

VILLAGE OF DIAMOND COUNCIL MEETING

May 28th, 2013

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL., on the 28th , day of May 2013.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, May 28th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa Kernc presiding. Upon Roll call Commissioners answering present were Jeff Kasher and Dave Warner.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the meeting minutes from 5/14/13 with corrections noted. **All ayes Motion carried.**

List of Bills: MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the list of bills, draw warrants in their amounts, and place them on file. **All Ayes. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

New Business:

- 1. A Resolution to enter into an agreement for application services for CDAP on behalf of the Village:**

Mayor Kernc advised she needed to finalize paperwork, and asked for Board's approval. MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to move forward with **Resolution 2013-03. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

- 2. A Resolution to enter into an agreement for Administration Services with CDAP :**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner , **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to enter into agreement with CDAP for administrative services. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

- 3. Removal of Tami Zingre from Village banking accounts / Addition of Dana Grunwald to accounts:**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to remove Tami Zingre and add Dana Grunwald to Village accounts. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

- 4. Eagle Scout Ryan Cookingham Award:**

Mayor Kernc presented Eagle Scout Ryan Cookingham with an award for his Eagle Scout project. The beautification / landscape project at the Diamond Village Hall.

- 5. Resolution:** Tabled

6. Discuss ITEP Grant:

The Village Board and Mayor Kernc discussed looking into a Grant for placement of a bike path. Discussion regarding dedication of the adjacent property would be needed. The Board gave Mayor Kernc approval to move forward with Grant application and land owner approval.

7. Discuss HUBER:

Mayor Kernc presented the Board with an estimate and proposal to replace / redesign the current HUBER lift system as it has some design flaws, and was not working as it had been intended. Mayor Kernc, along with Village Engineer, Mike Perry, had been in contact with an engineer from HUBER. They had negotiated a new warranty if the redesign/ replacement was approved. Village Attorney, John Gallo, asked to review the specifications of the warranty with a representative from HUBER for clarification. Commissioner Warner asked to review the redesign plans, and Mayor Kernc suggested a conference call with Commissioner Warner and Mike Perry, and the HUBER Engineer to discuss all specifications of the redesign. The board approved the \$34,000.00 quote pending the conference call. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to move forward in the process of the redesign/replacement of the HUBER lift pending a successful conference call, and attorney satisfaction with changes to the warranty. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

8. White Goods Pick Up Date:

The date was set for June 13th, 2013. Village Clerk, Dana Grunwald, advised she would add the information to the Village Web site.

9. Resolution Supporting Grundy County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan:

Ten percent of Federal Funds received from a federally declared disaster will fall into mitigation, and be available for mitigation grants. A Motion was made by Commissioner Kasher, and seconded by Commissioner Warner, to pass **Resolution 2013-05**,. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

10. Four Commissioners, Clerk & Employee Water Adjustment:

The issue of inconsistent compensation was presented to the Board by Mayor Kernc, as she is insistent that the Board not be compensated by free water, sewer, and garbage service, but rather in equitable salaries. Commissioner Kasher suggested commissioners be paid a flat amount of \$4000 per year, as that is comparable to other municipalities. Per Illinois State Law the Mayor and Commissioners cannot vote to raise or change their rate of pay while they are currently in office. The new compensation rate will go into effect after the next election in 2017. The Board agreed to move forward in creating an Ordinance to change their compensation, which can be voted on at the next scheduled Board meeting. Free water, sewer, and garbage is currently given for any Village employee that is a Village of Diamond Resident, and this benefit can be terminated at any time. There is currently only one employee, Dept Clerk Tamme Crater, who is receiving this additional compensation. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided not to stop Mrs. Crater's additional compensation at this time, and the discussion was tabled until the next scheduled Board meeting.

Old Business: None.

Legal Counsel: No updates.

Village Engineer: No updates.

Maintenance Department: Maintenance Supervisor, Bill Wethington, advised that part time employee, Steven Baker, was hired to assist due to low staffing in the Maintenance department because of a medical leave. Mr. Baker will be employed under 30 hours per week, on an as needed basis. Supervisor Wethington also advised board he did tour the Village with Mr. Vilt, to check on needed sidewalk repairs, and is awaiting quote for said repairs.

Clerk Department: No Updates.

Mayor and Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kasher: Commissioner Kasher questioned the status of culvert for County Line Rd, and was advised by Bill Wethington that it has been delivered, but not installed at this time. Commissioner Kasher also questioned if the Village was eligible for FEMA Relief funds due to Flood Damage, and was advised by Mayor Kernc that we are, and we will be moving forward in seeking those out.

Commissioner Youngquist: Absent

Commissioner Warner: Commissioner Warner asked Village Attorney Gallo to check the ordinance on electric vehicles such as golf carts. Attorney Gallo advised he would look into.

Commissioner Johnson: Absent

Mayor Kernc: None.

Adjournment:

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

Respectively Submitted:

Tamme Crater, Dept. Clerk