



January 24, 2017

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 24th Day of January 2017.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Jeff Kasher, Dave Warner and Carolyn Wilson. Absent: Addis “Dean” Johnson.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the 1/10/2017 meeting minutes and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of December 2016 Treasurer’s Report

MOTION made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the December 2016 Treasurer’s Report and place it on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Bill List

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the Bill List and place it on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approve Travel Reimbursement for Sheryl McDaniel to attend IEZA Conference

Mayor Kernc stated Village Treasurer Sheryl McDaniel will be attending the Illinois Enterprise Zone Association Conference in May and this reflects the hotel costs and the mileage she will incur for the conference. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve Sheryl McDaniel’s Travel Reimbursement Form to attend the IEZA Conference. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

1940 E. Clark Street Water Leak

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated this resident had a pipe explode under their house. The water usage was high and Holmes stated the water leaked into the ground surface and not the actual sewer. Holmes asked if a credit could be given towards the sewer charge since the water was leaked into the ground. Holmes stated she based the credit on the average sewer charge. Holmes stated a credit of \$56.44 would be applied to the sewer portion of the bill. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve a credit of \$56.44 to the sewer charge. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

2001 Ford Pick Up Truck

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington stated the 2001 Ford pick-up truck is in need of a fuel pump. Wethington would like to know if it should be fixed due to the age of the truck. It is currently not operable. After discussion, decision was made to replace fuel pump not to exceed \$750.00. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to replace the fuel pump in the 2001 Ford pick-up truck with a cost not to exceed \$750.00. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Public Works Director Search

Mayor Kernc stated Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington will be retiring and she would like to start the search for his replacement. Mayor Kernc thanked Wethington for his years of dedication to the Village. Kernc stated she would like to post the opening on a Public Salary Website, newspapers and on the village website. Kernc distributed the job description requirements. After discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the job posting for a new public works director. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Old Business

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated she has not received the updated insurance form to approve Coal City Soccer Club usage of the Will Road Soccer Field for 2017. This item was passed.

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated there has been no progress on the water tower electrical upgrade or the generators due to the weather. Perry stated Don Bixby is working with Water and Sewer Operations Jeff James with the influent pump requirement bid.

Maintenance Updates

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington stated he thought the streetlights in front of the Village Hall were fixed however, he noticed they were not working properly in the auto mode, so he will be contacting Ayers Electric. Wethington stated a pump on McGinty St. failed over the weekend. He stated the pump was only 2 years old. It has been pulled and Pro Pump is working on it. Wethington stated Pro Pump said this is highly unusual. Mayor Kernc stated she appreciates the dedication that Wethington has done for the Village and he will be truly missed. Kernc stated Wethington has expressed interest to be the building inspector for the village upon retirement. Kernc stated Wethington would need to completed classes for the certification process and he is willing to do so.

Clerk Updates

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated she met with a sales representative who informed her of the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA). Holmes stated this is a national public service agency which is free to join and can terminate the contract at any time with 30 days' notice. Village Attorney John Gallo stated he has some other clients that are members as well. This agency does the competitive bid process for members to utilize, however you may use vendors of your choosing as well. The board gave consensus to proceed with enrollment into the NJPA and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting for a formal board approval. Holmes stated she has been in contact with the president of the IPBC regarding the possibility of joining the group health care. He has contacted Matt Fritz of the Village of Coal City once again. Matt Fritz has been in contact with her regarding the group healthcare. Shawn Hamilton-Area VP of Arthur Gallagher & Co. which is the healthcare

broker for the group insurance met with Holmes and will be providing cost breakdowns, coverages etc. within the next 2 weeks.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher:

Commissioner Kasher thanked Bill Wethington for his service with the Village. Kasher stated there is dirt and pine needles on McGinty Street in the road and he would like the maintenance personnel to remove so that it will not wash into the storm sewer.

Commissioner Wilson:

Commissioner Wilson stated she will be working with Village Treasurer Sheryl McDaniel on office procedures. Wilson also added McDaniel has completed the 1099's, employee W-2's and quarterly payroll reports.

Commissioner Johnson:

Absent

Commissioner Warner:

Commissioner Warner stated he reached out to Dave Wilcox and he is onboard with the Microsoft Office 365 program and he will be the account administrator for this conversion. Warner added decision is needed regarding the tier level of Office 365 to proceed with.

Mayor Kernc:

Mayor Kernc stated she attended the financial forum presented at NIU and was informed that Chamlin Associates, GEDC and the Villages of Minooka, Braceville, Coal City, all utilize Peterson Computer Consulting located in Morris. Kernc spoke with Eric Peterson and he stated they sell and service Microsoft Office 365. Kernc received high reviews regarding this company for the conversion and service they provide. Kernc stated Holmes will be meeting with Peterson Computer Consulting regarding our needs and conversion, and then will ask Peterson Consulting for a quote for the conversion process. Commissioner Warner stated if we utilize Peterson Consulting for this conversion, he would like to retain Dave Wilcox as our system administrator.

Mayor Kernc stated she would like the existing workroom to be changed into an office for Village Treasurer Sheryl McDaniel. Kernc stated this would allow McDaniel an office space to hold meetings for Enterprise Zone business when it begins. After discussion, decision was made to proceed with the office space.

Mayor Kernc stated while attending a financial forum, discussion arose concerning healthcare benefits/costs and a focus of Health Savings Account (HSA) which Blue Cross Blue Shield participates in. Kernc stated this looks like the way employers will move forward to help reduce the growth of health care costs and increase the efficiency of the health care system. Employers will give each employee an amount of money within their HSA and it is the discretion of the employee how they spend that money. This type of healthcare makes consumers more responsible for their own health care costs through the required high-deductible health plans. These types of accounts are a component of consumer-driven healthcare. Mayor Kernc is concerned with the sustainability of the Village looking into the future to reduce healthcare costs.

Mayor Kernc presented an Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding which was received from Grundy County with regards of the LOMR. Kernc stated she will not sign this understanding as it is written and she has re-written the agreement which she would like to send Grundy County. Kernc stated Village Engineer Mike Perry attended a meeting which encompassed this subject and it was presented if counties have LOMR updates, they can receive up to 100% funding for these updates through grant funding. Kernc stated she revised the agreement to reflect if funding is

received, Diamond would like the reimbursement of the \$1,500.00 which has been paid for the updates. Kernc stated she would like a consensus to proceed with the revised agreement and this will be an agenda item for board approval at the next board meeting. After discussion, consensus was given to proceed sending the revised agreement.

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk

