

Village of Winslow

Village Board Meeting Minutes – July 2009

The Village of Winslow met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 8th, 2009 by Village President Robert Hastings. Members present were Amy Bennett, Brandon Hastings, Mindy Julius and Mary Marks. Amy Rowley and Al Thompson were not present. A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

Connie Kraft was in the audience and she proceeded to hold a public hearing on a grant application to the State of Illinois Community Development Assistance Program. A motion to adopt a Board Resolution for partnering with RAMP was made and seconded. Resolution 070809-2 was approved and the motion carried. Connie stated that she would need certified minutes when they became available.

Mr. Hastings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mary Marks moved and it was seconded by Mindy Julius to approve. The ayes have it and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Hastings asked if there was a motion to approve the financial report. Mary Marks moved and it was seconded by Amy Bennett to approve. The ayes have it and the financial report was approved.

Mr. Hastings asked if there was a motion to approve the pay order for the payment of bills. Brandon Hastings moved and it was seconded by Mary Marks to approve. Roll call was taken and the bills were approved.

Audience participation:

Randy Marks tells the Board that a barricade that he usually provides for Paradise Cove events turned up missing after the last event there. He would like to know if he can deny provision of barricades in the future and would like to know if he can replace the missing barricade. He is willing to build it himself. He is told that he may build a new one and if he wishes, we can provide alternatives to the wooden barricades such as safety tape and/or cones. He further comments on the state of some of the trees in the Community Park. He has found some large branches on the ground after high winds and is concerned that some of the trees pose a significant risk if not dealt with.

Ken Neseimeier discusses his possible scheduling conflicts with the upcoming Winslow River Days on August 16th through the 19th. Mary Marks moves and Brandon Hastings seconds a motion to hire backup for the times that Ken cannot work during that event. A concern about underage smokers is discussed. It is brought up that there has been an attempted break-in of

the donation box located in Paradise Cove. Further discussion is had concerning alleged “nuisance” properties.

Mindy Julius has questions concerning our Revolving Loan Fund for Housing Refurbishment. She brings up a neighbor who wants to see a problem tree dealt with. He wants the Village to take it down or he wants permission to take it down himself. If the tree needs to come down and his neighbors don’t wish to dispute it, the Board would give him permission to drop the tree at his expense. She would like to notify Villagers that the burn pile along Ivey Pond Trail is to be used for the burning of “Yard Waste” only. There is discussion of the recent meeting held for talks concerning a boat ramp and landing for the Pecatonica River within the Village limits. After some discussion, the Board sees the ramp in a positive light and would like to pursue it further.

Bob Hastings covers a letter from Stephenson Service offering a Summer tank fill program at considerable savings. Amy Bennett moves and Mary Marks seconds to approve the program for topping the tank at reduced cost during the summer. Roll Call is taken and the motion carries.

Scott Gobeli is in the audience and is requesting fuel receipts and talks of a possible donation of fuel for the upcoming season. The Board approves release of receipts.

Bob Hastings is to discuss options with the County Engineer for upcoming Bridge Street repair.

Crime Stop fair scheduling is passed around.

The topic of a Trustee resignation comes up and a motion is made by Mark Marks and seconded by Amy Bennett to accept the resignation. The Board directs the Clerk to post an opening for Village Trustee.

The Appropriation Ordinance No. 070809 is read and it is moved and seconded to adopt. Roll call is taken and the motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:18 P.M.