

## **SOMONAUK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**March 10, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Trustee Jay Wiegman. Attending were Trustees Conley, Merrill, Larson, Wiegman, and Morphey. Village President Grandgeorge was absent, Trustee Mc Millen was also absent.

### **MOTION:**

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

**MOTION PASSED**

### **MOTION:**

Conley made a motion to accept the minutes as is from February 10, 2010, Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Merrill-abstained and Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

#### Reports of Officers:

##### Police:

Chief Smith presented the board with the monthly stats. Smith reported that Mikkelson had attended the ALEAS conference, some ideas they will be working on throughout the year.

Officer Bland and his wife are proud parents of a baby girl named Maxine.

##### Water/Sewer:

Jeff Wasson reported for Ben Eipers who is off getting married. He reported the lines from the Water Treatment Plant running to the valve vault ( old well house)had been pressure tested and chlorinated. He said he believes the plumber (Cunz) is coming in the end of this week and/or the beginning of next week (March 12-19, 2010) to get the rough-in for our storage building finished up. When that's finished we'll get a load or two of gravel for in front of building. Storm Drain repairs on De Kalb Street near florist shop.

#### Reports of Committees:

##### Water/Sewer:

Last year we started the first phase of the radio readings. The complete Village was broken into 3 phases. We are ready to complete the second phase on this year's budget. Morphey believes the budgeted amount is \$25,000.00. It will be less next year to complete the process.

### **MOTION:**

A motion was made by Conley to approve the amount budgeted for phase two of the water meter program to convert water meters to be read by radio. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Conley-yes. Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Change Order for W. T. P.:

One part of the change order is to relocate the electric for the installation of the new and larger transformer. The second part of the change order is the cost increase to remove unanticipated spoils from the ground. The cost of the change orders is \$17,243.67 to date. A total of \$122,397.48 is the current pay out request for the project. An extension of required work hours is also requested with a estimated finish date of June 22, 2010.

**MOTION:**

Morphey moved to make payment of \$122,397.48 which includes \$17,243.67 for the change orders and an extension in time until June 22, 2010. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Storm Sewer Drain from Park under Hoxie Road:

The board had talked about putting a drain pipe across Hoxie Road a couple of months ago which would eventually be hooked into the park drainage. La Salle County is planning to resurface Hoxie which includes the Village portion of roadway. It would make sense to do this drain pipe prior to the road work. There is money in this year's budget to do the work, but must be finished by the end of April. There is also a concern that the correct material is used to prevent the road from sinking.

**MOTION:**

Conley made a motion to send the storm sewer drain (Hoxie Road) job out for bids which include a time limit for when the bids are in (Monday, April 5, 2010 at 12:00 Noon) and a time limit (April 26, 2010)for when the work will be completed with a penalty if late. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Conley-yes. Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Laws/Ordinances:

None

Finance:

Morphey reported she is working on budget. She has Streets & Alleys and the Police Department. She hopes to have a draft by the next board meeting.

Employee Relations:

Chief Smith suggested to Conley that the village adopt a policy for computer and /or internet (networking, twitter, face book) use of no "bashing" by village employees either from village computers or any other computers intended for or about other Village Employees. The Chief plans to adopt it as a policy for his Department.

Conley said he believes we need some sort of IT (information technology) order for the Village. It was further suggested that the village policy should be to inform employees that the Village computers are for the use of authorized Village employees only and only for the purposes of village business. Bashing of fellow employees or superiors along with the use of illicit or pornographic sites or even personal business should not be acceptable behavior.

**Streets/Alleys:**

Bids for sidewalks new, repairs and replacement are in Mc Millen's box (he's not here). This should be billed out within the next two month's. Further discussion is deferred till next C.O.W. meeting.

**SRTS Grant:**

**MOTION:**

Morphey made a motion to approve both the clerk and for President Grandgeorge to sign the required documents. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Buildings/Grounds:**

Merrill needed approval of the Board of Trustees to pay \$8,700.00 for the ISP truck/tractor pull (includes insurance) for the 2010 Summer Fest; he will also need approval to pay \$3,327.00 rent for the two large tents for Summer Fest; this price includes delivery, set up, lighting, every thing. These funds both come from the Summer Fest funds account; however it is required for Board approval for any expense of more than \$3,000.00.

**MOTION:**

Merrill made a motion to approve \$8,700.00 (includes insurance fee) for the 2010 ISP truck/tractor pull during Summer Fest; this comes from Summer Fest funds. Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Conley-yes. Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:**

Merrill made a motion to approve \$3,327.00 for rental of two tents for Summer Fest, Larson seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Wasson noted (about the catch basin across from the park?) that his department is completely in the red these funds are going to be coming out of Streets, drainage, and Sewer Plant, he is wondering if they can talk to some of the sports organizations about

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making some donations for this project, Merrill said he could but they have already given for other improvements.

Letter of Thanks to Village of Somonauk:  
Conley wanted this read for the record.

“To the City of Somonauk,  
Thanks for another winter of clean streets!! I appreciate how the streets have been kept free of snow and ice. Thanks,  
I’m also a walker and I really appreciate the walking path in the park, and Yea, three cheers for plowing the walking path!!  
Thanks”

Good Job, Jeff and crew!

**BILLS:**

Morphey reported on bills--nothing out of the ordinary, Schramm payment #4 \$122,397.48, \$7,724.37 for the engineering for the water main on La Salle Street, also a bill for \$2, 544.00 for yearly computer support system.

**MOTION:**

Conley made a motion to accept the bills in the amount of \$186,306.49, Larson seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Wiegman-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Conley-yes. Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Other Business:**

Morphey said she got an email from our Engineer that said Market Street Lights program should be starting Next Week on the 17<sup>th</sup> (March, 2010).

The Haish situation (sidewalk payment refusal) is going to court on Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

Our attorney is working toward getting the lien on the Johnson Property.

**MOTION:**

Conley made a motion to adjourn Larson seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, Wiegman-yes, and Morphey-yes. Mc Millen was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Palley Wohlers, Clerk Pro-Tem