



November 10, 2015

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 10th Day of November, 2015.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 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 Johnson to approve 10/27/15 meeting minutes as reviewed and place on file. **Ayes: Johnson, Kasher, Kernc, Wilson. Abstain: Warner. Motion Carried.**

Approval of Bill List

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the list of bills and place them on file. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approval Of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Grundy and the Village of Diamond to Provide Animal Control Services

Mayor Kernc presented the Agreement. Village Attorney John Gallo highlighted the correction of the name and address that needs to be completed on the Agreement before signing. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Grundy and the Village of Diamond to Provide Animal Control Services. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

Approval of Resolution 2015-09 Urging Illinois State Leaders to Release Non-General Fund Revenues Payable to Local Governments

Mayor Kernc presented the resolution. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution 2015-09 Urging State Leaders to Release Non-General Fund Revenues Payable to Local Governments. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Accept Ayers Electric Proposal

Mayor Kernc presented the updated proposal for the lift stations. Commissioner Warner inquired about the size of generator to use. Commissioner Kasher questioned size of the pump which generator would be required to operate. Commissioner Johnson interjected his view regarding purchasing the proposed generator and the capability of transferring it to another location if needed and replace with larger generator. After a brief discussion, this item was tabled.

Nicor Gas Agreement for Lift Stations

Mayor Kernc stated she would like Nicor Gas to prepare all the lift station sites so they are ready when installation of generators is implemented.

STP3 Enclosure Ditches on Will Road Discussion

Mayor Kernc stated this item was for discussion only. Mayor Kernc stated beginning next year, there will be an opportunity for an STP3 Grant Application. The STP2 Grant which the Village was awarded will be constructed next year and that phase will involve the widening to 3 lanes of the east end of Route 113 to Claypool Ditch. Mayor Kernc stated she envisions the next phase, if awarded the STP3 Grant, would encompass enclosure of ditches on Will Road. Commissioner Kasher inquired the amount of the grant if awarded. Commissioner Warner interjected the infrastructure projects could be an incentive for developers. Consensus to write STP3 grant application was given.

Home Rule Discussion

Mayor Kernc welcomed Gideon Blustein from the Realtors Association. Mayor Kernc discussed the dynamics of Home Rule. Mayor Kernc expressed her concern of the older section of town when looking forward over the next 10 years. Mayor Kernc stated if a Home Rule was in place, those funds could be used in the older section of town to enclose ditches, install curb and gutters, pave roads, etc., as well as setting aside money to use to purchase a large park property. Village Attorney John Gallo explained Home Rule and the process which would need to be implemented if pursued. Village Attorney Gallo stated The Village cannot assist in a Home Rule Referendum in any way and any work which Mayor Kernc contributes must be done on her own time. Village Attorney Gallo stated if a referendum for Home Rule gets on the ballot, it is up to the voters to decide.

Old Business

None

Legal Counsel

Village Attorney John Gallo stated Centru Bank is an approved depository. Attorney Gallo stated there was a recent Zoning meeting and there will be 2 sets of Amendments which will need to be completed. Attorney Gallo stated the zoning map needs to be updated due to the re-zoning of properties; some rezoned and not shown on map while others, need re-zoning to comply with new adopted codes. Attorney Gallo stated Public Hearings will be required and costs will be involved in this process, which will begin January 2016. Attorney Gallo stated it is time to start analyzing the tax levy for next year. Attorney Gallo distributed informational data sheets which reflect historical data and tax rate comparisons.

Engineer Updates

Absent

Maintenance Updates

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington distributed information regarding the damaged lift station and the current estimated repair proposal. Wethington explained the processes which have been completed to inspect the damage. Wethington presented issues regarding the Village's dump truck. Wethington stated the new cylinder has been installed however, the lift bed mechanism could not be repaired and a major oil leak occurred today. The truck is inoperable and will need to be towed for any repairs needed. Wethington stated his concern with the non-working dump truck since the winter season is approaching. Currently, the village has 1 truck to spread salt if needed. After a brief discussion, decision was made to purchase a new dump truck.

Clerk Updates

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated the yearly increase for sewer/water was effective on November's utility bill. Clerk Holmes stated she and Maintenance Supervisor Wethington have a webcast presentation for a GIS mapping system facility on Tuesday.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher:

No Report

Commissioner Wilson:

Commissioner Wilson stated we are still waiting for additional information from Centru Bank. Commissioner Wilson reminded the board members that direct deposit option is still available.

Commissioner Johnson:

No Report

Commissioner Warner:

Commissioner Warner indicated a new salt supplier for the water treatment plant is in process, which would be a cost savings to the Village.

Mayor Kernc:

No Report

Closed Session

MOTION was made to adjourn and enter into closed session for Employee Issues at 7:35 PM by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to return to the regular meeting with no action taken.

Motion to Adjourn

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. **All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Clerk

Approved on November 24, 2015