

VILLAGE OF DIAMOND
June 11, 2013

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 11th Day of June, 2013.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Dave Warner, Addis Dean Johnson, Carla Youngquist and Jeff Kasher.

MOTION to open Public Hearing to consider approval of the Appropriation Ordinance was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. All Ayes, **Motion carried.**

No public comments were made. **MOTION** to close the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Youngquist, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson. All Ayes, **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes:

Additional corrections to the previously approved meeting minutes from 5/14/13 were discussed, and it was the consensus of the Board to make the changes. Corrections to the meeting minutes from 5/28/13 were discussed, and will be presented to the Board for their approval at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Reading of the Treasurer's Report: (2nd Meeting of the Month)

List of Bills:

The list of bills was discussed, with a check being brought to the attention of the commissioners by Mayor Kernc. After discussion, the consensus was to void the check to Mr. Wunderlich due to the discovery of a stipulation in the annexation agreement that had been previously overlooked. Mayor Kernc will follow up with Mr. Wunderlich and explain the situation. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Youngquist, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the list of bills, draw warrants for their amounts, and place them on file with the exception of the Wunderlich check. **All Ayes, Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

No Public Comments

New Business:

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 2013-05/ Budget 2013-2014

MOTION by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Youngquist to accept the Appropriation Ordinance 2013-05 for the Budget 2013-2014 based on the suggested clerical corrections noted. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**.

Ordinance Setting Compensation for Mayor and Commissioners

In an effort to provide a fair and more consistent rate of compensation, Ordinance 2013-06 was brought before the commissioners. This ordinance would change the commissioner's compensation from \$75 a meeting and free water, sewer, and garbage service to a flat rate of \$4000 per fiscal year. Ordinance 2013-06 will also reduce the Mayor's compensation from \$25,000 per year, which is currently allowed, but not taken to \$12,000 per year with no free water, sewer, or garbage service, which is what is currently taken. Ordinance 2013-06 will not take effect until the next term in 2017; per Illinois State Law that indicates no Mayor or board can change their salary/compensation during the term in which they are serving. Commissioner Youngquist also suggested that this change in compensation could make serving on the Village of Diamond Board more appealing for future recruitment efforts. **MOTION** was made to approve Ordinance 2013-06 Setting Compensation for Mayor and Commissioners beginning term 2017 and thereafter by Commissioner Youngquist, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**

Board/Employee Water Adjustments

Mayor Kernc stated that in order to be fair and consistent with compensation, she believes that the Village should no longer provide free water to employees who reside within the Village of Diamond. Commissioner Warner stated that he believes we should not be associating compensation with water usage, as it is not a consistent rate but based on consumption. After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Youngquist that new employees hired into the Village of Diamond will not receive free water, sewer, and garbage service effective immediately. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**. Additionally, **MOTION** was made to terminate free water, sewer, and garbage service for all current employees effective January 1, 2014 by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**.

Renewal of CallOne Contract

The renewal of the existing CallOne contract was discussed, as well as pending quotes from CallOne on what cost would be to upgrade the phone system. The Village Clerk verified that, if the existing contract was approved and signed, there would be no cost or termination fee applied if the Village chose to update the services. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Warner both requested to be notified when the quotes in regards to an update were received from CallOne.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the signing of the existing CallOne contract. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**.

Ordinance for Compliance Engine

Mayor Kernc and Retired Assistant Chief Degroot went to inspect all restaurants in the Grundy County portion of Diamond to make sure they were in compliance with life safety codes. None of the restaurants were 100% in compliance, and some did not even know these inspections were mandatory. The service for the Brycer Compliance Engine is free to the village, and would help lessen our liability. The Brycer Compliance Engine would take most of the work away from the fire protection district, as well as the Village. The inspectors will upload their report on Brycer's Compliance Engine for review by the Village and cooperating fire districts so all parties associated with the compliance of the inspections can be informed of the progress. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve Village of Diamond to authorize the Coal City Fire Protection District Fire Chief to prescribe the manner for submitting inspection reports and to utilize the compliance engine by Brycer, LLC for submitting inspection reports. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**.

Service Agreement with Brycer, LLC

Included in item 5: Ordinance for Compliance Engine.

Legal Counsel:

Village Attorney, John Gallo, stated that he, along with Mike Perry, Commissioner Warner, and Mayor Kernc, has been firming up negotiations for the HUBER two year warranty to include parts, labor, and travel expenses. The four year Performance Guarantee was also clarified as a warranty that would make sure the HUBER was operating as intended given all parts are fully functional.

Engineer Updates:

Mike Perry stated that he and the Mayor had met with Carmen Morales, a representative from Nicor, to discuss the fact that the STP project has been put on hold due to a gas line which was improperly placed and in conflict with the storm sewer. Nicor was going to charge the Village \$18,000 to relocate the gas line in question. But after reviewing the documentation, Nicor has agreed to pay for the relocation of said line. The Village will help accommodate Nicor by expediting the process as much as possible.

Maintenance Department:

The Maintenance department is fully staffed again with the return of Jim Dunning.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kasher: No update

Commissioner Johnson: No update

Commissioner Youngquist: Inquired about the email sent out in regards to color copying. Mayor Kernc confirmed that it is a cost savings for the Village if more printing is done in black and white versus color. Mayor Kernc agreed that color printing could be done if paid for by the outside organization doing the copying as Commissioner Youngquist had offered to do in the past.

Commissioner Warner: No update

Mayor Kernc: The Mayor will be out of the office from 6/15/13 to 6/23/15, and is expected to return 6/24/13. She will have access to her email.

No Closed Session

Adjournment: MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Youngquist, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson. **All Ayes. Motion carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Dana Grunwald, Clerk