



March 7, 2017

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 7th Day of March 2017.

The scheduled special meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Addis “Dean” Johnson, Jeff Kasher, Dave Warner and Carolyn Wilson.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the 2/14/2017 meeting minutes and place on file. **Ayes; Commissioner’s Kasher, Warner and Wilson, Abstain; Johnson. Motion Carried.**

Approval of Treasurer’s Report for January 2017

MOTION made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the January 2017 Treasurer’s Report. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Bill List for February 28, 2017 & March 7, 2017

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the February 28 and March 7, 2017 Bill Lists and place them on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

John Gubbins-Acting Commander/American Legion Post 796

Mayor Kernc welcomed Mr. Gubbins to the meeting. Gubbins addressed the board with regards to placing a Howitzer (a piece of military artillery) in front of the American Legion Hall. Gubbins stated not only will this draw attention to the Hall, he is hoping this will also assist to grow attendance for the Post. The approval of the board is the first step to the process to apply to obtain the Howitzer. Commissioner Kasher stated the Village would assist with the concrete pad for the Howitzer with the possibility of obtaining a company to volunteer to assist with this project. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to support the application process to obtain a Howitzer to be placed in front of the American Legion Post 796. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

True Tech Systems Inc. Presentation

Mayor Kernc stated she had attended a meeting and learned that municipalities must be operable within 72 hours of a disaster. Kernc stated the fear was the Village would not be able to comply under our existing system. The Village started to research which brought us to the presentations from True Tech Systems and Simple Communications. Tim Ross from True Tech Systems, Inc. addressed the board regarding their recommendation for the Village’s IT needs. Materials and

recommendations from True Tech Systems was discussed. Mayor Kernc thanked Ross for the information provided.

Simple Communications Presentation

Eric Peterson owner of Simple Communications introduced himself and gave a background of the company and the municipalities/companies in the area they provide IT services to. Peterson introduced Matt Wilkinson of Simple Communications who presented the IT solution they recommend for the Village's IT support needs. Information and recommendations were discussed by board members and Wilkinson.

True Tech Systems, Inc. Proposal/Simple Communications Proposal

Mayor Kernc stated 2 proposals have been presented and would like to know which proposal the Board would like to take action on. Commissioner Kasher stated this is not his area of expertise, so decision should be made by Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Warner. Commissioner Warner stated he does have an established relationship with True Tech Systems however; he must truly look at the best interest of the Village moving forward. Commissioner Johnson will not be running in the upcoming election. Commissioner Warner plans on running for only 1 more term. Warner wants to make sure their legacy is set and not have to worry about having a board member with technology experience moving forward. Warner stated he does like the presentation from Simple Communications who presented a monthly maintenance cost structure and their proposal gets the Village more continuity and business plan in place for a municipality. Warner stated he has a deep affinity to True Tech Systems; in this case unfortunately he would have to choose the Simple Communications proposal. Mayor Kernc stated this is a very difficult decision because Dave Wilcox has been so phenomenal over the years to the Village but in light of the legal obligation of the 72 hour disaster turn around, Kernc would be in agreement with Commissioner Warner. Mayor Kernc stated she needs to make the decision on what she feels is the best for the Village to move forward. The Village needs to be prepared for whatever comes our way. Commissioner Johnson stated he likes the idea of going to a managed service which shows a true continuity and Simple Communications proposal gives us that continuity. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to accept Simple Communications proposal including telephone system. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval to pay Elliott Electric \$13, 725.00 (partial billing) for Water Tower Lighting

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated he would like to amend this amount to \$12,352.66 with 10% retainage. This was for the water tower lighting not including the beacon light which is on order and should be in this week. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to pay Elliott Electric \$12,352.66 for Water Tower Lighting. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval to pay Application #2 to Elliott Electric for Generator work in the amount of \$52,108.44

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to pay Elliott Electric for generator work in the amount of \$52,108.44. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Change Order in the amount of \$4,629.00 to Elliott Electric for Generator Work

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the change amount of \$4,629.00 to Elliott Electric. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval to pay Application #3 to Elliott Electric for Generator work in the amount of \$51,229.21

MOTION was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve application #3 in the amount of \$51, 229.21 to Elliott Electric. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Waste Disposal Contract

Mayor Kernc presented the chart for the breakdown of the Request for Proposal (RFP) of those bids received from Homewood Disposal, Waste Management, Republic Services and Environmental Recycling & Disposal. Representatives from Homewood Disposal, Republic Services and Environmental Recycling & Disposal were in attendance. After discussion, Mayor Kernc stated a decision cannot be made until further questions are discussed with IEMA's legal counsel. Kernc wants to be assured the requirements of the disaster debris removal are within procurement rules. Village Attorney John Gallo stated the contract specified the Village reserves the rights to accept the proposal of sections A, B and C or any combination of those sections. Mayor Kernc asked the board if they would like to vote or to pass this until further information is provided by IEMA regarding the procurement rules. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to table this item until the March 14, 2017 meeting. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Ordinance 2017-02; an Ordinance Increasing the Number of Class "A" Liquor Licenses from Two to Three

Village Attorney John Gallo stated this ordinance increases the Class "A" liquor licenses to three. This allows Mayor Kernc the Liquor Commissioner the ability to approve an application to obtain the license through April 30, 2017. After that date, the Class "A" license expires. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Ordinance 2017-02. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval to transfer Motor Fuel Tax (Motor Fuel Tax) to First Community Bank

Mayor Kernc stated she would like to move the MFT fund to First Community Bank. Kernc stated she likes to deal with customers located in Diamond. She would like to show them we appreciate them doing business in Diamond and would like to relocate the MFT account to First Community Bank. Village Attorney John Gallo stated this would require amending the current ordinance. Consensus was given to amend the ordinance.

Old Business

Approve Coal City Soccer Club usage of Will Road Soccer Field for the 2017 Year

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.

Grundy and Will County Sheriff Monthly Update

No Report

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

No Report

Maintenance Updates

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington stated Maintenance Personnel Josh Bzdusek and Steve Baker have been completing the storm water hookup inspections and in one day, they found 5 illegal hookups/noncompliant hookups.

Clerk Updates

No Report

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher:

No Report

Commissioner Wilson:

Commissioner Wilson reminded the board the budget forms are due March 14, 2017.

Commissioner Johnson:

No Report

Commissioner Warner:

No Report

Mayor Kernc:

Mayor Kernc stated the new generator has been installed at Well #4.

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk