

Village of Winslow

Village Board Meeting Minutes – November 2009

The Village of Winslow met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11th, 2009 by Village President Robert Hastings. Members present were Amy Bennett, Al Thompson, Mindy Julius and Mary Marks. Brandon Hastings was not present. A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

Mr. Hastings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mary Marks moved and it was seconded by Al Thompson 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 Al Thompson 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. Al Thompson moved and it was seconded by Mary Marks to approve. Roll call was taken and the bills were approved.

Audience participation: Randy Marks: Randy has been in communication with a rep from Zarnoth Brush Works concerning replacement of brushes on the street sweeper. A motion is made by Mary Marks and seconded by Mindy Julius to purchase the necessary brushes. Roll Call is taken and the motion carries. Randy mentions a problem with the fuel pump on the sweeper and Al tells him to check about fixing it. Al inquires about heating the Village garage. Randy talks about the lights on the Tower not working. He has replaced the bulbs and they are still not working like they should. Al expresses an interest in getting the Village a new end-loader for plowing purposes.

The street light across from Mindy needs to be fixed. Ken Nesemeier would like to see the light switch on the covered bridge changed to one that cannot be manually operated. Ken has checked with IDOT on the creation of handicap parking spaces and has learned that we would not be able to create spaces on Carver Street that would be up to codes. Al discusses a truck he had clocked at 45 mph in the downtown area. Al and Mindy both have concerns over some of the outdated signage in the area. Mindy will look further into it.

Alvin Wire is visiting due to a lack of meeting at the County Board level tonight. He talks about prevailing wages for TIF district work. We should check on the regulations. There are new regulations concerning cemeteries. Al makes a point of discussing the disrepair of Hubbard St.

John McCarthy is in the audience. He lives on Hubbard St. and has an interest in serving on the Board in one of its vacancies. Discussion is had and the Board approves a nomination put forth

by President Robert Hastings. The Clerk swears him in with the Oath of Office and he takes his seat at the Board.

Discussion is had on an abandoned property that is getting sold at a tax sale. Al moves and Mindy seconds that Bob go to the sale with a predetermined amount in an effort to purchase the property. Roll call is taken and the motion carries.

Bob asks if anyone has heard any more concerning the RAMP Grant? Bob announces that he has signed a contract for the upcoming heating season with Stephenson Service. He has called Bridgette Stocks with Fehr-Graham and they have heard no news concerning our Economic Development monies. Bob discusses a project by Verizon coming up where they wish to offer the Village twenty-five cents per 100 gallon for use of our water. Al Thompson moves and John McCarthy seconds to charge a flat rate of \$10 per day for Verizon's water usage.

Al moves to use our Village attorney to collect on outstanding estate debt that has come due as well as check on other instruments that will be coming due. Mary seconds the motion. Roll Call is taken and the motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets, Sidewalks, Bridges and Alleys: nothing at this time

Public Property, Sewer and Water: Al moves and Amy seconds that remaining debt on a water service be forgiven as the customer has paid on account faithfully for a number of years and considers the debt paid in full. Ayes have it. Motion carries. Al wants a special meeting to meet with every candidate applying for the Water Operator position. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Public Health and Welfare: Al is content with Ken's submission.

Finance and Appropriations: nothing at this time

Permits and License: Mary discusses various permits that have come before her.

A last attempt is made to keep Amy Bennett as a Trustee but she declines adding that she is hopeful that she may in the future find a way to be of assistance. Everyone thanks her for the service she has given to the Village up to this time.

Hearing no further business for discussion,

The meeting is adjourned at 9:25 P.M.