



May 10, 2016

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 10th Day of May 2016.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 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 Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the 4/26 /2016 meeting as reviewed and place on file. **Ayes: Warner, Wilson and Kernc. Abstain: Kasher and Johnson. 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

Jeff Lee of J & R Service Center

Mayor Kernc welcomed Jeff Lee. Kernc stated Jeff had reached out to the Village regarding some property concerns. Mayor Kernc turned the discussion over to Village Attorney John Gallo and Village Engineer Mike Perry. Village Attorney John Gallo discussed the prior rezoning and variances that were granted to Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee stated his business for repairs has increased therefore the space required for parking vehicles is in higher demand. Mr. Lee discussed possibility of granting easement rights, vacating alley options, etc. Mr. Lee would like to have a larger parking lot approximately 25 ft. x 50 ft. Residents in attendance to discuss these matters were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Macaluso and Mr. and Mrs. William Tarman. Mr. Tarman expressed concerns of the 6th Street right away. Mr. Macaluso expressed concerns of the excess rain water which drains off Mr. Lee's property onto his property since Mr. Lee placed gravel in the back area. Village Attorney John Gallo explained what vacating the alley would involve. Village Engineer Mike Perry addressed an option for a license agreement for 1 year between the Lee's and The Village. After discussion, agreement was made with all parties involved that a legal lease agreement would be the best option at this time. Mr. Lee submitted a copy of the parking lot proposal document which describes the area in question and description of the additional parking area.

Approve Mesirow Financial-Employee Benefits Program

Mayor Kernc stated this was discussed at the last board meeting and a presentation was made by the representative from Mesirow Financial. Kernc stated a decision must be made whether to increase the percentage of employee contributions for the plan or not. Village Clerk Lori Holmes discussed

the increase renewal rates for the upcoming year. Holmes stated she has been working with a group plan insurance, which Coal City is a member of and is willing to sponsor Diamond. Holmes is waiting for Coal City to discuss those healthcare plans and costs. Kernc stated she has discussed the 7% increase with other Mayor's and that increase is the norm. Commissioner Warner stated if we keep the current plan, an employee contribution increase is necessary. Kernc stated at the current 5% contribution rate, she feels a small 1-2% increase would be feasible however; a larger increase would be detrimental to employees. Kernc stated Holmes is continuing to work on a meeting to discuss the options of the other group plan and asked if the Board would like to postpone this until next board meeting since there is a slight chance Holmes may have more information. Commissioner Johnson was in agreement to wait until next board meeting as well as all Board members. No action taken.

Approve Resolution 2016-05; Regarding Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Plants

Mayor Kernc stated approval of this resolution is required to be in compliance under this project. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution 2016-05; Regarding Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Plants. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve Resolution 2016-06; For Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code-Installation of Traffic Signals at Intersection of Will Road with IL 113

Mayor Kernc stated this resolution is mandated by IDOT. Mayor Kernc stated the Village can use \$5,000 of motor fuel tax on this project and by doing so; the signals can be installed this summer. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Local Roads Project Relevant to the Proposed Traffic Signals to Serve Route 113 & Will Road

Mayor Kernc presented the letter and it states the responsibility of providing electrical and maintenance of the signal to serve Will Road & Route 113 is shared 50%-50% with IDOT. Approval is needed for this agreement. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the MFT Local Road Project Relevant to the Proposed Traffic Signals to Serve Route 113 & Will Road. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Discussion of Coal City Police

Mayor Kernc stated that she met with Coal City Mayor Halliday at his request. He and his board would like the Village of Diamond to pay \$1,800 per year towards Coal City's Liability Insurance for their police department, enter into an intergovernmental agreement to be responsible for paying any increase in workmen's compensation costs as a result of any incident occurring in Diamond where a Coal City Police Officer(s) had been dispatched by the Grundy County Sheriff's Department; and, cover PSEBA insurance costs for Coal City Police Officer(s) as a result of any incident occurring in Diamond where they had been dispatched by the Grundy County Sheriff's Department. Mayor Kernc informed Mayor Halliday that the board might agree to the first item but that she would not, nor did she believe the village attorney or board would, agree to the second and third items. Mayor Kernc requested that Mayor Halliday forward written documents for board review. Upon receipt of documents Mayor Kernc will bring this matter back to the board for review.

Old Business

None

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

No Report, however Mayor Kernc inquired if all corrected documents had been submitted for the ITEP bike path. Kernc stated Tim from Chamlin and Associates acknowledged all necessary paperwork was completed so that we would be placed on the July bid letting. Village Engineer Mike Perry stated he could not confirm if it was submitted but will check into this matter and report his findings to Kernc.

Maintenance Updates

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington stated Chamlin and Associates has measured for the safety beam at the water treatment plant. Wethington stated he purchased a tree for the Miner's Memorial Boy Scout Project. Wethington stated with all the rain, the wastewater treatment plant had filled up and was at alert level. Wethington stated there are some home sump pumps discharging into the sanitary sewer line which are causing issues at the sewer plant. After discussion regarding this ongoing problem, Clerk Lori Holmes and Wethington will work on letters and brainstorm ideas on how to combat this issue with illegal sump pumps hook-ups in resident's homes.

Clerk Updates

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated she has scheduled interviews for the intern/apprentice program.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher:

No Report

Commissioner Wilson:

Commissioner Wilson stated she will attend the Enterprise Zone Conference in Springfield, May 18-20 along with Mayor Kernc and Village Accountant Sheryl McDaniel. Commissioner Wilson stated the Audit is scheduled for May 25 & 26. Commissioner Wilson stated a copy of the Draft Budget has been distributed and if there are any necessary changes, please let her know.

Commissioner Warner:

No Report

Commissioner Johnson:

No Report

Mayor Kernc:

Mayor Kernc presented as a result of the Flint, Michigan water issues, she would like information placed on the website and/or on the next water bill regarding home lead testing kits. Mayor Kernc would like homeowners to be aware that property owners are responsible for the service lines if there are any lead issues in them. Mayor Kernc stated lead issues are a concern especially for houses built before 1950. Commissioner Warner stated to place information on the water bill and website referring residents to informational website to assist residents with concerns and home testing options.

Closed Session (Closed Session Review)

MOTION was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to enter into closed session for closed session reviews at 7:47PM. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to enter back into open session at 7:53PM with no action taken. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to release the following closed session minutes: 11-25-14; 2-24-15; 3-24-15; 12-8-15. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Clerk
Approved on May 24, 2016

