

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS OF VILLAGE HALL
COAL VALLEY, ILLINOIS**

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Emil Maslanka.

2. Roll Call

Present: Emil Maslanka, Dick Stone, Dale Keppy, Mike Bartels, Dave Timmons, Bruce Crowe, Kathy Cornish.

Absent:

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Staff present at the meeting: Annette Ernst–Village Administrator, Penny Woods–Assistant Village Administrator & Director of Finance, Deanna Hulliger-Village Clerk and Jack Chick-Police Chief.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Dick Stone asked that an amendment to the minutes be made. On page 2 under Trustees, Paragraph 2 it was Dick Stone not Dale Keppy that inquired into the Struck (Jack and Jill) issue. Deanna Hulliger acknowledged the correction and will change the minutes to read as such.

A motion was made by Dick Stone to approve the amended minutes of the Regular Board meeting held December 7, 2016, Mike Bartels offered a second to the motion, All ayes, motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

6. Reports from the President and Other Officers (on matters not otherwise appearing on the Agenda)

A. President– Nothing to report at this time.

B. Trustees –Dale Keppy mentioned that he had been concerned with the Administration budget presented at the last board meeting. After talking with Ms. Woods there had been a computer issue with Locis and it was corrected yesterday and the Administrative budget is more in line with where it should be at the 7 month point.

- C. Staff –Chief Chick reported on the Bikes with Badges program which provides new bicycles to under privileged children in the area. The project works very well. The Chief would like to thank Jerry Schwiner and Vander Vending for making this possible. Let's hope the project continues in future years and makes children happy.

Ms. Woods informed the board that new General Revenue sheets have been provided in this weeks packet after Locis made their correction. The percentages are correct now and are around the 30% mark as they should be at 7 months of a 20 month budget.

Ms. Ernst stated the public works have been busy on the weekends plowing snow. They are teaming up to help with the Well #2 replacement. The Well #2 replacment project is complete and we received Well #2 samples back and all if fine and back up and running. Employees are keeping busy making minor repairs to snow blowers, plows and other equipment.

Ms. Ernst reported that no resumes or applicants have been received for the Water Superintendent position. We might have to re-visit the details of this advertisement.

Also, Ms. Ernst met with Tony Loete regarding some changes that need to be made to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the communities that use the South Slope Sewer for pre-treatment. Another meeting will be held in January 2017. The changes need to be complete by July of 2017.

Ms. Ernst informed the board that she and Ms. Woods met with Ehlers, Inc. our TIF consultants to review the possibility of amending our TIF I parameters to get some more projects going and generate some additional property tax revenues.

Ms. Ernst is pleased to announce that she is half way through the Ordinance review project and will continue to work on them.

Kathy Cornish asked how the salt reserve is? Ms. Ernst replied the reserve is fine and Ryan has 21 ton of salt being delivered at the beginning of the year.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. 2nd Reading Title I Village Governmental Organizations and Operations through Title II Village Depositories and Compensation Ordinance

Mike Bartels questioned the need for a creation of a Public Works Director? Bartels stated that Ms. Ernst has overseen the public works department ever since she was hired as our Administrator. The Mayor mentioned we will discuss this further in Executive Session. It was decided that more review and discussion needs to take place on this Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to table the 2nd reading Title I Village Governmental Organizations through Title II Village Depositories and Compensation Ordinance. Dale Keppy gave a second to the motion. Ayes 5, Nays 1-Crowe, motion carried.

Dick Stone brought up a concern with Title II for the section 2.6 regarding compensation to city officials it refers to section 3 and there is no section 3. Ms. Ernst responded that this is

an ordinance amendment required by the State for city officials and their expenditures when traveling. This ordinance is what the State provided. Ms. Ernst will review and get back to the board on this.

Dick Stone made a motion not to approve Title II until the issue discussed is clarified. Mike Bartels offered a second to this motion. Ayes 6, motion carried.

8. New Business

A. Approval of Hoerr Construction installing a sewer lining at E. 17th Avenue and 3rd Street

Ms. Ernst explained there is a sink hole at E.17th Avenue and 3rd Street. It is a 12" X 25' section and Hoerr is in town doing some sewer lining for us and Ryan asked Hoerr for a price to repair this. Their best price to repair this hole is \$3,750.00. With the labor and equipment for the Village to repair would be \$4,200.00. Dale Keppy mentioned that on his way here tonight he stopped at the site in question and used a Johnny Bar/Steele Bar and determined it is not a bad sewer lining but there is damage to the box. Dale recommends the Village crew investigate with a backhoe, patch and concrete the area. This should cost much less than \$3,750.00 The board would like to discuss this further with Ryan and Mike Bartels asked to see footage of the televised area.

It was motioned by Dale Keppy to table the approval of Hoerr Construction installing a sewer lining at E. 17th Avenue and 3rd Street. Mike Bartels gave a second to the motion. Ayes 6, motion carried.

B. 1st Reading of Title III Business Regulations through Title IV Building Regulations Ordinance

Ms. Ernst gave the board a summarize review of the changes. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to waive the second reading and approve Title III Business Regulations through Title IV Building Regulations Ordinance. Roll Call: Ayes- Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 6, motion carried.

C. 1st Reading Travel, Meal and Lodging Expenses Ordinance

Mike Bartels asked Ms. Ernst to elaborate on this new Ordinance. Ms. Ernst explained the State of Illinois is requiring this expense ordinance be approved to detail language for traveling expenses that would exceed the maximum allowable reimbursement due to emergencies or out of the ordinary circumstances. The State is asking municipalities to approve by January 2017. Discussion was held. Ms. Ernst will resolve the issue with Title I first and then bring this ordinance back as a first reading. Dick Stone would like the marked up paper copy to review instead of the summary or send marked up copy electronically and the Trustees that want to print them out can do so at their choosing.

D. Taser presenttation given by Chief Chick

Chief Chick reported that the department currently has two model X26 tasers. January 1, 2017 these tasers will become obsolete. The new tasers are model X2's with dual

cartridges. The presentation of the tasers provides three options for the board to review. Chief Chick went through all three options thoroughly. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Bruce Crowe to approve Option 3 of the taser program at a cost of \$14,989.96. Kathy Cornish provided a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Stone, Keppy, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Abstain Bartels. Ayes 5, Abstain 1, motion carried.

E. Discussion of the Water Infrastructure Project

Mayor Maslanka gave a thorough 20 page power point presentation on the Water Infrastructure Project. Almost a year ago, January of 2016 we talked of infrastructure improvements for our water system. We spoke of securing a contract with Missman to submit planning documents to the State of Illinois from the EPA to secure a simple interest loan to benefit the Village as a whole. Mayor Maslanka continued through the presentation highlighting: issues with the existing system, what the infrastructure project will consist of and what actions need to be taken by the Board. Mayor Maslanka showed a timeline of what has been submitted and approved thus far, financial impact of adding households to our system (Forestview, Crestview and Timber Ridge), a breakdown of the total projected loan amount of \$5,274.158.00, a break down of the infrastructure projects to meet the objectives, IEPA Amendment B's and the risks associated with the amendments and loan repayment alternatives.

Lengthy and detailed discussion took place between Mayor Maslanka and the Trustees. Mayor Maslanka stated we need to do something and commit one way or another. What are the views of you Trustee's?

- Stone is in favor of pursuing the infrastructure project.
- Keppy does not want to spend any additional money until we have some commitments from subdivisions that want to join with us and provide some additional revenue.
- Bartels does not want to move forward due to the unknown costs involved, ie Attorney Phares and Missman. Though Mike Bartels asked numerous times this evening if additional costs/invoices have been incurred?
- Timmons is cautious when it comes to spending other people's money. Crestview has not voted on joining the Village water system. Dave would be more comfortable if the Village had the agreements with the interested entities. Six 3 or 4 pages documents drafted by Attorney Phares should not amount to very much of an invoice to proceed with this.
- Crowe reaffirms his position to move forward with the project. There is no down side to this, need to be proactive.
- Cornish also concerned about Timber Ridge, Forestview and Crestview and their participation/revenue with the project.

A motion was made by Dick Stone to pursue the Water Infrastructure Project. A second to the motion was given by Bruce Crowe.

More discussion took place. If Timber Ridge, Crestview or Forestview do not vote to join the Village then they will be removed from the project, costs and all. Mayor Maslanka suggested putting a cap on the additional costs the Board would approve. \$40,000 to \$60,000 and cap it. If we exceed that amount we will come back to the Board. We will give the Board updates on costs and what has been accomplished.

Further discussion was held.

Dick Stone withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Bruce Crowe to move forward on the Water Infrastructure Project at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00 A second to the motion was given by Dick Stone. Roll Call: Dick Stone Aye, Dale Keppy Nay, Mike Bartels Nay, Dave Timmons Aye, Bruce Crowe Aye, Kathy Cornish Aye. Ayes 4, Nays 2, motion carried.

F. Payment of Bills.

The bills submitted for payment were reviewed by the board.

Dick Stone asked about a couple of Blackhawk Bank & Trust items. Ms. Ernst responded that the amount of \$252.98 was the annual Thanksgiving meal provided to the employees. The \$287.63 listed as promotional items were those disks purchased to hand out to the Girl Scouts when Ms. Ernst met with them.

Dick Stone wondered if the payment to Ferguson Waterworks was their annual cost. Ms. Ernst stated that it is Fergusons annual cost for software maintenance.

Dick Stone inquired into the USA Bluebook invoice, what does it entail? Ms. Ernst informed the board that those cost are for safety goggles, water sample bottles and other miscellaneous supplies all purchased together.

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to pay the bills presented tonight for payment. Dick Stone gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 6, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Stone to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Dale Keppy gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-/Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 6, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Stone to adjourn the Executive Session. A second to the motion was given by Dave Timmons. Roll Call: Ayes-Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 6, motion carried.

Back in the Council Chambers Drue Mielke mentioned to the Board that the Forest Preserve would be interested if Coal Valley extends water service. The Health Department states that the water in the Forest Preserve area is not potable at all times so the Preserve Commission is acting now by converting propane tanks at a cost of \$139,000.00 as they really do not have a choice.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dick Stone to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Bruce Crowe. Ayes 6, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk