

Board Meeting
November 09, 2017, Thursday

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

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

MOTION:

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

Motion Passes

BILLS:

Bills were presented in the amount of \$369,356.63. Morphey stated this was a large bill run. There were a lot of payments due. GO Bonds, Water tower payment III. Municipal League, salt storage building. She presented a list of a majority of the higher bills. There were no more questions.

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$369,356.63. Trustee McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen-yes, Colford-yes and Eade absent.

Motion Passed

Communications:

Grandgeorge reported he had been contacted by the school about the usage of the old gym on Depot St. The school board is facing a large amount of repairs on the building in the upper \$75,000.00. They had a meeting with some of the groups that utilize the building looking for ways to cut cost or help fixing it up. Grandgeorge stated besides that he had a meeting with Jay Streicher and he had point blank asked if the Village could take it over. The school only uses the building about 100 hours a year. Grandgeorge stated that the only way the Village would consider taking over the Old Gym was if all the repairs were done and the building was in good shape. Then he would ask the Village Board if they were interested. Morphey informed them there was to be a meeting on Nov. 20 at the middle school gym if any of them would like to attend.

Report of Officers:

Police:

Interim Police Chief William King he had nothing new to report.

Water & Swear

Eipers reported he had read meters, serviced the trucks getting ready for winter, installed a new water heater at the plant, pumped Sycamore St. lift station, new hydrant installed on S. Depot St. moved hydrant on N. Depot St., exercised water hydrants and had a water main break on Geraldine Court. There was a hole in the top of a pipe. They had fixed it and were waiting for the water report.

Streets & Alleys: Wasson reported they had started on the new Salt Storage building, the 1

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trusses were up. The street program was finished, Grandgeorge commented that Dr. Maroscia had asked about a couple of holes in front of his office and was concerned about one of his clients falling. Wasson will check to see whose jurisdiction that falls under.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: In Eade's absence Eipers presented engineering quotes for several water/ sewer projects for the village: North Street water main extension for 24,500.00, Sycamore Lift Station for \$52,500.00 and Sycamore Force main to WWTP project for \$63,500.00 for a total of \$140,500.00 these three projects have been budgeted for and the money is there for the engineering.

Motion:

Trustee Conley moved to move forward with the engineering of the three projects: North Street water main extension, Sycamore Lift Station project and Sycamore Force main to WWTP project for a total of \$140,500.00. Trustee Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen- yes, Colford-yes and Eade-absent.

Motion Passed

Finance:

Nothing to report. Next month the Tax Levy will be due.

Laws and Ordinance:

Colford explained Randy Canfield and his partner Tracy Thrall had completed the applications and had gone through the back ground checks and were now ready for approval for their liquor licenses and gaming license, they would still have to have a health permit and a occupancy permit before they could open.

Motion:

Colford moved to approve Randy Canfield and Tracy Thrall (Somonauk Investment Partners) for liquor licenses: an A license for 128 A Market St and a B license for 128 B Market St. and pass ordinance 17-17 amending the Village of Somonauk code relating to Alcoholic Liquor Licenses to increase the Village Class A and Class B licenses to 2(two) each. Trustee McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-no, McMillen- yes, Colford-yes and Eade-absent.

Motion Passed

Motion:

Colford moved to pass ordinance 17-18 Amending Village of Somonauk Code relating to Video Gaming Licenses to increase the Village gaming licenses from 10 to 15. And allow Somonauk Investment Partners 5 gaming machines for 128 A Market St. Trustee Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-no, McMillen- yes, Colford-yes and Eade-absent.

Motion Passed

Colford presented an ordinance for the permanent easement for at 435 N. Gage St. It was discovered that a garage had been built in the Village right of way. In order to be able to sell the property this needed to be cleared up. If the garage ever comes down the property owner will not be able to rebuild.

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Motion:

Colford moved to adopt ordinance 17-19 approving an easement at 432 N. Gage St. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustee McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-no, McMillen- yes, Colford-yes and Eade-absent.

Motion passed

Employee Relations:

Conley presented health insurance quotes for the Village renewal. The current BC/BS monthly is \$3,641.30. There is a projected increase of 20-30% again this year. The new monthly cost will be \$4375.44. Conley reported he had met with all the full time employees' and had presented two different plans. They had all chosen to stay with the increased plan. Conley explained to the employees that the Village is willing to absorb the increase this year but there has been a 20-30% increase for the last 2 years. Next year the Village would have to take a look at the amount and it might have to adjust the amount the Village pays.

Motion:

Conley moved to stay with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield with the current plan and absorb the increase and have the monthly cost of \$4375.44. . Trustee Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen- yes, Colford-yes and Eade-absent.

Motion Passed

Street & Alleys:

The 2017 street program is finished and it will be interesting to see how the patch coat holds up after winter.

Building & Grounds:

Angie Schoner has inquired about holding another shooting sport over night for the Boy Scouts again next summer. She would like approval so they can start planning for next year. The consensus was yes.

Other Business:

No other business

Adjournment:

Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn. Conley moved to adjourn. (Eade not in attendance) Merrill seconded the motion, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk