

Board Meeting
August 09, 2017, Wednesday

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, August 09, 2017 at 6:30 pm

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

MOTION:

Trustee Merrill moved to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2017. Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen-abstain, Grandgeorge- yes and Eade absent.

Motion Passes

BILLS:

Bills were presented in the amount of \$40,130.91. Conley asked Chief Smith what the Vaessen Brothers for \$1315.89. Smith commented it was to fix the cooling system on the 2012 Impala. He had taken it there hoping it was still under warranty. There were no more questions.

Motion:

Trustee Merrill moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$40,130.91. Trustee Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- absent

Motion Passed

Communications:

Montessori School-Morphey reported Amy & Peter Valela are hoping to open a Montessori preschool in Somonauk. They are looking at house on DeKalb St. Schools are exempt from zoning so they do not need to come to the Village of that. They are also regulated by American Montessori Society. Beyond the standard permit they Village have no jurisdiction. They will be applying for a remodel permit and will be good to go.

Annexation: Morphey reported the Village had been contacted by LaSalle County about two parcels that were surrounded by annexed land but they had no record of the parcels being annexed. The Village Engineer determined that the parcels had not been annexed and need to be. One parcel is the entrance into the park on the south side of the entrance which is owned by the Village. The other parcel is owned by the school district, located behind the Somonauk Garden apartments and the west side of Magnuson Lane. Neither is tax generating parcels but the County feels they should be annexed. Morphey is `working with the Village Attorney to get this done. It will be on next month's agenda.

Brian Zabel from Zabel and Associates was in attendance to present the Independent audit report for 2016-2017. Zabel reported the Village was in good shape. The EAV is up and expenses were down by \$200,000.00.

Motion:

Conley moved to accept the Independent Auditor's report for annual financial report for 2017. Trustee Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- absent

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Report of Officers:

Police: Chief Smith reported the officer were completing their on line training. He also reported the on line sale were completed. Grandgeorge asked when they would be looking at a new vehicle. Smith stated that the new vehicles would be available in the Fall.

Colford asked if the Chief had a 10 or 15 years plan for capital expenditures. Smith commented that he feels that the cars and the equipment in the cars have been his priority. The officers should be spending little time in the building. Colford mentioned he had noticed cracks in the foundation and was worried about the safety of the officers. Grandgeorge stated the up keep of any building is budgeted for at budget time. There is always an amount for small upkeep items. Next budget year Jeff would do a walk through with Chief to determine what needs to be done.

Water & Sewer: Reported he had been pumping Sycamore Lift station the night there was a 4" rain. He had not heard from anybody so there must not have been any backups (referring to sewer backups). They pumped all night and the next day.

Street & Alleys: Wasson reported everything that was listed on the report: filling pot holes, killing weeds. There was a good size hole in the pavement on Magnuson Ln. Grandgeorge asked if the Village planned on spraying the trees next year for the Japanese Beetles. He heard there was a spray for bushes but doesn't know hope it would be for trees. He would like Wasson to check into it.

Reports of Committees:

Water & Sewer:

In Eade's absents Eipers reported the need for a new analyzer for the water plant. The one at the plant now is about 20 years old. The cost for a new one is \$4,115.00.

Motion:

Merrill moved to purchase a new analyzer for the water plant not to accede \$4,115.00. Trustee Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill -yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- absent

Motion Passed

Finance:

IML Risk Management Intergovernmental Agreement: Morphey explained last month the staff had gone through all insured items of the village and updated the list which is standard procedure. IML is now requiring an intergovernmental agreement. Merrill questioned if the Village shopped around on insurance. Grandgeorge assured him that this was the best for the coverage.

Motion:

Conley moved to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement with IML Risk Management with the Village President and the Clerk signing all necessary documents. McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill -yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- absent

Motion Passed

Summer Fest Accounts:

Morphey explained there were 2 CD's and a checking account at Resource. The Cd's had come due and at the Auditors suggestion it was time to close all Summer Fest

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accounts. Morphey explained all the funds would go into a capital fund for improvements at the park. McMillen is concerned that the money be used for the park only. Morphey assured him it would be in a restricted account for capital improvements in the park fund.

Motion:

Merrill moved to close the Summer Fest account at Resource bank in the sum of \$42,316.60 and be put in a restricted capital improvement account for the park. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- absent

Motion Passed

Laws and Ordinance:

Liquor/ Gaming License: Morphey introduced Randy Canfield who is entering into partnership with Randy Erickson (who owns 128 A& B Market St. Their intention is to open a liquor store on one side and a gaming establishment on the other. They are still working out the details. Randy explained that this was move of a meet and greet. He wanted to introduce himself and the concept to the board. Morphey commented they would be on the agenda next month is everything was finalized.

Employee Relations:

Conley reported the Govdeals.com auction had ended on July. 19. At last month meeting a motion was made to accept the last bid even if it did not hit the reserve. We every item had hit the reserve and then some. The total amount was \$18,350.00 for the 4 items. Conley explained he felt the Blazer that brought in \$10,600.00 and was the high bid item was passible because IVVC Auto Mechanics had put in a new engine several years ago. He would like to donate \$1000.00 of that profit to IVVC Auto Mechanic. The rest of the moneys collected will be put into the squad car account.

Motion:

Conley moved to donate \$1000.00 to IVVC Auto Mechanics from the funds collected on the Govdeals. Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- absent

Motion Passed

Street & Alleys:

Morphey and Wasson have been working with Dominion Lighting Inc.to replace our existing light fixtures with energy efficient fixtures. The new bulbs will have a 10 year warranty. The lights on Market St., Depot St., Geraldine Ct. and Dewey are the area that will be changed. . There is a \$13,128.57 reimbursement from Com ED. It will cost the Village \$6651.43, which will be a 2 year pay back.

Motion:

Colford moved to enter into a contract with Dominion Lighting Inc. for \$6651.43 for replacement of the Village street light bulbs. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- absent

Motion Passed

Quote from Stephen's Tree Service:

Wasson presented a quote from Stephen's Tree Service for the removal of a tree on 120 S. Green(Green & DeKalb)-\$1500.00, stump removal -\$400.00, removal of tree located at water tower park \$2000.00 stump removal-\$400.00 for a total of \$4260.00.

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Motion:

McMillen moved to accept the quote from Stephen's Tree Service for \$4260.00 to remove a grind the trees listed in the quote. Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- absent

Motion Passed

Building & Grounds:

Nothing to report

Other Business:

Nothing to report

Adjournment:

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn. Conley motion to adjourn Colford seconded the motion, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk