

Special Board Meeting
Village of Somonauk
Thursday, May 13, 2010, 6:30 pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Village President Grandgeorge. Attending were Trustees Morphey, Larson, Merrill, and Mc Millen. Trustees Conley and Wiegman were absent.

President Grandgeorge asked for a motion to appoint Palley Wohlers as Clerk Pro-Tem for this meeting.

MOTION:

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

Minutes:

President Grandgeorge asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 14, 2010.

MOTION:

Larson made a motion to approve the minutes for April 14, 2010 Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

President Grandgeorge asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2010.

MOTION:

Larson made a motion to approve the minutes for April 28, 2010, Mc Millen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

Bills:

Morphey submitted the bills including the 5th payment for Schramm Construction of \$297,000.00 for construction on the water tower, she said payment is 84% complete with this check. A check was issued to Layne Western in the amount of \$58,000.00. The total of the bills paid was \$470,701.91.

MOTION:

Mc Millen made a motion to approve the Bills in the amount of \$470,701.91. Larson seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: (Taken out of order to insure coverage at this meeting)

Laws/Ordinances:

Resolution #10-03

MOTION:

Mc Millen proposed ordinance # 10-03 a resolution opposing reduction of local Government Distributive Fund. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

Bond Ordinance 10-04

There was a discussion on renewing the bond (storm sewer) the village has had for 10 years, Morphey said she's hoping to get a lower rate than the current 6.25%. Morphey said hopefully by renewing it we can save \$100,000.00 -\$200,000.00, the better the rate we get, of course, the more money we save.

"Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the issuance of and not to exceed \$1,550,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, of the Village and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bond," subject to attorney's reviews and modifications.

MOTION:

Morphey proposed a motion for, "Consideration and action on Ordinance #10-04 providing for the issuance of and not to exceed \$1,550,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, series 2010, of the village and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bond; Subject to Attorney's review and modifications." Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

Finance:

Budget/Appropriation 2010-2011 Fiscal Year
Ordinance 10-05

MOTION:

A motion was made by Larson to approve ordinance #10-05 making appropriations for all full debt purposes for all of the Village of Somonauk for both DeKalb and La Salle Counties for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2010 AD and ending April 30, 2011 AD. Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

COMMUNICATIONS:

May 20th the second grade will be touring the village hall, if any one wants to be there that's fine. Morphey said they like the Jail best.

Reports of Officers:

Police:

Chief Smith presented the printed monthly stats to board members. Smith reported he and Chris had been invited up to the High School for a Bike Rodeo that the school is putting on at the High School in conjunction with the Safe Routes Grant. The Police have a bunch of bike registration forms and stickers if they want to put them on their bikes; so they (the Police) will be participating in that.

Water/Sewer:

Eipers reports the Treatment Plant is coming along well they have the conduit in now, and most of the piping for the well, Well #1 is up and running and the new storage building is pretty much finished except for the landscaping.

Streets/Alleys:

Wasson said they re-patched around the storm sewer on the corner of Depot and 34 and were in town today to finally plant our stop sign in the sidewalk on 34 also they were installing sign posts on the North side of 34 for PARKING and NO PARKING 1:00 AM to 5:00 AM they will be up soon. There will be a 30 MPH sign installed by "Buds".

President Grandgeorge asked if he (Wasson) had had any communications with "Bob" Wasson said he has had no communication with "Bob" or the business association. Grandgeorge said they are planning on doing the flower pots downtown like they did last year and are planning on putting some big planters downtown as well.

There was a discussion about the new light posts on Market Street and whether or not the Flag and Christmas Decoration Holders are sturdy enough to display our decorations and Flags. Wasson said they were trying to get something that would work for Memorial Day, but Grandgeorge reported the Lions weren't "looking to do anything for Memorial Day" in regards to the street decorations that they thought they would just bypass that this year. Everyone seems to think they are "too low and too flimsy but no one knows for sure if they can do it." President Grandgeorge said Wasson should call the manufacturer and get the "spec's" from them before we make any changes or replacements.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Water/Sewer:

Osland Construction while working on the storm drain that is being placed from the South Park to the East side of Hoxie Road (prior to the resurfacing of Hoxie Road/Gage Street by La Salle County) ran into some complications (including the markings by "JULIE" being in the wrong places) which cost them another day and a half plus gravel and time that wasn't figured into the original bid. This extra cost amounted to over \$1,800.00. Since the overage was in no way the fault of the contractor and is still way under the other bids that they received for the job Merrill and Morphey advised the board that the extra cost should be approved.

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion to approve the additional \$1,800.00 with the final cost of \$7,000.00 be paid to Osland Construction. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

The Public Works Department is in need of the use of a “mini” excavator for three or four days and asked permission to rent one for the amount of \$149.00 per day plus a \$60.00 delivery fee. Total cost \$560.00.

MOTION:

Morphey made a motion to approve a total of and not to exceed \$560.00 to rent a “mini” excavator for the use of the Public Works Department. Larson seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

The Water and Sewer Department is requesting the purchase of some new office equipment for the newly constructed Storage Building.

MOTION:

Morphey asked the board to approve the cost of \$600.00 for office equipment needed in the new storage building. Mc Millen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

The yearly CCR must be published by July 1, 2010.

MOTION:

Morphey asked for approval of funding of \$750.00 for the CCR to be published, Larson seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Mc Millen-yes, Merrill-yes, Larson-yes, and Morphey-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

Employee Relations:

Chief Smith announced that he has four applications from qualified applicants (he doesn't want to waste time interviewing people who don't have the basic skills needed) for the position of Police Officer to fill the vacancy on our Police Force and would like to start doing interviews as soon as possible. Morphey said she would talk to Trustee Conley to see if he can set it up possibly interviews for Friday May 21,2010 afternoon.

**Streets /Alley's:
2010 Street Program**

Wasson is ready to start measuring and figuring the cost of repairs on Cherry Street so they can order what is needed most.

President Grandgeorge said they want to do the entire South end of Cherry Street, but not right now. The program include La Salle Street, they are having a meeting with La Salle County on the May 20th about it. They want the amount approved so they can contact Joe Heinz (engineer) the program is to be funded with the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Morphey reported MFT has around \$45,000.00; Morphey said she thinks it's more. Subject to sufficient funds and amendments \$80,000.00 is what is needed. West La Salle needs repairs by Imperial Marble the shoulders are being torn up by the big trucks that haul from and deliver there. Before it can go out for bid out for bid, IDOT has to approve.

MOTION:

Mc Millen made a motion to approve the 2010 Street Program subject to sufficient funds and amendments, Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Larson-yes, Merrill-yes, and Mc Millen-yes. Trustees Wiegman and Conley were absent.

MOTION PASSED

Building/Grounds:

Bleachers in place, the cement is poured for the backboard. They are working on things for the Fest.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

MOTION:

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

MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Palley Wohlers Clerk Pro-Tem