



December 13, 2016

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 13th Day of December, 2016.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Jeff Kasher, Dave Warner and Carolyn Wilson. Absent was Addis Dean Johnson.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the 11/22/2016 meeting minutes as reviewed and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Treasurer's Report

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the November 2016 Treasurer's Report and place it on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Bill List

Mayor Kernc noted that an additional bill list has been provided for approval. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the Bill List and Additional Bill List and place it on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approval of Coal City Soccer Club Utilizing Will Road Soccer Field for 2017 Year

It was noted that the Certificate of Insurance should be revised to include the Village of Diamond as certificate holder. Deputy Clerk, Cindy Haywood stated that she would advise. There was no action taken and will be considered upon receipt of a revised certificate of insurance.

Approval of Ordinance 2016-13; An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Heretofore Levied by the Village of Diamond in Connection with the Issue of \$1,800,000.00 Taxable General Obligation Bonds Series 2010

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve Ordinance 2016-13; Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Heretofore Levied by the Village of Diamond in Connection with the Issue of \$1,800,000.00 Taxable General Obligation Bonds Series 2010. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Ordinance 2016-14; An Ordinance for the Levying and Assessing of Taxes for the Village of Diamond in the Counties of Grundy and Will and State of Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2017

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Ordinance 2016-14; Levying and Assessing of Taxes for the Village of Diamond in the Counties of Grundy and Will and State of Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2017. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Ordinance 2016-15; An Ordinance Establishing a Travel Reimbursement Policy in Accordance with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act

Attorney John Gallo explained that a recent law was passed that all non-home rule municipalities adopt a policy for travel reimbursement expenses which covers travel expenses, meals and lodging. He described the ordinance and reimbursement form and how it applies to employees and board members. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Ordinance 2016-15; Establishing a Travel Reimbursement Policy in Accordance with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Revisions to the Village of Diamond Employee Handbook

Attorney Gallo referred to the employee handbook and stated that 2 changes are proposed including the previously discussed travel expense policy and prohibiting Village business being conducted on a personal electronic message account. He added that the use of personal electronic accounts only applies to employees and if the Village desires to adopt regulations for Board Members, a separate ordinance would have to be considered. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the recommended changes to Sections 3.15 and 3.17 of the Village of Diamond Employee Handbook. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Grundy County Wide Stormwater Ordinance Adoption Resolution Discussion and/or Adoption

Mayor Kernc explained that all of Diamond is currently regulated by the Will County Stormwater Ordinance that was previously adopted. After review of the proposed Grundy County Stormwater Ordinance, Chamlin has determined that it is slightly stricter than Will County. Mayor Kernc explained that the Board may consider the following: replacing the Will County Stormwater Ordinance with Grundy; retaining the Will County Stormwater Ordinance only; or adopting both for each respective County (which would not be recommended). Attorney Gallo said that he spoke with Heidi Miller of Grundy County who indicated that no one has currently adopted the Grundy County Stormwater Ordinance. Tim Hejny said that there are many State and Federal regulations that must be satisfied regardless of the ordinance adopted. Commissioner Warner said that he is comfortable with the current regulations set forth in the Will County Stormwater Ordinance. The Board agreed. Mayor Kernc said she would advise Grundy County. No action was taken.

Approval of Chamlin Engineering Agreement for STP3 Survey Work

Mayor Kernc stated that, as the Board is aware, we are actively pursuing commercial development along the 113 corridor in the Will County portion of Diamond. In 2018 the Village will be submitting for STP3 to enclose the ditches along Will Road and we will either complete a 3 lane road along the whole stretch or a portion depending on how much grant, local match and developer money we receive. She explained, if something is ready to begin construction in that area, it is imperative that the timing of the Will Road construction not be delayed for any reason. By completing the survey work, construction will be able to commence much sooner. She requested Chamlin prepare an agreement for the costs of the survey work which will allow the Village to get a headstart on preliminary engineering for STP3. Village Engineer Mike Perry explained that being

able to get out in the field while weather permits will allow them to be ahead rather than starting the project at the on-set of spring. This is simply completing the needed field and CAD work not to exceed \$20,000.00 and would be credited towards final engineer costs for STP3. Commissioner Kasher said that he does not agree with enclosing the ditch the whole stretch. Mayor Kernc said it is a safety issue and cosmetically, a quality development will not want to be along the ditch. Commissioner Kasher stated that he feels it is the responsibility of the developer to make those improvements. Mayor Kernc explained that presently STP grants are for road improvements on federal routes which include Will Road. Furthermore, there is talk of policy change which may open STP funding to any and all road work and, if that occurs, it will be unlikely for the Village to obtain any further grant money. Commissioner Kasher explained that he did not want to invest anything into enclosing the Will Road ditch without having a user. Commissioner Warner added that being prepared will be an incentive to a developer to come to Diamond and obtaining federal funding is the best possible way to ultimately complete this large project. Board members agreed. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Chamlin Engineering Agreement for STP3 Survey Work not to exceed \$20,000.00. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval to Pay Jetco, Ltd. For Water Tower Painting

It was noted that the final invoice has not been received. No action was taken.

Old Business

None

Legal Counsel

Attorney John Gallo stated that he sent a letter to the attorney for Burt Estates regarding the water/sewer rate matter and has not heard back. He said Mayor Kernc met with John Rogosich, CEO of MHPI, on behalf of Burt Estates, who indicated that they do not intend on pursuing the matter any further. Mayor Kernc added that when she met with Mr. Rogosich he hoped she would support their desire to place mobile homes back on Route 113 and she informed him that is contradictory to the Comprehensive Plan and she does not believe it is the highest and best use of the property. They agreed to disagree and said they would further discuss the property in approximately 6 months.

Engineer Updates

No Report

Maintenance Updates

No Report

Clerk Updates

No Report

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher:

No Report

Commissioner Wilson:

No Report

Commissioner Warner:

Commissioner Warner inquired about the problem that occurred at the sewer plant and said he would like to find out why it happened to help avoid further issues.

Mayor Kernc:

Mayor Kernc stated that she attended an EMA meeting where she was informed that a municipality has 72 hours to be up and running following a disaster. Upon learning that, she realized the importance of moving to the “cloud” to provide backup service for most all Village functionality. We are currently looking into it and will provide more information in the near future.

Closed Session (Employee Issues, Litigation)

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to enter into closed session at 6:55 P.M. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to enter back into open session at 7:15 P.M. with no action taken. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M. by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Cindy Haywood, Deputy Clerk