixed broken tile.

Remodeled the bathroom in the basement and painted entryway.

Streets / Alley's:

Wasson submitted a report on the Emerald Ash Borer. He reported his activities (attached report) He, Jake and Ben have been cleaning and painting the basement. As well as trimming bushes and setting street sweeping for Memorial Day. Installed a No Parking sign at the N.E. corner of Market St and Green St.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Water / Sewer:

Morphey states that we need to remove the accumulated spoils from in front of the Waste Water Treatment Plant it has been accumulating for "years and years". They have two bids for the job; one from Dienst for \$5,000.00 and one from Midwest Dirt Works for \$2,900.00.

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion to award the job to Midwest Dirt Works for \$2,900.00 to remove spoils Milligan seconded the motion. The following trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Stahl-yes, Milligan-yes, and Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-abstained. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

Water Shut Off Ordinance:

Stahl proposed Ordinance # 08-13 to raise the rates to \$75.00 for disconnection charges for those who do not pay their water bills or make arrangements for timely payments with the Village.

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to pass ordinance #08-13 Morphey seconded the motion. The following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey- yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

Newsletter:

Morphey produced samples of the format for the proposed newsletter to be circulated two times a year (semi-annual) to Village residents. She had samples made in both color and black and white to give trustees a better choice. Color copies would cost \$702.00 per 1000 or \$802.00 for 1500 copies plus a \$40.00 charge; two colors for \$450.00 and black and white would cost \$350.00 this is from Creative Design. The other printer would cost considerably more. It can possibly be done "in house" for even less if we go black and white.

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion not to exceed \$350.00 for printing of "Newsletter" Merrill seconded the motion. The following trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Stahl-yes, Milligan-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

LAWS / ORDINANCES:

Stahl introduced a settlement agreement between Illowa Farms and the Village prepared by Attorney Eric Hanson

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to accept the settlement agreement between the Village of Somonauk and Illowa Farms Milligan seconded the motion. The following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey- yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

The board addressed the problem of continued water retention in Illowa Farms and the need of correcting the problem.

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion to have Dienst make repairs at the townhouses in Illowa Farms, Rollin Rd and Morrow in the amount of \$5250.00, in the amount of \$3,900.0 to begin, soon. Mc Millen seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey- yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion to have Dienst make repairs in the amount of \$3900.00 at Pine and Dorothy Streets it will be at least a month before this can be done. Milligan seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Stahl-yes, Milligan-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustee Hanson was absent.

MOTION PASSED

DEKALB COUNTY HAZARD RESOLUTION:

MOTION:

Stahl made a motion to adopt resolution 08-15 Morphey seconded the motion the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey- yes. Trustee Hanson was absent.

MOTION PASSED

FINANCE:

Morphey announced Bens Eipers fixed asset list had been turned in. Rob Hanson is to set audit date for weeks of June 2 or June 16, 2008.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS;

Milligan had nothing to address.

STREETS / ALLEYS:

Mc Millen concerning sidewalk program at 130 W. La Fayette Street he went around and measured it one day, but didn't make contact with the customer. He has been unable to contact owner about which plan he wants to use. The sidewalk on E. Market all the way to East we are looking at about 440 ft. the closest estimate is about \$7500.00. McMillen reported leakage on Magnuson, and there are also concerns on Green and La Fayette.

Joe Heinz came out and looked at both of these with Wasson. "He came up with ideas of how to fix. A committee meeting will be set to look at all options. Grandgeorge and Mc Millen exchanged possible solutions others joined in. We will have to get some engineering plans drawn up and cost estimates before coming to a finale decision.

Mc Millen asked Stahl about the agreement the village made with Chris Morphey at 130 West La Fayette concerning the sidewalk at this address. The consensus was that the village agreed to pay one half of the "cement" used for the public sidewalk along La Fayette Street that Morphey had done himself, and if the he wants they will do the 50/50 program for the part that still has to be done.

Mc Millen asked Jeff Wasson about the amount of gravel needed for the alleys. Wasson had said 8-10 truckloads. Also the question of whether to have all delivered at once or two or three loads with time after each delivery to spread and level.

BUILDINGS / GROUNDS:

Dust control for park driveway came under discussion. The cost to do the drive all the way to the treatment plant would be about \$750.00 with an additional \$400.00 to do the Park driveway and parking lot. An over all estimated cost of \$1250.00 not to exceed \$1500.00 was the consensus.

MOTION:

Milligan made a motion spray the gravel driveways and parking lot at the South Park for dust control not to exceed the cost of \$1500.00. Merrill seconded the motion, the following trustees voted: Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey- yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION:

Merrill made a motion to replace the Illowa Park broken playground equipment with a toy bulldozer that promises to be stronger for the cost of \$357.87 including shipping and handling. Morphey seconded the motion. The following trustees voted Morphey-yes, Stahl-yes, Milligan-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustee Hanson absent.

MOTION PASSED

SUMMER FEST:

Merrill gave an accounting of funds donated for the Summer Fest cost including a \$4000.00 Grant he has received. He announced a committee meeting for next Wednesday **May 21, 2008.**

CENSUS:

Morphey is supervising the special census and has sent out letters to all the business' and looking for workers who will be paid from \$9.75- \$14.00 per hour too assist with the census. She has placed ads in all the papers we need 65 applications to get the census people to come out.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

A discussion was opened concerning the proposal of "in town" business licensing. Attorney Eric Hanson submitted a copy of the new ordinance that the village requested and he had drafted for the licensing of new business in Somonauk. Board members discussed the pros and cons of the need for this license in general and the wording of the document in specific. After discussion and explanation by President Grandgeorge, Trustee Stahl and Attorney Hanson the discussion was opened for public comment.

President of the business association, Bob Honkala spoke at length as a representative for the local business' that seemed to have a negative view of the proposed licensing he said every business in Somonauk is 100% against it.

Local Attorney Ken Poris also spoke in regards to the proposal he suggested that instead of a new ordinance the board might amend some of the existing ones (in the UDO 3.2.1, 3.2.8 and 3.5) that could serve the same purpose.

Linda Anderson of South Depot Street expressed her concerns about the proposed business license because of its impact on her in home business of childcare.

After lengthy discussions between the board, and the public it was decided that the wording in this proposed ordinance is too vague and needed more definition. Stahl suggested a meeting with board representatives and Business Association representatives.

MOTION:

Milligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting Stahl seconded the motion. The following trustees voted Milligan-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Stahl-yes, and Morphey- yes. Trustee Hanson was absent.

MOTION PASSED

The Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Palley Wohlers Clerk Pro-Tem