

**SOMONAUK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm**

Village President Grandgeorge called meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Attending were Trustees Conely, Mc Millen, Wiegman and Morphey. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to appoint Palley Wohlers Clerk Pro-Tem, McMillen made the motion, Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Mc Millen-yes and Conley-yes. Larson and Merrill absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

**MINUTES:**

President Grandgeorge asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**MOTION:**

Wiegman made a motion to accept the Minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 Board Meeting, Conely seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conely-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

**BILLS:**

Morphey said that the \$11,000.00 on the list for the new transformer at the treatment plant she put two payments in for Schramm Construction for \$43,502.98 and \$74,076.98. Grandgeorge said the transformer was budgeted for. He said he was not able to get any reduction of that bill when he talked with Com Ed; there was a miscommunications with them from the "git-go" they thought that it was going to be a standard hook-up and it would be no cost but because of a voltage change a upgrade was required.

Morphey said there is an addition for the AFLAC bill. The total for the bills was \$167,564.13.

**MOTION:**

Wiegman made a motion to accept the bills as presented Conely seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Grandgeorge said they are supposed to hear a request from Dena Kramer of the Jr. Women's Club but since she is not here yet they will hear from Mike Jump of Somonauk Somonauk Recreation:

Mr. Jump has just taken over his position with Somonauk Rec. and is trying to familiarize himself with his responsibilities to the Village for use of the park. He asked for clarification about the \$3.00 per child fee being charged. He wanted to know if this is

still in effect or if because of other “helpful” contributions from his group the \$3.00 charge was waived or had been changed in some way.

After a Board discussion (Merrill was not in attendance) it was decided that for now the fee was still in effect, because of many improvements and changes at the park this. Jump addressed the issue of taking care of the garbage when his group used the park i.e. who provides the bags. Wasson stated the Village supplies the bags the Somonauk Rec. is in charge of emptying the barrels.

Jump addressed a “possibility” of his group getting a second vehicle (Golf cart or ATV) to do concessions during the week in the perimeter fields; Jump inquired if a permit was needed. Morphey stated a permit was required from the Village. Somonauk Rec. is in need of extra room and inquired if he the Village had a problem if they looked into expanding the old concession stand to house another vehicle.

Grandgeorge said he didn’t want to comment on this now. He said Jump needed to talk to Wasson and Eipers and let them know what he wants and they can bring it back to the Board. Because they work down there all the time and will know better what is possible in the park than he would. Jump said that they are looking at getting a golf cart to start with and it can sit in there now but it’s close and he worries about someone causing damage while parking it.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

##### Police:

Chief Smith said the radio rebanding in the squad cars, (to comply with the upcoming new Bands), has been completed. Also the video camera has been installed in the Dakota purchased with the DeKalb County Community Grant.

Grandgeorge said to tell your neighbors and friends to not talk or text on your phones in the school zone. Do not use your cell phones in the school zone. The Sergeant wrote four warning tickets in the school zone. No citations have been written –as yet.

##### Water/Sewer:

Ben Eipers said that they have read the meters and repaired a broken water main on Washington Street. Eipers gave an update on the construction of the Water Treatment plant the roof is on and they are working on the interior plumbing and the underground. The Storage Building is at a standstill they were going to put a roof on, but it was too cold to put a roof on and the snow didn’t melt off so he (the contactor?) is going to wait for the warmer weather”.

Grandgeorge asked about the over head doors. Eipers said they are about 6-8 weeks out at the last meeting, he has them ordered.

##### Streets/Alleys:

Jeff Wasson said they are getting low on road salt he’s got another load coming in tomorrow and hopefully there will be a few more coming next week and we’ll stock up and get us through the next few storms.

Grandgeorge asked how we are on the budget for salt.

Wasson said he won’t know until the end of the year when they send him the bill. He thinks we should be in pretty good shape because he estimated the high cost of last years and salt has come down in price this year.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**Water/Sewer:**

Pete Huinker gave a report on the Market Street lights. He said they have the equipment now but they're saying they can't pull the wires because they have to make sure the conduit is thawed out so they can pull the wires through it. They have the equipment and the material they have the poles they could get the decoration brackets mounted while it's still on the ground. It would be in their best interest to get it done so they can get paid; they said they would do it in January when it was just as cold as or even colder than it is now.

Layne-Western submitted a proposal for the pumps for the Water Treatment Plant cost for time and material not to exceed \$79,280.00. Layne-Western said that included a built in contingency of \$16,000.00 so it should cover any variations they need to do, with the possible exception of extremely poor condition of the pipes or other unusual circumstance they might encounter which could possibly cost more. Grandgeorge suggested they have another meeting with the committee on Water/Sewer that they had talked to before.

**MOTION:**

Morphey made a motion to approve the Layne-Western proposal not to exceed \$79,280.00 Wiegman seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Pete Huinker from Smith Engineering reported on the Safe Routes to School Grant. The forms for the \$250,000.00 are in the process of being filled out and it looks like the process is going to be a little easier than anticipated, best case scenario we'll be looking at fall construction.

Grandgeorge said lets try to move as fast as we can now and then if we have slow down because of what ever.

Morphey said there was a change order for overage cost for construction (due to finding damaged soil on site) of the Treatment Plant. She said it was in the bills but they should probably make a motion for Board approval.

**MOTION:**

Morphey made a motion for approval of \$14,629.27 in a change order to cover the cost of the overage on construction of the Treatment plant. Wiegman seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conely-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Morphey had information on the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aide Network (IPWMAN) it is a State program which in case of a disaster every municipality who is a member can ask for and receive aide from any other municipality that is a member.

Conely asked if this isn't covered by NIMS (National Incident Management Systems).

Morphey said it's kind of a sister program run through the state, where as NIMS is a National Program. IWPMAN requires a \$100.00 for dues.

By way of clarification for everyone Grandgeorge gave a detailed description of why it is important for us, as a small community, to be a part of this program.

**MOTION:**

Wiegman made a motion "I move the adoption of Ordinance number 10-02 which authorizes execution of The Illinois Public Works Mutual Aide Network agreement so as to allow for cooperation with other government agencies in times of emergencies".

Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Finance:**

Reported the budget is coming due. She has received the Police budget so far.

**Employee Relations:**

Conely had nothing at this time.

**Communications:**

Dena Kramer of The Jr. Women's Club was given the floor for her communication to the Board. She said they would like to purchase another piece of playground equipment for the park. What they have in mind is something that none of the other parks around here have yet, it's a climbing wall. They went out and made sure there is enough room for it and it won't interfere with the ball games. They almost have all the money; they just completed their last Daddy / Daughter Dance with that amount they should exceed their goal of \$5000.00 and be able to purchase more equipment.

Grandgeorge asked the board if anyone had a problem with Jeff (Wasson) handling this. The Junior Women's Cub is to get with Wasson and work out the details..

**Streets / Alleys:**

Mc Millen said he wants to get the 2010 sidewalk bids out he wants to get the ad in the paper as soon possible he said it's basically the same as last year he just had to change a couple of dates and get it in the paper. He would like the bid opening before the next board meeting.

Morphey is preparing to order the 2010 Vehicle Stickers; they estimate 1600 for vehicles and 85 for motor Cycles. They will be yellow this year and the cost will be \$670.00 plus shipping.

**MOTION:**

Mc Millen made a motion to approve the purchase of vehicle stickers not to exceed \$700.00 from Rydin Decals. Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conely-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

La Salle County Grant: (work on Gage Street)

Morphey said they had originally told her that our cost would be \$31,636.78 but after discussing it with their bidders they have calculated our cost at around \$24,000.00 which includes the driveway entrances. The total amount for the Village should be \$94,954.84 but the Village will only be responsible for a portion of that. That amount should be covered by Motor Fuel Tax.

**MOTION:**

Wiegman made a motion to authorize the Village Board President to enter into an agreement between the Village of Somonauk and La Salle County to improve County Highway 2 as set forth in the agreement with a total cost to the village not to exceed \$31,636.78. Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conely-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Building/Grounds:**

ACI fire alarm agreement/contract Grandgeorge asked if they were just going to approve it for another year.

Morphey said she didn't know if Merrill wanted to check it over or not.

Grandgeorge said they can do it next month then.

**Other Business:**

None

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:**

Wiegman moved to adjourn Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes. Trustees Merrill and Larson were absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Palley Wohlers Clerk Pro Tem