

Village of Winslow
Village Board Meeting Minutes – September 2007

The September 12th, 2007 Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Beverly McPhillips. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Present: Robert Hastings, Mary Marks, and Russ Hanson. (Brandon Hastings – 8:30)

Absent: Al Thompson, and Amy Rowley

Audience: Nancy and Stephanie Miskimon, Brian Diffenderfer, Ken Nesemeier, Jaynellen Holloway, and Randy Marks.

Russ has a question on budget and water issues. This will be discussed later. There is review of the Treasurer's report while waiting for the minutes of the last meeting to be printed. Bob Hastings motions to approve the minutes of the previous month's meeting. It is seconded by Mary Marks. Ayes have it and the motion carries. Robert Hasting motions to approves the financial report and it is seconded by Mary Marks. Ayes have it and the motion carries.

Jaynellen Holloway presents the Pay Request No. 4. and a copy of last month's punch list. Discussion of construction pile removal; Russ would like to use for Ivey Pond if appropriate. It is determined that it is not. Brian asks about fire hydrant in front of the Cleveland residence as it was not replaced. Due to the newness of the hydrant, it was previously determined at an earlier Board meeting that it would not be replaced. Jaynellen announced that the result of the negotiations with IGT that we would pay 75% and they would pay 25% of the replacement costs of the parking lane on the North side of Hubbard. The Village's responsibility for PR 4 comes to \$19556.29. The Grant Funding will be drawn down by \$39544.99. \$4027 will be left for curb stops after payment towards Control Panel at well house is made. IGT will be paid for materials on site and we are holding back the installation costs of the control panel. Mrs. McPhillips asks for a motion to approve PR 4. Russ makes the motion to approve and Mary seconds. Roll call is taken and it passes with a majority of the quorum present. Mrs. McPhillips asks if we can get the four addresses for curb stop replacement to Jaynellen. Mr. Croup is waiting for procedures to be tried by the Volunteer Fire Department before determining what four addresses will be submitted.

Brian Diffenderfer wants to know how often we will be spraying for mosquitoes and why doesn't it seem to stick around. Randy explained that the first night went well but the follow up spraying was affected by the breeze that was occurring. Robert Hastings then requested on behalf of the Paradise Cove committee that Randy try to spray the Cove area prior to the Music in the Cove event. Randy then discussed the larvacide applications made the previous week. Randy announced that the overhead garage door was disabled and is scheduled for repair the following day. One of the torsion springs was broken and was being replaced by Bruni-Miller Co. of Monroe.

Ken is asking for an additional payment to the back-up officer for River Days as he had spent extra time and gas for a late arrest. An additional \$30 is to be added to the check issued to officer Brad Curtis.

Mrs. McPhillips announces that Leslie Mastroianni has agreed to handle our Housing Refurbishment Loans for a fee of \$100 per loan. Mary asks about the program and Mrs. McPhillips explains.

Mrs. McPhillips talks about the Federal Licensing company and their request to handle compliance issues with our new radio license involved with the new Water Tower control system. Mrs. Holloway states she will look into the situation with them.

Mrs. McPhillips brings up membership into the Municipal Clerks Association of Illinois for a cost of \$30 and an additional \$40 for the official manual. Nothing was resolved.

Mrs. McPhillips asks about the CD Rom concerning the upcoming census. Mr. Croup confirmed the existence of the materials. She does not feel we need to attend the meeting in Rockford since we have the CD material.

Mrs. McPhillips announces the decision of the EPA to remove the Chlorination exemption for the Village of Winslow. She reads the correspondence from the agency explaining what has occurred. A committee meeting is scheduled to go over options to regain the exemption for the Village. Marlin suggests that our engineers be present at this committee meeting.

Mrs. McPhillips brings up possible septic tank cleaning at the Community Park. She asks Randy if we have any tires for a special governmental tire recycling with the Stephenson Co. Health Dept.

She brings up the new meeting date for the Stephenson Co. Hazard Mitigation project. She asks if anyone is willing to go.

Water/Sewer Committee – Mr. Hastings talks about water services with access problems we are getting ready to deal with. He also gives Mrs. Miskimon a chance to discuss payment arrangements with the Village. The basis of an arrangement was made and a document shall be prepared and signed by all parties. Nancy has issues with previous payments and was told that she should meet with Mr. Croup for reconciliation.

Mrs. McPhillips asks Mr. Mason about the possibility of contamination in the water tower. Mr. Hanson wants to receive a maintenance schedule for every piece of equipment in our water system and the costs involved in that maintenance. He asks for Mr. Mason's expertise and judgement for future budget considerations. Mrs. McPhillips has asked Mrs. Holloway for insight into the costs and procedures for water tower inspection and cleaning. Discussion ensues on possible distribution contamination scenarios. Mr. Diffenderfer asks about tank capacities and expected service levels of a full tank. Mr. Mason talked of enhanced tests recently made on the well itself and the results were negative on any form of contamination. It is important to know that our source water is the best quality and the problems we have been recently experiencing are within the distribution system itself.

Everyone is in agreement that a committee meeting be set up ASAP to discuss the options for dealing with the IEPA decision to revoke the chlorination exemption for the Village.

Mr. Diffenderfer agrees to meet at the addresses where we are trying to wash out curb stops on Friday morning at 10:00 A.M. with Mr. Croup and Mr. Hastings.

The committee meeting is arranged by Mr. Hastings for Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. McPhillips wants any and all documentation available concerning construction on the mains and problems involved with it.

Russ Hanson discusses the recent situation of a speeding truck that hit and killed a community member's dog. He is suggesting reducing the speed limit through town and is told that we do not have control over the speed limits on a state highway. There is discussion of ticket issuance policy. There is conversation on locations of radar surveillance. Russ is requesting that additional efforts be made toward slowing truck traffic through town. Some creative ideas came from various attendees as to things that might be done. A question of "Jake Brake" usage came up and the annoyances resulting from their use. Ken will look into what our options are.

Mary Marks reads a letter from the Illinois Liquor Commission concerning a sting operation on one of our licensees back in February. Discussion was had on possible outcomes and what role the Village plays in this matter. The Village is not required to attend the scheduled hearing in Chicago.

Brandon is asked if he has anything on Streets and Bridges and there is nothing at this time.

Randy thanks the Board for their prompt action in replacement of the Village lawn tractor. He had a question on the repair of the property where the proposed tractor pull was to be held. Brandon thought that there was some clay to be hauled in to that area.

Discussion was had on Halloween Hours. We'll wait to see what the Women's Club is going to do.

Mrs. McPhillips asks if anything else is to be discussed before the approval of the bills.

The bills are reviewed by the Board members.

Discussion was had on the invoices.

Mr. Hastings moves that we approve the bills with the addition of the amended check for Brad Curtis.

Mary Marks seconds the motion.

Roll call is taken and the bills are approved.

Mrs. McPhillips asks if there is a motion to adjourn. It is moved and seconded that we adjourn and the gavel falls to adjourn the meeting of the Village Board, September 12th, 2007.