

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017 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 Mike Bartels.

Mayor Bartels swore in Trustee Keppy as one of the newly elected Trustee's (Dale Keppy was not present at the Board meeting when the other Trustees were sworn in)

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Bartels, Dale Keppy, Stan Engstrom, Bruce Crowe and Kevin Stickell.

Absent: Adam Bain..

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bartels.

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

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Trustee Keppy questioned the language in the minutes on page 2, last paragraph where it talks about selling the property for 80% of its appraised value. Keppy would like that language revised. That was what was stated at the meeting so the minutes must remain as is. Ms. Ernst did confirm with Attorney Phares and we can sell for 80% of the appraised amount or higher. Trustee Engstrom mentioned that the Dollar Store property was sold for a different price than what the property was appraised for..

A motion was made by Trustee Engstrom to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held May 17, 2017. Trustee Crowe offered a second to the motion, Ayes 4, motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/Recongnition and/or Public Comments

Village resident Jim VanQuathem has not seen any discussions or meetings posted on the Moline Water Project, what is the status on this? Mayor Bartels responded that we need to get the new Board updated on the information. The Board also has a responsibility to get back with the City of Moline on Coal Valley's opinion of the project. Mayor Bartels has been in contact with Moline to keep the lines of communication open.

Trustee Keppy announced that his wife is in the audience tonight along with his mother-in-law Pat Rydell. Mrs. Keppy stated that her Mother is a spry 95 years old.

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

A. President–

Mayor Bartels mentioned the Missman invoices need to be brought back to the Board. The Mayor has been working on this issue and would like to have the invoices listed on the agenda for the July 5th meeting.

The Mayor informed everyone that he will not be in attendance at the June 21st meeting. Mike Bartels had scheduled a vacation last year for the June 19th week and will be gone.

Mayor Bartels has a Trustee appointment for the Board to consider. Jake Hoyt is the individual the Mayor is suggesting. Jake has been a resident of Coal Valley since 2010. Mr. Hoyt is employed by United Health Care as an insurance supervisor and analyst. The Mayor will send Jake's bio to the Trustees for their review and if they want to approve this appointment at the next Board meeting the Mayor Pro Tem can swear him in.

The Mayor would like to move forward with the 8th Avenue drainage project since we have had no rain lately and the area is fairly dry. Mayor Bartels asked if the property has been mowed? Ms. Ernst reported that the guys have been down in the area but not sure if it has been mowed. The Mayor would like to have Watson excavating proceed with leveling and grading the area. Mayor Bartels stated that Nancy Spratt is fine with work being done to the drainage area. If the Board is in agreement to proceed we will have Ryan contact Watson to begin working in that area. Trustee Engstrom stated that it is a good time to get that area worked on due to the dryness of the ground.

B. Trustees

Trustee Keppy reported on a safety issue on E. 3rd Avenue at the bottom of Forestview/Crestview hill and heading to E. 6th Street. When it rains there is a swift and treacherous flow of water in that area. There is no cover on the inlet for underground drainage. Mayor Bartels will ask Ryan in Public Works to take a look at the area and come up with a solution to this issue.

Trustee Keppy mentioned that he can again provide a trailer for the Valley Days parade. Ms. Ernst stated that an email has gone out for ideas/suggestions for the parade float. Trustee Keppy had talked with Deanna Hulliger and she is going to help come up with a theme for the float and will help put the float together. Mayor Bartels will be involved again this year and asks everyone to help out if they are able.

Trustee Stickell has been approached by a few residents that are complaining about paying for sewer when they fill their swimming pool. Since Stickell is new to the Board can someone explain if the sewer has to be paid by the residents why is this? Mayor Bartels

stated that the sewer charges have to be paid for pool filling because the Village pays charges for sewer as well on our end.

C. Police, Public Works & Admin

Chief Chick reported on the Village wide garage sales. The officers reported that it was rather calm . There was traffic congestion in some areas. There were not as many participants this year. The Chief will prepare a post event report to provide to the garage sale committee.

The Chief informed the Board that the inter-office door to the Police Department had an institutional lock put on it so there is no entrance on either side except with a key. This has been done to insure safety for the gals in the front office.

Another item the Chief needs to mention is there is a large volume of sick raccoon calls. This is occurring in all areas of the Quad Cities due to the light weather this past winter. If personal pets come in contact with any raccoons have your pets checked out. The Chief will put an article out on the website.

Ms. Ernst has a few items to report on in addition to her monthly report.

Ms. Ernst and Penny have been working with Kenny Sutter with Call One which is a company that audits phone lines and helps determine if there are items included in the bill that are not needed. In reviewing the AT&T invoices there were some items that we did not need and with removing those costs the Village will save \$1,800.00 a year. We have one Henry County phone line that is serviced by Frontier in Orion and that is a separate service.

Ms. Ernst reported that she, Ryan, Justin and Dale Keppy met down on Garrison road with Dave Panel, Milan's Public Works Superintendent, Some good ideas were developed for the natural spring and drainage components in that area. The costs were estimated for the work and it comes in between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00. Ms. Ernst has a bid from Tri-City Blacktop of \$10,945.00 for repairing 500 lineal feet of roadway. Discussion on the Garrison road project continued. It was decided to get 3 bids for drainage and 3 bids for seal coasting.

Unfinished Business.

A. 2nd Reading amending Ordinance Title IX Chapter 4 Meter Charge

A motion was made by Trustee Stickell to approve the Ordinance amending Title IX, Chapter 4, Meter Charge. A second was given to the motion by Trustee Engstrom. Roll Call: Ayes-Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell. Ayes 4, motion carried.

B. 2nd Reading amending Ordinance Title VIII, Chapter 1-Garbage and Refuse, Sec. 7 Rates, Billing, Payments and Delinquent Bills

Ms. Ernst stated the additional language for the 10 day notice has been added as discussed at the last Board meeting. The information is kept on a spreadsheet when property is vacant for a period of time. Mayor Bartels asked for the Boards pleasure on this Ordinance.

It was motioned by Trustee Crowe to approve the Ordinance amending Title VIII, Chapter 1-Garbage and Refuse, Sec. 7 Rates, Billing, Payments and Delinquent Bills. A second to the motion was given by Trustee Engstrom. Roll Call: Ayes-Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell. Ayes 4, motion carried.

6. New Business

A. Ehlers, Inc. TIF overview and presentation on TIF 1 Amendments

Maureen Barry and Tricia Marino Ruffolo representatives from Ehlers presented an overview of the basics of TIF and the proposed amendment to the Route 6 TIF District. After the presentation there was a discussion between the Board and Ehlers representatives. Everyone will review the documents and Mayor Bartels asked the Board if they would like it placed on a future agenda for discussion. The Board was in agreement to place it on a future Board agenda. Maureen and Tricia were thanked for their presentation.

B. 1st Reading amending Ordinance Title 1, Village Government

Ms. Ernst explained that this amendment is for surety bonds for Village President, Village Administrator and the Administrative Assistant. There is also language in there stating that if Trustees are absent for a meeting they are not paid for that meeting. Discussion was held. Past practice was that a Trustee could miss two meetings per year and not get penalized for them. The Ordinance will be adjusted to include this language and put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

C. Police Department Communications Contract Resolution

Chief Chick stated this is the yearly contract with the R.I. County Sheriff's Department for dispatching service in the 2017-2018 budget year. The Chief was unaware that a resolution needed to be passed every year. Trustee Engstrom asked if there are any grants out there for this type of program? Chief Chick stated not any that he knows of but the Chief is always on the lookout for grants for Police items. Discussion took place.

A motion was made by Trustee Engstrom to approve the Communications Contract Resolution between the Coal Valley Police Department and the R.I. Co. Sheriff's Department. A second to the motion was given by Trustee Crowe. Ayes 4, motion carried.

D. Payment of Bills

Trustee Stickell asked the Chief about the breathalyzer unit? The Chief responded this was for the purchase of a 3rd unit so that all three squads are equipped with a breathalyzer.

A motion was made by Trustee Keppy to pay the bills presented for payment. A second to the motion was given by Trustee Crowe. Roll Call: Ayes: Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell. Ayes 4, motion carried

A motion was made by Stickell to enter into a closed Executive session to discuss Real Estate. A second to the motion was given by Trustee Keppy. Roll Call: Ayes-Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell. Ayes 4, motion carried.

The Board reconvened to the Regular Board meeting.

Trustee Engstrom mentioned that the Village is going to pursue the sale of Village owned property at Route 6 and East 3rd Street. The Village is actively seeking interested buyers. All inquiries should be made to the Village Administrator, Annette Ernst.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Stickell to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Trustee Keppy. Ayes 4, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk