

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY December 16, 2015**

**Held December 16, 2015 at 6:00 pm, in the Board Chambers in Village Hall,  
Coal Valley, Illinois**

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 6:00 pm by Village President Emil Maslanka.

2. Roll Call

Present: 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 were: Allen May - Village Administrator, Stephen Mullen – Water and Sewer Superintendent, Amber Dennis – Village Clerk and Jack Chick - Chief of Police.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Dave Timmons to approve the minutes for the December 2, 2015, Village Board meeting. Mike Bartels seconded, all ayes motion was carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

Don Pearson asked if the tenants that shared the Village Hall were still in the building. Mayor Maslanka stated that KDL are still renting the space from the Village Hall.

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

A. President – Mayor Maslanka stated that there will be an Executive Session added to the agenda after payment of the bills regarding personnel Issues.

B. Trustees – Dale Keppy stated that he had cookies for everyone at the meeting.

C. Staff – Allen May stated that he received the preliminary draft of the Market Study, but some of the sections are missing and hopes to have the full report by the first of the year. Dale Keppy stated that he is not satisfied with Development Strategies, the company that completed the market study. Mr. Keppy stated that they were allotted a ten week deadline on the contract and they have been working on the information for over 20 weeks. Mr. Keppy said that there are no plans scheduled for the church property and he thought the market study would help to develop that area. Mike

Bartels asked how much has been paid to Development Strategies to date. Allen May stated that approximately \$12,000 has been paid, and he expressed his dissatisfaction with company as well. Mayor Maslanka stated that he will also stay on top of the market study to make sure it's progressing.

Chief Jack Chick – no report.

Stephen Mullen - no report.

## 7. Unfinished Business

### A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Amending Ordinance for Trustees Compensation –

Allen May stated that per previously requested information regarding the trustees compensation package he spoke with Bill Phares , Village Attorney, who stated that if a Trustee wanted to give up their salary they can sign a waiver at any time and it would be effective until the remainder of their term. Mike Bartels stated that he is in favor of this ordinance. Dale Keppy stated that he appreciates Mr. Bartels thoughts, but disagrees with the ordinance and thinks the trustees should function as a team. Mr. Keppy is concerned with future trustees having to address the same ordinance. Mr. Keppy thinks that all trustees should be consistent with all arrangements.

Don Pearson spoke and stated that the decision should be private and kept in a file. Mayor Maslanka stated that according to FOIA payroll information can become public.

Allen May stated that if a trustee elected to forfeit their pay, it would go back to the general fund.

Bruce Crowe stated that he agrees with Dale Keppy and that the trustees should get paid for all the time they put into their positions.

Mike Bartels stated that even if he relinquished his compensation that he would put just as much time in studying the material for the meetings and would like to have the option. Mike Bartels made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the Ordinance for Trustees Compensation. Kathy Cornish seconded, roll call; Stone; aye, Keppy; nay, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; nay, Cornish; aye. Motion passed.

## 8. New Business

### A. Agreement for Professional Services with Missman Inc. for Coal Valley Water Mains & Elevated Tank for Well #4 as Part of IEPA Load Application–

Greg Ryckaert with Missman Engineering Inc. presented the Board with an aerial view of 12 major areas that require water system improvement projects. Mr. Ryckaert handed out a proposal with the schedule of events. Mr. Ryckaert showed the preliminary draft report with cost estimates. He said that the projects are a comprehensive plan for the water system and half of it is for the water main extension and the water tower. Mr. Ryckaert stated that the plan and application can be finalized in January and go to the IEPA to get the loan for 1.86% interest. The

projects are listed with a cost estimate figured next to it. Mr. Ryckaert explained that Missman has already started some field survey work to get the plan started.

Dick Stone asked what the timeline will be for the projects. Mr. Ryckaert is looking for approval for the EPA permit in June 2016 and get it out to bid by August and start construction late summer or early fall. Mr. Ryckaert said that the first \$20,000 (phase 1) is not loan eligible, so the Village would have to pay that upfront.

Mike Bartels asked if fourteen months is the estimated time of completion for all of the projects. Mr. Ryckaert stated that a few projects would be started at the same time, and the time frame of fourteen months is an estimate. Mr. Bartels stated that the proposal showed that the estimated construction cost is for \$4.6 million.

Mr. Bartels asked if there is a minimum dollar amount for the EPA loan. Mr. Ryckaert stated that they try to get the loan for the higher dollar amount doing a comprehensive plan because once the loan is taken out, it can't be added to at a later date and the Village would be stuck with the original loan amount. Mr. Bartels stated that this is the first time that any fees have been associated with the projects. Allen May stated that in order to go forward the loan application will need to be complete and a payment of \$20,000 will have to be paid to Missman for the preliminary work.

Allen May stated that any resubmittals are free of charge to the Village. Mr. May also stated that the Illinois EPA will award a 20 year loan if the Village agrees to do the comprehensive plan and the interest rate is the lowest he has seen. Mr. May also stated that if the Board decides not to do one of the projects, that is an option as well.

Mike Bartels asked where the money would come from for the projects. Mr. May explained that there would be an increase in water fees \$20.20/month per household. Mayor Maslanka stated that the increase is just for capital improvements, and along with that fee increase there will also be an increase in the rate per gallons used. Mike Bartels stated that the water main extension would be servicing an area not in the Village. Mr. May explained that it would be going to the area not in the Village in hopes that the residents in those additions will choose to hook up to city water. Mr. Bartels stated that he does not think that it is fair to extend those services out of the Village and have the current Village residents pay for those projects. Mr. Bartels stated that the only people who would benefit from the extension would be the non-village residents who decide to hook up to the city water. Mr. Bartels would like to see the agreements before these projects start. Mayor Maslanka suggested to get the loan first and see what the water needs are and go from there. Discussion held.

Bruce Crowe made a motion to enter into a contract with Missman Inc. for \$20,000 for engineering services and apply for the IEPA loan for \$5,224,818.00. Dick Stone Seconded; roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; nay, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion passed.

#### B. Cancellation of February Meeting

Mayor Maslanka stated that three of the Board members will be absent for the February 3, 2016 meeting and there will be no quorum, therefore he requested to cancel the meeting. Dale Keppy made a motion to approve canceling the February 3, 2016 meeting due to no quorum present. Mike Bartels seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

C. Policy to Administer Timely Payment of Bills -

Mayor Maslanka stated that this policy would make it so the bills get paid at the time of a cancelled meeting. Kathy Cornish made a motion to approve the Policy to Administer Timely Payments of Bills and accepted it for February 3, 2015 meeting. Mike Bartels seconded, all ayes. Motion passed.

D. Payment of the Bills

Kathy Cornish asked what the charges to Black Hawk Bank & Trust was for. Allen May stated that it is for a credit card payment. Dick Stone asked what the Radar AC cord purchase was. Chief Chick stated that it was a replacement cord for a radar gun inside the squad car. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve the bills. Kathy Cornish seconded; roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish aye. Motion carried.

E. Executive Session – Personnel Issues

Dick Stone made a motion to go into executive session. Dale Keppy seconded; all ayes, motion passed.

Kathy Cornish made a motion to exit the executive session. Dave Timmons seconded, all ayes motion passed.

9. Adjournment

Kathy Cornish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dick Stone seconded, all ayes, motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Dennis  
Village Clerk