

Board Meeting
February 13, 2017

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm

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

MOTION:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2017 regular board meeting. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes Merrill – abstain, Grandgeorge- yes.

Motion Passed

BILLS:

Morphey presented the bills ending February 13, 2017 with a total of \$29,942.50. Morphey reported it was a small bill run.

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$29,942.50. Trustee Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes and Merrill-yes.

Motion Passed

Reports of Officers:

Police:

Chief Smith was absent. Grandgeorge asked the board to review the reports. Grandgeorge asked if there were any questions. Eade asked if the PD had had any problems at the schools since the school had changed their drop off. Grandgeorge stated there was always a certain amount of traffic but he had not noticed issues lately. Chief was going to talk to the school about picking up kids at school.

Water & Sewer

Eipers reported he read meters this month and the NPDS permit was due and HR Green is in the process of getting this ready. The permit is to run the sewer plant and to be disinfectant. Eade asked if the hand held was repaired. Eipers reported yes, he had to get a new reader and then he had to re-read the meters.

Street & Alleys:

Wasson reported he was out of cold patch as he has been patching the streets. He is working on the street program. Morphey and Wasson had attended a meeting with the county hoping to be able to partner with them in chipping some of our roads. The county explained the Gov. Beverage was in too bad of shape but he was exploring a new product that is a spray patch. They spray and then cover with gravel and is ready. It will extend the road for about 3 years. Gov. Beverage is about ½ mile and then there is a section on North St. that will need to be done. He will have prices later.

Reports of Committees:

Water & Sewer

Eade addressed the HR Green agreement. Morphey explained that Grandgeorge had appointed HR Green the Village engineers, so this was just a formality. The price they have listed is for the NPDES report.

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Motion:

Eade moved to pay HR GREEN \$1950.00 to prepare the NPDES application for the EPA. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen, and Merrill-yes.

Motion passed

Grandgeorge asked Barb Tuttle who was in the audience if she would like to address the board with some concerns. This would be a good place since they were water & sewer issues. Her complaint was **that her grandson, Bob Waszak had called in and stated he was a new resident needing to set up water billing that day. Barb Tuttle is owner of record.** Her bill was \$31.12: \$10.00 sur charge and \$21.12 for 2 units of water and sewer from 7/29/16 to 9/8/16. Her grandson's was \$60.44: \$10.00 for surcharge, \$50.44 for a minimum charge (3 units). 9/8/16 to 10/31/16. Mrs. Tuttle feels it should be the same, she feels the Village is double dipping and they are being over charged. Morphey explained the ordinance reads: that every quarter the each user is charged a MINIMUM of 3 units each user is also charged \$10.00 surcharge (the surcharge goes to pay off the water tower). The Village tries to be sympatric when they know no one has been in the house or apartment and charges them usage instead of the minimum. This is what happened. Both bills should have been \$60.44. Mrs. Tuttle made the statement that if **one person** move in we charge them the same. Morphey said 'Yes' we could that is what is in the ordinance, but we do not usually do that. Mrs. **Tuttle** also commented that her Grandson had not received his bill and we called him a couple of days before the water were to be turned off. She wanted to know why we didn't call him before. Morphey stated she does not remember getting her grandson's bill back. If they would have gotten it back and we had a number they would have called. Mrs. Tuttle also stated that the utility clerk told her they even charge someone the minimum if they move in with only 2 weeks until read. Morphey told her she did not hear that and it is not the village policy to do that. Grandgeorge stated that a lot was being said and the one person who dealt with the situation was not here to answer anything. He announced he would call the utility clerk in the morning and talk to her to hear her side of the story. Merrill commented that the only thing Mrs. Tuttle had to question then was the late charge on her grandson's bill. Everything else was explained. Morphey will let the board know the outcome of the conversation with the utility clerk.

Finance:

Verizon:

Morphey reported Verizon contract was enclosed and all our questions had been answered at this time except the Fiber questions. Verizon did remove the one paragraph saying we would give them an easement so they could hook up to fiber. Morphey asked if they would make a motion to accept the agreement but with the Attorney's approval. Merrill asked several questions about the fiber. Who were they getting it from, how were they going to use it. Etc. It was decided that with all the questions we were not ready to approve the agreement. The insurance questions were answered and we have copies of the updated surveys.

Laws & Ordinances:

Village Right of Way: Grandgeorge stated that he had concerns about several rights of ways around the Village. It appears that some of the residents do not take care of their right of way. There are some that a nothing but mud holes they continue to park in and several are actually breaking down the road, causing distress to Village roads.

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He has the Village Attorney looking into this to see if there is anything that can be done. Conley stated he felt the Village couldn't require the residents to care for the right of ways. They are technically Village property even though the residents care for the property. It might be opening a can of worms. Eade stated that the city of Sandwich ended up having to mow a lot of right of way. We will wait until we hear from the attorney.

Employee Relations:

Executive session – personnel. Grandgeorge announced this would be addressed at the end of the meeting with no action being taken.

Streets & Alleys:

Drainage on Magnuson Ln. -In one of the past rains Grandgeorge had noticed on Magnuson Lane that there was still an area that was flooding. It seemed that some of the culverts were either collapsed or plugged. He asked Wasson if he would take an assessment and perhaps get some quotes and ideas how to correct this. Morphey presented two quotes. In looking at the quotes it was discussed that the quotes were not apples to apples. It was then discussed the need to look for any old plats of the subdivision and see if the original elevations were on the documents. And then discuss it with our engineer to estimate the cost. Eipers and Morphey will look in the old files to see if they can find anything on Magnuson Ln.

Building & Grounds:

Permanent Soccer goals: Grandgeorge presented three quotes for permanent soccer goals. His intention is to have soccer goals year around. He was hoping to use the funds from Summer Fest. Morphey stated that she had not received the cost of blacktopping the park entrance of the path, but felt there would be enough money to cover the goals.

Motion:

Merrill moved to purchase two portable goals from Pevo Sports not to accede \$2475.00. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Eade -yes Conley-yes, McMillen-yes, and Merrill-yes.

Motion passed

Mary Jane Turney asked to address the board. She commented on the school pick-up on LaSalle St. She has been down in that area and it is very congested. She stated the police have only gotten out once and directed traffic and the officer was not pleasant, it was not the chief. She reiterated that a child is going to get hit as they dart in between the cars. Grandgeorge will have conversation with the school.

Mrs. Turney also mentioned she had been looking for an apartment and had gone to the old hotel to look at one. She had looked at one that was being painted. She said upon leaving she felt very ill. After a time she went to the Doctor and he asked if she had been exposed to mold. She stated there was mold on the walls at the hotel where the lobby originally was located. She reported she had called Dave Baker (owner of record) and he told her he was not the owner. There were also leaks coming from the upstairs where there was once a place where they made meth.

Morphey stated she would call the DeKalb County Health Department and see if there is anything they could help with and report to the board.

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Motion:

At 7:43pm Merrill moved to go into executive session for personnel with no action being taken. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Eade -yes Conley-yes, McMillen-yes, and Merrill-yes.

Motion Passed

Motion:

Merrill moved to come out of executive session at 8:12 pm with no action being taken. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Eade -yes Conley-yes, McMillen-yes, and Merrill-yes.

Motion Passed

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Conley moved to adjourn at 8:13pm. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Eade -yes Conley-yes, McMillen-yes, and Merrill-yes..

Respectfully,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk

Minutes amended 05-10-2017 Underlined