

**VILLAGE of SOMONAUK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm**

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

Minutes:

***MOTION:***

Trustee Eade moved to approve the minutes for the February 12, 2019 with correction made. Conley seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes, Grandgeorge –yes and Whiteaker- abstain.

***Motion Passed***

***BILLS:***

Bills were presented in the amount of \$30,711.01. Morphey stated that is was a rather small bill run. There will be additional bill to be added down further in the agenda.

***Motion:***

Trustee Eade moved to approve the bills to March 13, 2019 in the amount of \$30,711.01. Trustee Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes and Whiteaker- yes.

***Motion Passed***

***Communications:***

Morphey reported she had been approached by a realtor who was listing the property at 105 Terrace Ct. and was wondering if the Village would be interested in purchasing it. The consensus of the board is that they had no interest in purchasing it for the Village.

***Report of Officers:***

***Police:***

Chief King presented his report for review. He reported the PD had upgraded their software and that had been going good. Mentioned they were still having issues with their IT person. He reported he and Morphey had applied for a grant to the DeKalb County Community Foundation for assistance with the cost of new computers for the squad cars. The PD had purchased a new copier. King also reported the would like to examine the corner of RT 34 and Green St. The view is obstructed by a large pickup truck. It is hard to see at that corner. He would like to look at having a few parking places turned into no parking. He also reported that the 2012 impala has had issues and they are having to install a high capacity battery.

McMillen brought up the ongoing IT program that maybe it was time to look for a new IT person. He announced the web site had been down for a week. Things should be posted in a timely matter. Morphey said she was aware that is had been out since Monday but it was working last week. She had a call into the Village IT person and was waiting to hear. She also stated that the minutes cannot be posted until they are approved by the board. Morphey will check into it.

***Water & Sewer***

Eiper reported there was a water main break on S. Depot and Washington St. Morphey ask if Eipers could make sure C Johnson trenching turns in his bill in a timely fashion.

Eipers also reported the sewer plant has been handling all the melting snow.

***Streets & Alleys:***

Wasson reported things were going good so far. They still had salt left. He had monitored Illowa and Cook Court lift stations. During the power outage where a transformer went out on LaSalle & Gage. Grandgeorge asked if Wasson had checked the need to replace any sidewalks before the budget end. Wasson stated the sidewalk on the corner of Depot St. and DeKalb St. was on the SERTS program. But there had been talk about fixing the corner of Market St. and Depot St. Wasson and Morphey will look into this. Grandgeorge ask that they look at Green St. from 320 going south.

**Committee Reports:**

**Water & Sewer:** Eade presented a request from Public Works to purchase of a Stihl pole pruner from Hogan Walker for the amount of \$669.95. Eipers report the one they had was worn out. McMillen expressed that he had come across a great deal of branches hanging over the roads. He wanted to know if something could be done about that with the purchase of this new pole pruner. He felt that if someone drove and the other was in the back of the big dump they could cut branch and someone could throw the cut branches in the back of the truck or to the side of the road. He also offered his assistance.

Grandgeorge commented it would need to be done safely. The question was asked if public works was not willing to do this why did the Village need a new pole pruner. Grandgeorge also inquired it this is a state bid. Eipers will check and make sure.

***Motion:***

Eade moved to purchase a Stihl pole pruner from Hogan Walker not to exceed \$669.95, with Eipers checking to make sure this is a state bid. Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes and Whiteaker- yes.

***Motion Passed***

***Finance:***

Nothing to report for Finance except starting to work on the budget.

***Laws& Ordinance:***

Morphey presented Ordinance 19-02 Accepting the donation of real property located at 126 W. Market St. from Precision Enterprise.

***Motion:***

Whiteaker moved to adopt Ordinance 19-02 Accepting the donation of real property located at 126 W. Market St. #1832477005 from Precision Enterprise. McMillen seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes and Whiteaker- yes.

***Motion Passed***

***Motion:***

Conley moved to split closing costs with Precision Enterprise in the amount of \$1000.00 for Daniel Kramer Law Office, and \$1077.50 to Wheatland Title Company a total of \$2007.50 increasing the total bill list to \$32,718.51. Whiteaker seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, Eade-yes, McMillen- yes and Whiteaker- yes.

***Motion Passed***

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Grandgeorge ask the board to come up with some options for the building. He felt there was no really purpose for the building but wanted the board to think about it. It was stated that the condition of the build was not in good condition. The best thing would be to have it torn down and look at more parking spots and maybe a Village Sign. Morphey will get demolition bids for the next meeting.

***Employee Relations:***

***Union:***

Conley reported the there was nothing to report on the union negotiations yet, we were waiting for a reply to the last proposal.

***Street & Alley's***

No report

***Building and Grounds:***

No Report

***Other Business:***

Morphey reported some FYI:

Junk in the Trunk Sale: The first sale will be on April27th, from 8:00 am to 3 pm.

***Adjournment***

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey  
Acting Village Clerk