



VILLAGE OF Diamond

November 11, 2014

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 11th Day of November, 2014.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Carolyn Wilson, Jeff Kasher, Addis Dean Johnson. Commissioner Dave Warner was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve 10/28/14 meeting minutes. **All Ayes, Motion carried.**

List of Bills:

The List of Bills was reviewed; **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the list of bills. **All Ayes, Motion carried.**

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Discussion of Diamond Enterprise Zone

Mayor Kernc presented a map of a portion of Diamond that she would like to pursue an Enterprise Zone for. She stated that this could be a wonderful opportunity to encourage economic development in Diamond as there are incentives for businesses to build. Mayor Kernc stated that the addition of an enterprise zone would create a large workload, in which case the Village Accountant position would need to be made into a full time position. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to authorize Mayor Kernc to pursue the application for the Diamond Enterprise Zone. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approval of Preliminary Engineering Agreement for ITEP Bike Path

Mayor Kernc presented the preliminary engineering agreement for the ITEP Bike Path. Engineering will be done by Chamlin & Associates, and is allowed for \$15,719.84. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the IDOT preliminary engineering agreement for the ITEP bike path. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Resolution 2014-13 to Adopt the Countywide All-Hazards Mitigation Plan

Mayor Kernc presented Resolution 2014-13 to adopt the Will County all-hazards mitigation plan. Mayor Kernc stated that the Village must have an approved county mitigation plan to access mitigation grant funds following a disaster. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Resolution 2014-13 to adopt the countywide all-hazards mitigation plan. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Amendments to Ordinance 2014-06 regarding Appropriations of Funds.

Tabled

Approval of revised Cyber Broadcasting Agreement

Village Attorney John Gallo stated that after reviewing the revised agreement from Cyber Broadcasting, he still has a few concerns. The Board discussed the revisions to the agreement, and decided that they are not willing to compromise in several areas concerning liability. The Board asked the Clerk to follow up with Cyber Broadcasting to express the Board's concerns to see if there can be an agreement drafted that is feasible for both parties.

Discussion of 2014 Tax Levy

Attorney Gallo presented the Board with options for the 2014 tax levy. He reviewed the previous years' EAV for the Village, as well as the tax rates. The Village is expected to see a drop in EAV from 42,824,511.00 in 2013 to 40,555,000.00 for 2014. The Board discussed two different options for the tax rate increase, both of which would not need a No Truth in Taxation publication or public hearing. The first option is to keep the real estate tax levy the same as the previous two years which would result in a tax rate of .577%. The second option discussed was raising the real estate tax levy amount from 234,000.00 to 245,000.00 which result in a tax rate of .6041%. The Board decided to table the discussion until the next scheduled Board Meeting when all members are present.

Legal Counsel: No Report

Engineer Updates: Absent

Clerk Updates: No Report

Maintenance Department: Maintenance Supervisor, Bill Wethington, stated that the maintenance department has completed hydrant flushing. Mr. Wethington also stated that Well No. 4 communications have been going ok, and he will keep the Board informed if there are issues. The street light at Spring and Laura Lane has been fixed by Ayers Electric.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kasher: Commissioner Kasher stated that he attended a very informative luncheon with Mayor Kernc hosted by the Grundy Economic Development Council November 5th regarding the logistics industry. He stated that Diamond and our region will be greatly impacted by the continued development of the logistics industry in our area. Commissioner Kasher also recognized the Coal City High School football team's achievement of advancing to the semi-final of the state championship. Go Coalers.

Commissioner Wilson: No Report

Commissioner Johnson: No Report

Commissioner Warner: Absent

Mayor Kernc: Mayor Kernc stated that there is a One Year Tornado Anniversary Commemoration that will be held at the CCHS Auditorium on November 16, 2014 at 1:00 PM. She stated that she would love to have the Village Board present to help thank everyone who has helped us recover. She also reminded the Board that she is in need of 25 people to help distribute food at 4 pm on November 12th at the Diamond Banquet Hall.

Closed Session:

No Closed Session

Adjournment:

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson. **All Ayes, Motion carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Dana Grunwald, Clerk

