



April 26, 2016

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 26th Day of April 2016.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Dave Warner and Carolyn Wilson. Absent: Addis Dean Johnson and Jeff Kasher.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the 4/12/2016 meeting as reviewed and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

Public Comment

None

New Business

Certificate of Appreciation Presented by Commander Charles Brown

Mayor Kernc welcomed VFW St. Juvin Post 1336 Commander Charles Brown and VFW St. Juvin Post 1336 Trustee Joe Lestina. Commander Brown wanted to thank the board for the monetary donation for the Miner's Restoration Project. Trustee Joe Lestina presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor Kernc and Commissioners. Commander Brown stated once the restoration is complete, the plaque will be displayed at the Coal City Public Library. Mayor Kernc thanked Commander Brown and Trustee Lestina for the certificate and coming to the meeting.

Three Rivers Association of Realtors Check Presentation for ITEP Bike Path "Pocket Park" by Gideon Bluestein and Mike Onorato

Mayor Kernc welcomed Gideon Bluestein, Mike Onorato and the Three Rivers Association of Realtors for attending. Mayor Kernc stated she was very excited and surprised the Three Rivers Association was donating the money for this project to the Village. Gideon Bluestein stated he and the Association are excited about this as well. Gideon Bluestein stated the Realtors Association takes community involvement seriously, so this was a great opportunity to support this project. Gideon Bluestein asked each member in attendance to introduce themselves. Realtors in attendance were Mike Onorato, Lori Bonarek and Beth Stopka all Diamond residents to present the check. Mayor Kernc stated this project will be a lovely addition to the Bike Path.

Mesirow Financial-Employee Benefits Program

Mayor Kernc welcomed Juan Gomez to the meeting. Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated with the rate changes in the health plans; she felt it was beneficial to have Juan Gomez, Vice President of Mesirow Financial Services, Inc. in attendance to answer any questions the board may have with the healthcare plans. Mr. Gomez distributed packets with the spreadsheets highlighting the healthcare plans offered. Mr. Gomez highlighted the current rates and the proposed rates which are increased 7% for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Gomez explained the industry averages which employer contributions are made. Mr. Gomez also answered questions from board members. Village Accountant Sheryl McDaniel explained how the costs are calculated for the employees. Mayor Kernc stated they need to do some studying on the plans and contributions. Mayor Kernc thanked Mr. Gomez for attending and the board will be looking at the plans and discussing the changes, if any, at the next board meeting.

Will Road Soccer Field Plans/Conley Excavating

Mayor Kernc stated she met with Conley Excavating. Mr. Conley has done a lot of work for the Village of Diamond and he went to the Will Road soccer field and walked the field. Mr. Conley told Mayor Kernc the field is too flat to place drainage tiles. Mr. Conley recommended creating a swale along the back fence and also along the maintenance fence. Mr. Conley recommended filling black dirt into the areas where needed and put a crown on the field, which will push the water into the swails. Mr. Conley would then place rip rap in the swales, which will allow the flow of the water to the drainage pipe. Mayor Kernc stated once she received this recommendation, she reached out to Mr. Kuhal from the soccer club to explain if this work is completed now, they will not have a field to play on until it is complete and grass grows. Mr. Kuhal is willing to wait until fall for this project to be completed. Mr. Conley is willing to complete the work if the Village will supply the rip rap and the dirt. Mayor Kernc has reached out to a property owner to see if he is willing to donate some dirt. Alex Kuhal from the soccer club will reach out to parents to see if they know of anyone willing to donate dirt. Commissioner Warner asked Village Engineer Mike Perry if there are different grades of dirt and would we need to be cautious as to the dirt we receive i.e. fill, clay etc. Village Engineer Mike Perry stated the most important would be the quality of the top 4 inches of soil. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Conley Excavating plans for the Will Road Soccer Field. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Appoint and Approve Cindy Haywood as Building Official

Mayor Kernc stated this was discussed at the previous board meeting and she must have a motion to appoint and approve this action. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve Cindy Haywood as the Building Official. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of American Legion Poppy Days in Diamond

Mayor Kernc stated the American Legion Post 796 has requested to designate May 13, 14 and 15 2016 as American legion Poppy Days in Diamond. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the American Legion Poppy Days in Diamond. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

F.Y.E. 2017 Budget Review

Finance Commissioner Carolyn Wilson highlighted the new areas on the report along with Village Accountant Sheryl McDaniel who was also in attendance to assist with the review process. Mayor Kernc stated large expenses this upcoming year will be needed for equipment repair. Mayor Kernc stated some equipment is older and much needed repairs and/or replacements will be needed.

Commissioner Wilson presented each category and discussed the budgeted information. After discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the tentative budget and place on file for public review. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Discussion of Summer Intern

Mayor Kernc stated the Village has not received any intern candidates from Joliet Junior College; however, we have received some candidates from the Coal City High School. Commissioner Warner stated he would like additional information on those candidates and would like to arrange interviews for those who are interested in this opportunity. After brief discussion, Commissioner Warner asked Village Clerk Lori Holmes to contact those candidates and set up interviews with the candidates.

Old Business

None

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated Jim Fredin has been working on the detention pond in Sterling Estates and it is coming along nicely.

Maintenance Updates

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington stated Ayers Electric worked on the streetlights and found the globes are set with set screws which allow them to move in the wind, therefore, as they turn, they place stress on the wires inside, burning out the wires. Ayers Electric recommend bolts to be drilled into the tops which will deter them from turning. Village Engineer Mike Perry recommended stainless steel bolts to be used which will not rust.

Clerk Updates

No Report

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher:

Absent

Commissioner Wilson:

No Report

Commissioner Warner:

Commissioner Warner thanked Commissioner Wilson and Village Accountant Sheryl McDaniel for the diligent work in the budget process.

Commissioner Johnson:

Absent

Mayor Kernc:

Mayor Kernc stated she executed a Certificate Regarding Operation and Maintenance of The Wastewater Treatment Plant from the IEPA. Mayor Kernc stated she needs a consensus for this certificate and a resolution will be presented at the next board meeting. Mayor Kernc received consensus from the board to move forward with this action.

Closed Session (Employee Issues)

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to enter into closed session for employee reviews at 7:30PM. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to enter back into open session at 7:55PM with no action taken. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM by Commissioner Wilson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Clerk
Approved on May 10, 2016

