

**VILLAGE OF SOMONAUK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm**

The meeting was called to order by Village President Aaron Grandgeorge at 6:31 P.M; attending were Trustees Morphey, Wiegman, Larson, Merrill, Mc Millen, and Conley.

**MOTION:**

Mc Millen made a motion to appoint Palley Wohlers Clerk Pro-Tem, Merrill/Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes.

**MOTION PASSED**

**MINUTES:**

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to approve the minutes for December 9, 2009.

**MOTION:**

Wiegman made a motion to adopt the minutes for December 9, 2009, Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conely-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes.

**MOTION PASSED**

**BILLS:**

Morphey presented copies of the bills to President Grandgeorge and each of the Trustees. She explained that she had written three checks to Chicago Bridge and Iron for: 1<sup>st</sup> \$67,605.60 this was the final payment on payment eight for the water tower. The first part of payment eight was \$73,986.00 which was the last payment of the IEPA Loan.

2<sup>nd</sup> \$22,518.50 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> -\$19,732.00---We are holding check 2 and 3 until we receive waivers. Smith Engineering will send us notification when the waivers are received.

These three checks will make \$109,919.00, with \$86,390.50 remaining to be paid when the punch list is completed. The only other large bill is for the \$14,008.45 for the Storage Building.

Total for bills is \$152,078.59.

**MOTION:**

Wiegman made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$152,078.59; Larson seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes.

**MOTION PASSED**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

Reports of Officers:

Police:

Chief Smith commented on the ILEAS training that Sergeant Mikkelson will be taking for a cost of \$175.00. He feels that Officer Mikkelson should attend this year. It will be good experience for him.

**Water/Sewer:**

Eipers said they have the roof on the maintenance building but not the shingles on. As for the Water treatment plant they have one more wall built.

Eipers reported a sewer backup on Dale filled with a lot of lime; they got it cleaned out. One of the pumps got plugged in the lift station we had every pump we own out there pumping. We had a water main break down on Dale Street.

Grandgeorge asked if we can confirm that the stuff in the line on Dale Street was from the softeners. Eipers said that that was what it looked like; that a water softener had “blown up” it could have been a year or two ago. There has been a problem there for a little over two years; last year and this year, we ran the TV down so we could see all the debris all the way down the line, Grandgeorge asked if it was the softener from the car wash. Eipers said the inside all looks the same he can’t narrow it down it was all the way through the line.

Grandgeorge said that he was just wondering if we should let them know and see if they wanted to check their softeners. He thinks it might be the carwash because of the amount he can’t imagine a residence would have that much. Some of the Trustees asked about the restaurants and the “hotel”. Grandgeorge said he would talk to Bob Honkala, the manager of the car wash the next time he saw him just to ask him if they are replacing sand more than they used to.

**Streets /Alley’s:**

Wasson said there isn’t much new, there was a breakdown on the 5-ton dump truck it is repaired and ready to use again. He estimates we have enough salt for a couple more ice storms.

**MOTION:**

Morphey made a motion to approve the presented list of bid proposals for the storage shed will be paid from fund #36-00-820 in the amount of \$44,301.00.. Larson seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conely-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes.

**MOTION PASSED**

The hoses for the sewage pumps have all deteriorated through age and use and need to be replaced.

**MOTION:**

Morphey made a motion to replace the hoses for the sewage pumps for the cost of \$390.00 to be taken from fund #5200512, Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes.

**MOTION PASSED**

Morphey said that after researching several banks in the area the lowest rate she found for the loan to finance the new water treatment plant is 4.40% at The National Bank of Yorkville, she recommends using this bank for the loan.

Laws / Ordinances:

**MOTION:**

Wiegman made a motion: "I move the adoption of Ordinance # 10-01, an ordinance authorizing the execution of loan documents with The National Bank which is the mechanism by which the Village Board President is authorized to execute a loan agreement with The National Bank pursuant to the terms outlined in the attached Commitment Letter # 2009-407 dated December 21, 2009, and The Village Clerk is authorized to attest to the execution of the loan agreement." Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conely-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes.

**MOTION PASSED**

Finance:

Loan for Water Treatment plant has been approved and waits signing.

Morphey gave an over view of the work being done on the Budget.

Employee Relations:

ILEAS Training:

Conely asked the board for approval to send Sergeant Mikkelson for the ILEAS training at accost of \$175.00.

**MOTION:**

Merrill made a motion to approve the cost of \$175.00 to send Sergeant Mikkelson for an ILEAS training session Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes.

**MOTION PASSED**

Streets / Alley's:

Mc Millen gave a report on the 2009 sidewalk project. One resident living on East DeKalb Street still owes \$1,200.00 on the work done on his side walk in the summer of 2009. He had worked out a monthly payment plan with the Village for a minimal payment but is not paying even that amount. When Mc Millen went to talk to him about his debt his wife joined in the discussion and threatened to give the village a "black eye" denying that they had agreed to the work; even though her husband had called Mc Millen asked to have it done and had in fact signed a contract. Trustee Mc Millen is uncertain how to deal with this situation.

The board had a long discussion about whether it would be practical or more costly than it was worth to pursue this legally. The cost of pursuing it legally was estimated at nearly \$1000.00; however the cost of not pursuing it would be setting a precedent which could cause future problems with payment to the village.

After discussing all the pro's and con's of the situation the consensus by the board members was to pursue the debt.

La Salle County has received a grant of \$371,000.00 for resurface and shoulders on Hoxey Road. The grant would stop at the Village jurisdiction. The County is asking the village to pay their share of the costs to complete the road from Village jurisdiction north to LaSalle Street. The estimated cost of Somonauk's share by engineer Joe Hines is \$17,172.00; the estimated cost of Somonauk's share by La Salle County's Larry Kinsner is \$31,000.00 he said the difference is because of all the drive ways and mail box pullovers that are in that area and will have to be done along with the roadway.

Jeff Wasson said there is also some pipes and curbing work that will have to be included.

Morphey is working on getting more detailed estimates; but asked for a consensus of the board so she can proceed.

General Consensus is Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, Mc Millen-yes, and Conely-yes.

President Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn: Mc Millen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Conely seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conely-yes, Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. **Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Palley Wohlers, Clerk Pro-Tem