



# VILLAGE OF Diamond

**March 25, 2014**

**Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 25th Day of March, 2014.**

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, March 25th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Dave Warner and Jeff Kasher. Absent: Carla Youngquist and Addis Dean Johnson

**Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting minutes will be reviewed at after suggested changes are made, and will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the Treasurer's Report and place it on file. **All Ayes, Motion Carried**

**List of Bills:**

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

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment

**New Business:**

**Tuff Hunters Trailer Damage Bill:**

Mayor Kernc stated that she was contacted by Ben Pogliano, President of Tuff Hunters of Grundy County, regarding their trailer which had been used for an extended period of time for tornado relief efforts and sustained damage. After a brief discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the payment of \$691.88 to replace the broken items on the trailer. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Standard & Poor's Rating**

Mayor Kernc informed the board that the Village's Standard & Poor's Rating has increased from an A+ to an AA. She stated that she was very happy to see this raise in rating, as it accurately reflects the Village's financial state.

**ISO Rating:**

Mayor Kernc informed the Board that the Village's ISO rating in Will County has gone down from a 5 to a 4. She stated that this is good for home and business owners, as it could decrease their insurance cost.

**Part-time Office Assistant:**

Due to increased workloads brought on by the November tornado, Mayor Kernc has suggested a temporary part-time employee to help with the clerical duties in the office. After a brief discussion,

a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve a temporary part-time office assistant. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**CCFPD Board Room Table:**

Mayor Kernc informed the Board that Chief Sheldon of the Coal City Fire Protection District has agreed to give the Village their old Board Room Table. Mayor Kernc stated that she will have our maintenance department schedule a time to pick it up.

**IEPA Burn Permit:**

Mayor Kernc informed the Board that there has been some issues with the tornado debris removal process. Although the contractor and the IEPA have stated that the removal was done correctly, the Village of Coal City's Mayor, Neal Nelson, is insistent that there has been wrong doing, and that the contractor's burning site should be located in Diamond. Mayor Kernc stated that she has reached out to the IEPA by phone as well as email to request the inclusion of a Diamond open burn site, located on municipal property, be added to John Trotter's open burn permit. At this time she does not have an update on this request, and has been referred to the IEPA's legal counsel. Commissioner Kasher stated that if the burn site is located to the Village he would like to see an incinerator built for the removal of any further material. Mayor Kernc stated that she hopes the situation takes a positive turn soon, and she is currently waiting on IEPA for further direction regarding the transfer of the burn site. Mayor Kernc also stated that due to the burning conflict, she will not be having JK Trotter Enterprises dispose of the Amber Road Debris for \$925.00, which was approved at the previous meeting.

**USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Opportunities:**

Mayor Kernc informed the board that she is pursuing several grant opportunities, and the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant is an opportunity to get funds to help with the signalization of Will Rd and 113. This opportunity would greatly reduce the amount of money prospective businesses would need to invest for the signalization. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve Mayor Kernc in moving forward with the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Opportunity. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**OSLAD Grant Opportunity:**

Mayor Kernc informed the Board of the OSLAD Grant Opportunity which could potentially provide \$400,000 for the purchase and development of land for a park. She will inform the Board when more details are available. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Mayor Kernc in pursuing the OSLAD Grant further. **All ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Governor's Tornado Relief Fund:**

Mayor Kernc stated that Governor Quinn has set aside \$45 million to help municipalities affected by the November 17<sup>th</sup> tornado, and she is going to be working on getting a \$2 million project approved. The project would consist of widening Route 113 directly east of Taco Bell/KFC to Interstate 55. This road improvement will greatly help the community's effort in economic development. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Mayor Kernc in moving forward in pursuit of funds to complete this project. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Senior & Church Salt Program:**

Mayor Kernc proposed a program to the Board that would consist of offering free salt for Senior Communities as well as Church parking lots. After a brief discussion the Board decided that the

program wasn't financially feasible for the Village to take on at this time. Mayor Kernc stated she will revisit the idea in the future.

**Civic Club Diamond Day's Event**

Mayor Kernc stated that she is very pleased with the Civic Club's plans for a summer event. They are planning to bring in Carson & Barnes Circus on Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Diamond Day's celebration on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed that the Village will need to have a maintenance employee present for the events, and Village attorney, John Gallo, stated that we will need to look into what insurance coverage is needed for the circus. Mayor Kernc stated she will follow up with the Board when more details become available.

**Community Wide Garage Sale**

Mayor Kernc stated that the Village Clerk, Dana Grunwald, will be working with the Village of Coal City for the Coal City/Diamond Community Wide Garage Sales. Residents are encouraged to come to the Village Hall to sign up for the Garage Sales, which take place April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 4PM.

**Legal Counsel:** No Update

**Engineer Updates:** No Update

**Clerk Updates:** No Update

**Maintenance Department:** Absent

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Kasher:** No Update

**Commissioner Johnson:** Absent

**Commissioner Youngquist:** Absent

**Commissioner Warner:** Commissioner Warner stated that the phone system has been shipped, and will be ready for installation soon.

**Mayor Kernc:** Mayor Kernc stated that the Village will be hosting a town hall meeting for the residents affected by the tornado. The meeting will focus on building codes, and answering any questions builders and homeowners may have. She has invited Ray Will County Building Division to be present to answer questions. Mayor Kernc also stated that she will have Will County Inspectors involved in tornado related inspections.

**Closed Session:**

No Closed Session

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner. **All Ayes, Motion carried.**

**Respectively Submitted:**

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**Dana Grunwald, Clerk**  
**Approved 4/8/14**