

VILLAGE OF DIAMOND
July 9, 2013

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 9th Day of July, 2013.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, July 9th, 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.

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting minutes from 5/28/13 and 6/25/13 were reviewed. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the 5/28/13 and 6/25/13 meeting minutes with suggested changes. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

List of Bills:

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

Public Comment:

No Public Comments

New Business:

Amend 95.01 Open Burning Ordinance

Mayor Kernc presented the Board with the Grundy County ordinance for open burning. Along with the concern for the resident's health, Mayor Kernc also thinks it would be better to be consistent with the County's burn ordinance. There was a consensus on the Board to move forward with amending our current open burning ordinance, and adopting Grundy County's ordinance. An amended Ordinance will be presented to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

Presentation by Dr. Bugg, CCUSD #1

Dr. Kent Bugg, superintendent of CCUSD #1, presented the board with some material that the CCUSD #1 Board is looking into regarding a possible sales tax increase that would benefit school districts located in Grundy County. This tax

increase has the potential to lower the property taxes of residence in CCUSD #1. The School Board is researching the tax increase proposal, and is addressing focus groups before deciding whether or not the School Board will pursue.

DCEO Grant Application/Maintenance Facility and Village Hall Lighting Grant

The Village of Diamond was presented with the opportunity to use grant money to help supplement updating some much needed lighting in the Maintenance Building, the Tinsman building and Village parking lots. The more efficient lights will provide better and safer lighting for the employees and residents, all while being more cost effective. There was a consensus on the Board to move forward with the DCEO Grant Application.

Approve \$2,500 donation to the Civic Club for Diamond Days

The annual donation to the Diamond Civic Club for the Diamond Day's festival was discussed. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve a \$2,500 donation to the Diamond Civic Club. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

FEMA Mitigation Grant Applications:

Mayor Kernc brought two grant opportunities to the attention of the Board in relation to the FEMA Mitigation grant money. Mayor Kernc expressed interest in submitting a grant for both a tornado shelter and lift station back-up. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Youngquist to allow Mayor Kernc to pursue preparing and submitting applications for both grants. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Amend Liquor Ordinance

The Board reviewed the amended Liquor Ordinance, which was discussed in the previous meeting. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Youngquist to accept Ordinance 2013-08 amending Ordinance 1991-01 relating to alcoholic liquor dealers. **All Ayes, Motion Carried**

CityTech Salary Survey Training by WCGL

Dana Grunwald, Village Clerk, presented the Board with information on joining an online database that would give the Village access to job descriptions and salary information in comparable municipalities. The CityTech salary database will be much more cost effective for building job descriptions and competitive compensation program. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Youngquist, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner for the approval to join the CityTech online database, and attend training. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Legal Counsel: No Update

Engineer Updates: Mike Perry, Village Engineer, stated that work is resuming on the Betra Road and 113 intersection as well as the Will Rd and 113 Intersection. Bid for the Well #4 project will be accepted August 13th.

Clerk Updates: No Update

Maintenance Department: Bill Wethington, Maintenance supervisor, informed the Board that the skid steer is in need of repair/maintenance, as it is continuously shutting down while in operation. Hogan Walker will be contacted to schedule the skid steer maintenance. We will be using an outside contractor for the placement of pipe alongside Will Rd, as our backhoe will not be effective. The Village has also been able to clean up and get rid of concrete slabs, and some waste blacktop as well, by taking it in to a demo site run by John Trotter. John has offered to sell back the gravel at a 50% discount. Commissioner Kasher stated that he would be in favor of getting several loads of riprap to have on hand to use for miscellaneous jobs and shoulder repair on roads.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kasher: Commissioner Kasher stated that he has made the placement of pipe, and repair of Will Rd a priority, and is hoping it will be completed in the following week. He is also currently working on getting a salt building for the Village.

Commissioner Johnson: No update

Commissioner Youngquist: No update

Commissioner Warner: Commissioner Warner stated that the use of personalized Village email addresses will not be allowed, as it is not how the system had been set up to run. All Village email addresses will remain generic to keep consistency and help the eventual successor of the position so no data will be lost in the transition.

Mayor: No update

Closed Session: No Session Scheduled

Adjournment:

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

Respectively Submitted:

Dana Grunwald, Clerk