

**VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm**

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Attending: Trustees: Conley, Eade, Whiteaker and McMillen.

MOTION:

Trustee Conley to approve the minutes for the August 09, 2018. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, Whiteaker and McMillen.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Bills were presented in the amount of \$232,922.72. Morphey stated there were several bills Conley Excavating- \$184,593.60-North St., Brian Zabel -\$10,100.00- Audit, Marco - \$5689.28-Plotter, Stoll- \$2433.00- tax rebate.

Motion Passed

Motion:

Trustee Eade moved to accept the bills to September 12, 2018 in the amount of \$232,922.72. Trustee Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, Grandgeorge-yes and Whiteaker and McMillen- yes

Motion Passed

Communications:

Grandgeorge announced the resignation of Scott Merrill effective immediately. Conley moved to accept the resignation of Scott Merrill. Trustee McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, Grandgeorge-yes and Whiteaker and McMillen- yes

Motion Passed

Report of Officers:

Police:

Police Chief King reported he had been working with residents cleaning up long grass around the Village as well as inoperable vehicles. He has been taking applications for a new officer. The new squad was in and will be in service in a few weeks.

Water & Sewer

Eipers reported the North St project had passed all test and the restorations should start next week. There will be a great deal saved on the road black topping. The Village will look at resurfacing North St next year. The old salt storage shed had been repaired.

Streets & Alleys:

Wasson reported on a dead limb on Washington St. Stephens Tree Service has removed about 75% of the scrub trees along LaSalle St. He had used the new mower with the sickle arm. It had worked very well. The new traffic signs at the school are installed. He is waiting for Rambo's new parking sign to come in to install.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer:

Eade had nothing to report

Finance:

Audit: Brain Zabel presented the audit for 2017. He reported the Village was in good shape and had been facially sound the last year.

Financial Highlights:

- The assets of the Village of Somonauk exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$14,868,947 (net position). Of this amount, \$3,376,067 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Net position increased by \$446,946 during fiscal year 2017
- The Village's total assets increased by \$291,122 or (1.7%) during the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017. Governmental assets increased \$398,682.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Village of Somonauk's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,051,420, an increase of \$548,697 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 58% of this total amount, \$1,778,764, is available for spending at the government's discretion (unrestricted, unassigned fund balance).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unrestricted fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,804,412 or 365% of General Fund expenditures.

Motion:

Eade moved to approve the independent auditors report for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Conley seconded the motion the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, Whiteaker -yes and McMillen- yes

Motion Passed

Laws & Ordinance:

Pivot Energy (formally Microgrid) was in attendance to ask for reconsideration for their request for a special use for a solar garden. They explained that after the last meeting they had taken the community solar off the table and are now just requesting a solar garden for the Somonauk School system that would be behind the meter saving the school approximately \$37,000.00 a year in electricity. They would still like the 2 original variances 6.14.4 Height and 6.14.8 Decommissioning. They no longer need a variance for setbacks because they have scaled down the project and can now meet the 250' set back.

McMillen asked several questions about who was responsible for broke tiles in the field during installation and when the project was completed whose responsibility was it to remove everything. It was stated that it is the company's responsibility. Both issues were covered in the Village Solar Ordinance.

Motion:

Conley moved to reconsider the passage Ordinance 18-15, Eade seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, Whiteaker -yes and McMillen- yes

Motion Passed

Motion:

Conley moved to adopt Ordinance 18-15 and grant a Special Use and the variances listed to Pivot Energy, Eade seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, Whiteaker –yes and McMillen- yes

Motion Passed

Employee Relations:

Conley reported the Police Department is still looking for a patrol officer and they would like permission if they find an officer to hire they have the consensus from the board to hire on a part time basis with approval from the employee relations committee. The board was in consensus with this.

Insurance quote:

Conley reported a new insurance quote had come in and it is up about 1 ½%. Which comparing the last two years there was a considerable increase.

Motion:

Conley moved to contract with Crumb Halstead for the next year for the Village health insurance BlueCross/ Blue Shield. McMillen seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, Whiteaker –yes and McMillen- yes

Motion Passed

Conley presented a quote from CAW for repair of the 2012 Impala (hub bearing, tire wear, front brakes, inner and outer tie rods etc. for a total of \$811.66

Motion:

Conley moved to have the 2012 Impala repair by CAW for the amount of \$811.66 McMillen seconded the motion and the following trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, Whiteaker –yes and McMillen- yes

Motion Passed

Street & Alleys:

Steven's Tree Service:

Wasson a quote from Steven's Tree Service: \$310.00 for removal at a dead Maple tree and stump at 460 DeKalb St.

Motion:

McMillen moved to accept the quote from Steven's Tree Service the trees removal for removal at a dead maple on DeKalb St. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen – yes and Whiteaker -yes.

Motion Passed

Morphey brought up the request to decommission the old plotter the village has and try to sell it on Gov. Deals. The village has just purchased a new one and has no need for the old one.

Motion:

Eade moved to decommission the old plotter from the Village assets and put it on Gov. deals to see if we could sell it. Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen – yes and Whiteaker -yes.

Motion Passed

Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk