



VILLAGE OF Diamond

May 26, 2015

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 26th day of May, 2015.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Jeff Kasher, Addis Dean Johnson and Carolyn Wilson. Commissioner Dave Warner was absent.

Public Hearing to consider Appropriations Ordinance:

MOTION to open public hearing was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to consider Appropriations Ordinance. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

No public comment.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to close public hearing to consider Appropriations Ordinance. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes were discussed; **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve 5/12/15 meeting minutes with noted corrections. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

List of Bills:

The List of Bills was reviewed; **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the list of bills, and place them on file. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Presentation of Eagle Scout Award

Mayor Kernc presented the Eagle Scout Award to Matthew Kaplan for his Eagle Scout project for the flag beautification completed at the American Legion Building.

Approval of Appropriations Ordinance for FTE 2016

Mayor Kernc presented Appropriations Ordinance for FTE 2016. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the Appropriations Ordinance for FTE 2016. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approval of Change in Employee Healthcare Benefits Eligibility

Mayor Kernc discussed changes to the Employee Healthcare Benefits Eligibility. This would amend the current Employee Handbook of the changes in the Employee Healthcare Benefits. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the Change of Employee Healthcare Benefits Eligibility. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Discussion of Well No. 4 and Well No. 2 Communication Issues

Village Engineer, Mike Perry stated that Well 4 and Well 2 are not in operation due to communication problems with software issues, which are still being worked out.

Approval of IEMA Equipment Relocation

Village Engineer, Mike Perry, addressed the board regarding the proposal of the IEMA Equipment relocation to be moved from the current location at Will Road & Route 113, to inside the fenced maintenance facility on Will Road. After brief discussion of the usage of the equipment and the frequency of use, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the IEMA Equipment Relocation. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approval of Ordinance Regarding Use of Village Park Property

Mayor Kernc stated that a complaint was brought to her attention by a parent and Big Brothers, Big Sisters regarding Club Explorer that had been active in a Village park within the community. Mayor Kernc appreciated that this had been brought to the Villages' attention. Mayor Kernc stated that the priority is the welfare and safety of children and the Village cannot be liable for the safety of children. After discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Ordinance Regarding Use of Village Park Property. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Discussion of Club Explorer/Elijah Martinez

Mayor Kernc acknowledged Elijah Martinez had identified a need in the community. Village Resident Elijah Martinez stated that when he was growing up, there were organizations in place for him to participate and he wanted similar organizations in the Village. Martinez understands what Mayor Kernc is saying regarding rules and regulations. Mayor Kernc stated her priority is the welfare and safety of children. Village resident, Stephanie Price stated that she would like to work on getting an organization in place and will start investigating different organizations for assistance. Village resident, Jeff Johnson also agreed with Stephanie Price that the community needs a program for the community. However, he also did not understand why Elijah Martinez lied about his affiliation to the Big Brothers Organization and why medication was given to a child without authorization. Mayor Kernc stated that by adopting the ordinance regarding use of Village Park property, we now have a process by which all organizations wanting to utilize the park property must adhere to, which will ensure the welfare and safety of children.

Approval of Grundy County Prevailing Wages

Mayor Kernc, presented the prevailing wages to the board. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson for the approval of Grundy County Prevailing Wages.

Approval of Ordinance to Appoint Village Clerk, Designation Commissioner's Posts and Appointing Other Representatives of the Village

Mayor Kernc discussed the Ordinance Designating Commissioner's Posts and Appointing other Representatives of the Village. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Ordinance Designating Commissioner's Posts and Appointing Other Representatives of the Village. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Old Business:

Village Engineer, Mike Perry, stated that the repairs to the vault on Well 4 are being completed.

Legal Counsel: Village Attorney John Gallo stated that the Planning and Zoning Public Hearings regarding the comprehensive plan update and zoning ordinance update is scheduled to take place on June 1, 2015. Attorney Gallo also stated that Zoning Administrator Cindy Haywood will be providing the board with materials to review.

Engineer Updates: Village Engineer, Mike Perry, stated the bid opening for road improvements will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. This date was changed from original date of May 26, 2015 due to the Memorial Holiday. Mr. Perry also stated that formal invitations for Disaster Response Bids will be going out.

Maintenance Updates: Village Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington reported that on Sunday, May 24, 2015, water pressure was low in the Village, due to the communication box tripping off line. Wethington presented to the board a back-up dialing system which is approximately \$2,000 that would monitor the water levels to alleviate the weekend event. Wethington reported a fuel problem with the bucket truck which cost \$800.00 in repairs. Wethington also reported that the delivery of gravel for the playground has been completed at a cost of \$2,000. This gravel will assist for drainage in the park.

Clerk Updates: Village Clerk, Dana Grunwald, stated that the new website project will be working within 2 weeks. She stated that the Village is waiting on the State for the completion of the email conversion. Village Clerk Grunwald, also stated that the telephone contract should be finalized by the end of the month.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kasher: None

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner Carolyn Wilson stated that she and Village Treasurer Sheryl McDaniel are in the process of completing the direct deposit process and implementing the program in Locis. Commissioner Wilson also stated that new authorization signature cards are being completed.

Commissioner Johnson: No Comment

Commissioner Warner: Absent

Mayor Kernc: Mayor Kernc stated that she met with union but officials will not be moving forward with the Turnaround Agenda Resolution. She also stated that the property on the SW corner of School St. and Route 113 has been sold. Diamond Village improvements are underway which include roadway, bike path and park. Mayor Kernc reminded the boards that she is not willing to take the Village below its \$1M reserve.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment:

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Clerk
Approved on June 9, 2015

