

Board Meeting  
March 09, 2017

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 09, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

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

***MOTION:***

Trustee Conley moved to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2017 regular board meeting. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes, and Eade - Absent.

***Motion Passed***

***BILLS:***

Morphey presented the bills ending March 09, 2017 with a total of \$27,506.67.

Morphey reported it was a small bill run LOCIS yearly contract \$2,904.00 and PEVO Sports for the portable goals \$2,475.00 and \$240.00 were the only unregularly bills. Morphey stated that the goals had been delivered.

***Motion:***

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$27,506.67. Trustee Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes, Merrill-yes and Eade –Absent.

***Motion Passed***

***Communications:***

Grandgeorge announced that the union has decided to go to arbitration. We are waiting to receive a list of arbitrators from the attorney and then a date will be set for the arbitration.

We have also had a couple of meetings with DeKalb County and E911 about the possibility of going with Ken Com. It seems that we are finally moving forward after several month waiting. Merrill asked if we were paying the higher amount so far. Grandgeorge stated that the Fire Departments are now being charged so the higher cost has actually gone down. Grandgeorge explained it is still the poor service that is in question. Chief Smith stated that if there was an active shooter in the schools we would be going in there blind. We get absolutely no reception. The Chief had checked the Ken Com equipment and it works perfectly. Ken Com has made available contract to the board for examination. Hopefully things will keep moving on.

***Brad Rogers- Blue Stockings presented a sign design for a score board to be placed in the north east side of the park. It will be a classic 4x8 on 4x4 posts. There is a bench already there and the score board would be in the same section. The scoring area is similar to a chalk board. The blue stockings will pay for the maintenance of the sign. It has Community Park on the top. Morphey suggested adding Somonauk and putting the year Mike "Ace" Adrian started the team.***

***Motion:***

Merrill moved to allow Somonauk Blue Stockings to install a score board in the north east corner of the park near the bench already existing. The Blue Stockings will be responsible for upkeep in the future. Trustee Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen, Grandgeorge-yes,

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Merrill-yes and Eade –Absent.

***Motion Passed***

Rogers is to work with Wasson to the exact location. He is to take out a sign permit but the Village will waive the permit fee.

Conley asked for an update for a couple of the issues from last month. Grandgeorge stated that he had a conversation with the Utility Billing Clerk; he felt everything had been followed according to policy. Grandgeorge ask that she follow up with the new owner and explain everything to him. Which was done, the property owner was fine with everything.

Morphey passed out a hand out which was an email from the health department of DeKalb County and Ill Dept. of Public Health. DeKalb County does not address mold. The Ill Dept. Public Health hand out was Q&A and about mold they also do not have inspectors of mold. MJ Turney in the audience intimated she had called all over the state and was told the Village has to have an ordinance. Grandgeorge stated that the Village can't just go into someone's house. Grandgeorge asked if Morphey had spoken with Dave Baker as he is the record of ownership. Morphey stated no she had not, Turney stated that he denied owner ship. She will contact him and report back.

***Reports of Officers:***

**Police:**

Chief Smith presented his report and also Officer Wallis report for review. Chief explained he had delivered the liquor licenses as well as attending the meeting in DeKalb with Ken Com.

**Water & Sewer**

Eipers was absent so Wasson gave his report. There was a leak on Dale St. which was repaired. The property owner requested the fill as he is building a garage. A manhole (corrected 04/13/17) was repaired on northeast corner of DeKalb St. and Sycamore St.

**Street & Alleys:**

Wasson reported beside his attached report he had been patching holes and cleaning up after the storm. He reported the pear tree at the park near the playground had been damaged.

**Committee Reports:**

**Water & Sewer**

Nothing to report.

***Finance:***

**Verizon Agreement:**

Morphey reported the Village is still waiting to hear about the fiber hook up. The Attorney has made contact with DFO, Dan Halverson. And he has asked them who they have hooked up to the fiber in the Village. The survey requirements and all other questions have been answered. The fiber hook up is the only thing left.

The budget work sheets have been passed out and the staff will be working on the budget.

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**Laws & Ordinances:**

Nothing to report.

**Employee Relations:**

Nothing to report.

**Streets & Alleys:**

*Nothing to report*

**Building & Grounds:**

Merrill presented a bid from Ground effects for \$2588.00 for mulch/play, from PLAYMAT. This is for the playground area at the parks. It was asked about getting other bids. Wasson stated that Ground Effects is about the only place around to get the play mat.

Grandgeorge suggested contacting the School to see if they might be interested in going in with the Village to get a more competitive cost. Wasson will check into this. He stated that there might be a higher delivery charge.

***Motion:***

Merrill moved to purchase PLAYMAT mulch for the parks from Ground Effects not to exceed \$2588.00. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen-yes, and Merrill-yes, Grandgeorge- yes and Eade absent.

***Motion passed***

Merrill presented a bid for a new John Deer 1550 Terrain Cut Commercial Front Mower with a deck and upgrades tires from Arneson Tires for a total of \$21,779.36. Merrill asked about the tire upgrade. Wasson replied the tires that come with the mower do not hold up and the Village had to replace them early on the last mower. John Deer is giving the Village \$10,000.00 on trade in toward the new mower. So the price is actually \$11,779.36 to be taken out of 39-00-840. The mower is budgeted for a three year replacement, the old mower is a 2014.

***Motion:***

Merrill moved to purchase from AHW a John Deer 1550 Terrain Cut Commercial Front Mower with deck and tire upgrade with a \$10,000.00 trade in for the amount of \$11,779.36. McMillan seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, McMillen-yes, and Merrill-yes, Grandgeorge- yes and Eade absent.

Grandgeorge asked if there was any other business. Jan Whitaker in the audience stated that she would like to request that the board minutes be published in the Valley Free Press paper like they used to be. Merrill mentioned he has no problem, but is not willing to run up a cost on doing it. Morphey stated they are on the web site and she would be glad to email them out or even print them out to anybody what would like a copy. But she will check to see if there is a cost. Whitaker also wanted to know if the Village could publish the dates of the meeting.

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn. Merrill moved to adjourn all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey  
Acting Village Clerk

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