

Board Meeting
September 14, 2017, Thursday

VILLAGE of SOMONAUK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Thursday September 14, 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.

MOTION:

Trustee Merrill moved to approve the minutes for the August 09, 2017. McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill-yes, McMillen-abstain, Grandgeorge- yes and Eade-yes.

Motion Passes

BILLS:

Bills were presented in the amount of \$40,036.44. Morphey stated it was a usual bill run. The annexation refunds were in the list but that was the only extra bill. There were no more questions.

Motion:

Trustee Eade moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$40,036.41. Trustee McMillen seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- yes.

Motion Passed

Communications:

Progressive Energy:

Shawn Ajazi with Progressive Energy presented a new proposal for the Village properties (ie: water plant, sewer plant etc.) The past contract was about to expire and he is recommending a new 36 month contract but to stay with Constellation. McMillen asked if the Village had heard anything about the Solar Farm and would this impact us in any way? Shawn stated that he did not think it would. Morphey reported that she had not heard anything since the original meeting.

Motion:

Merrill moved to enter into a 36 month contract with Constellation Energy. Eade seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- yes.

Motion Passed

Motion:

McMillen moved to award the 2017 MFT Street Improvement Program contract to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc., in the mounts of \$45,190.85, provided that no protests have been made, and authorize the Village President and the Clerk to execute the contract documents and all other MFT forms required during the course of the project, subject to the IDOT's review of the documents and forms and their approval. Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- yes.

Motion Passed

Rambo's shelter:

Barb Westlake was in attendance and presented a picture of what they would like to

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erect in the rear of the building. It would have a 20ft. canopy with a 10 ft. enclosure running along the back of the property and being located 4 ft. on to the Village property. There were several questions from the board members: Is there a life safety issue coming out the door and having to turn. There was concern with the handicap parking being located where it is would the structure be damaged with vehicles backing up. The delivery trucks were an issue, parking there and moving in supplies. Ms. Westlake explained the deliveries could be unloaded in Uncle Milty's. After several questions Grandgeorge asked If Gary could duct tape or spray where the area is and the board could get a visual. Ms. Westlake stated she would.

Grandgeorge address the people sitting in the audience and asked if they and any questions for the board. He understood that they were here for support of the Montessori School the residence that were having issues had not attended the meeting. They asked if there were any questions. Conley asked why things went so fast. He hadn't realized it would be open so fast. Mr. Valela stated they had done everything required and were working with the Building Inspector to make sure everything was covered. Grandgeorge stated they had gone through the correct channels. There would be no more discussion and as they were welcome to stay there was not need.

Joe Heinz was in attendance and presented the bid tabulation for the 2017 Street Program. The engineers estimate was \$42,249.35. The lost bid was Universal Asphalt & Excavating for the amount of \$45,190.85.

The first approval was on the street patching, which is under \$20,000.00.

Eade asked if Joe had seen a lot of the spray asphalt. He stated no, he had not but it is getting more popular. There should not be a lot of excess gravel. The Village could ask the company to clean up the excess gravel.

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Motion Passed

Heinz was asked if there would be a problem having more asphalt repair done if it were not paid by MFT Funds. He stated no problem as long as it is under \$20,000.00.

Somonauk Hometown Harvest:

Morphey reported that she was working with the Somonauk Fire Dept., Heartland Bank & Trust, Fox Valley YMCA and the Village are working together to present Somonauk Hometown Harvest. The date is October 14, 2017 from 1:00 4:00 pm. There will be Fire truck rides, wagon rides, Antique Truck/ Tractor show, face painting, hearing and eye testing, a morning blood drive, free goodies and much more.

Report of Officers:

Police: Chief Smith read a letter of retirement for September 30, 2017. The board thanked him for his service and wished him the best of luck. Grandgeorge asked for a motion to accept his resignation.

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Motion:

Conley motioned to accept Chief Rich Smith resignation from the Somonauk Chief of Police; his last day would be September 30, 2017. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-no, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- yes.

Motion Passed

Smith had nothing else to report.

Water & Sewer: Eipers reported he had had the Blue 6” pump rebuilt. There had been a water leak in the alley next to the Fire Department, and had it repaired. Cam Vac had cleaned several lift stations and catch basins. Grandgeorge asked if they could stop by the Fire Dept. next time they are in town.

Streets & Alleys: In Wasson’s absence Eipers presented Wasson’s report. There was a question when they were going to cut the trees that were approved. Merrill asked who was in charge of the trees by Casey’s behind the business on the west. Merrill stated it was hard to see if a train is coming. Eipers will check with Wasson.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Nothing to report.

Finance: Nothing to Report

Laws and Ordinance: Morphey presented Ordinance 17-15 an Ordinance annexing certain Territory to the corporate limits of the Village of Somonauk. She explained this was the property south of the entrance to the park off of Depot St. LaSalle County had discovered this had never been annexed when the park was annexed in. There is also a parcel belonging to the School off of County line rd. that will be annexed next month.

Motion:

Colford moved to adopt ordinance 17-15 an Ordinance annexing certain Territory to the corporate limits of the Village of Somonauk. Merrill seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-no, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade- yes.

Motion Passed

Employee Relations:

Conley had nothing to report.

Grandgeorge mentioned we will need to have a meeting next week to appoint an Interim Police Chief before September 30th which would be Chief Smith’s last day. In discussion it was decided Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 4:00pm would be the special meeting.

Street & Alleys:

Morphey presented a new proposal for Dominion Lighting Inc. Dominion Lighting Inc. will 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 will be an annual \$3,430.85 yearly savings to the Village. It will cost the Village \$9,444.78, which will be a 3 year pay back instead of a 2 year payback.

Motion:

McMillen moved to enter into a contract with Dominion Lighting Inc. for \$9,444.78 for 3

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replacement of the Village street light bulbs. Colford seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade-yes.

Motion Passed

In Wasson's absence Morphey submitted a quote form Midstate Asphalt Repair, Inc. for the sum of \$5600.00. This is not MFT funds. This is the cost to finish the repair on Governor Beverage Rd. and DeKalb St. Grandgeorge asked why these areas had not been done in the original bid. Eipers stated that in the original bid we could only approve \$20,000.00. The amount that was completed was \$20,000.00. This additional would finish the areas. This procedure is supposed to give existing street a year or two more time before having to repair the streets.

Motion:

McMillen moved to allow Midstate Asphalt Repair Inc. to finish Governor Beverage Rd. and DeKalb St. for the sum of \$5600.00. Conley seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Trustees voted: Conley-yes, Colford-yes, Merrill –yes, McMillen-yes and Eade-yes.

Motion Passed

Building & Grounds:

Nothing to report

Other Business:

Morphey stated that one of the cheerleaders had stopped in and asked if they could put the soccer players numbers the phone poles. The consensus was yes.

The board discussed a date for a meeting. It was decided Wednesday, September 20, at 4:00 pm. Merrill asked if the meeting could be changed next month to Tuesday, October 10. Merrill is attending a class and would like to change the meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morphey
Acting Village Clerk