



VILLAGE OF Diamond

April 28, 2015

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 28th Day of April, 2015.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were, Jeff Kasher, and Addis Dean Johnson, Carolyn Wilson, and Dave Warner.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve 4/14/15 meeting minutes. **Ayes: Kasher, Johnson, Wilson, Warner. Nays: none. Abstain: Kernc. Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed; **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Treasurer's Report **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

List of Bills:

The List of Bills was reviewed; **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson to approve the list of bills. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

American Legion Poppy Days in Diamond

Mayor Kernc presented a letter from American Legion Post 796 requesting the designation of May 15, 16, and 17 as American Legion Poppy Days in support of disabled or needed veterans, and families of veterans. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to designate May 15, 16, and 17 as American Legion Poppy Days. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approval of Health Insurance renewal paln

Village Clerk, Dana Grunwald, presented a new option for employee insurance to the Board. She explained that the cost for the previous plan the Village was participating in had increased by more than 11% from the previous year. A new option was presented that would allow the employees to choose from 6 different plans depending on their needs. Along with the new plans was the option to start charging the employees a premium to help with the cost associated with providing healthcare benefits. Mayor Kernc suggested a 5% of cost charge to the employee. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the six different ACA healthcare options, with a 5% of cost premium charged to the employee. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Discussion of FYE 2016 Budget

Commissioner Wilson presented the draft budget to the Board. Commissioner Wilson reviewed the draft budget by going over the incoming revenues, and appropriations of said revenues. After a brief discussion the Board was in consensus to post the budget for public viewing, and move forward with the public hearing on May 26th with suggested changes.

Approval of Will County Law Enforcement Contract Renewal

Mayor Kernc presented the Board with a letter the Will County Sheriff's Department stating a change of rate charged to the Village. The amount is based on actual time spent in the Village, and our rate had lowered from the previous year. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the Will County Law Enforcement Contract in the amount of \$7,000.00. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approval of Energy Curtailment Program

Mayor Kernc presented information for an Energy Curtailment Program. Mayor Kernc stated that she spoke with the Village of Plainfield regarding the Power Pay Program. They were very happy with the program, and received approximately \$140,000.00 from them last year. The program would be based on the Village running the water treatment plant and the waste water treatment plant on generators during peak times, with a max run time of 6 hours. After a brief discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the enrollment into the Power Pay Program offered from Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Discussion of Village of Diamond Yearly Road Maintenance

Village Engineer, Mike Perry, stated Commissioner Kasher and Chamlin Engineer Mike Farrell had revised the original road improvement list. Mayor Kernc also presented an engineering agreement with a not to exceed amount of \$29,500.00. The Board was in consensus for approval of the engineering agreement, and it will be placed on the next agenda. After a brief discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the bid specifications for the road improvements, and authorize Village Engineer, Mike Perry, to assemble a bid package estimated at \$322, 207.00. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approval of new hire for Clerk's Position

Mayor Kernc stated that after several interviews, she and Commissioner Warner are in agreement on the hire of the new Village Clerk. Mayor Kernc stated that she is recommending the hire of Lori L Holmes to serve as the Village Clerk. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson approve the hiring of Lori L Holmes as the Village Clerk. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Approval of Conley Excavating quote for water main replacement at Village Hall

Mayor Kernc stated that she had received consensus from the Board for the replacement of water main behind the Village Hall. Conley Excavating submitted a quote with a not to exceed price of \$19,900.00. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the water main replacement behind the Village Hall by Conley Excavating. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Old Business:

Discussion of Stott Contracting Well No. 4 punch list

Village Engineer, Mike Perry, stated he has been in contact with Stott Contracting, and that they were scheduled to come within the next week to repair the sump pit for Well No. 4. Mayor Kernc stated that she was happy they were coming to fix the issue, because she was very displeased there was water in the sump pit.

Legal Counsel: No Report

Engineer Updates: Village Engineer, Mike Perry, discussed bridge options for the ITEP bike path. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that a wooden bridge wouldn't fit in the budget for the project, and that a concrete bridge would be easier to maintain.

Clerk Updates: Village Clerk, Dana Grunwald, discussed the tentative training schedule of the new Clerk.

Maintenance Department: Maintenance Supervisor, Bill Wethington, stated that a resident approached him to have black dirt supplied for the maintenance of his ditch on Hugh and Wall street. The Board agreed that they do not want to set that precedence of supplying dirt for the maintenance of the ditch. Mr. Wethington also stated that the Reverse 911 system that we were using to notify residents of a boil order was no longer offered by the 911 Center. Commissioner Johnson stated that he will pass on information of a program that we can use to do mass automated calls to residents.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kasher: Commissioner Kasher stated that he drove the roads that are proposed on the bid list, and believes we are addressing many issues in the Village.

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner Wilson stated that the FYE 2016 Budget is being prepared.

Commissioner Johnson: Commissioner Johnson asked if there was someone who could contact ComEd about a possible safety hazard in his neighborhood. He stated that you can actually see under the utility box in his subdivision, and water flows under it. It is causing periodic power outages in his neighborhood. Mayor Kernc stated that she will try to contact ComEd to inquire about the issue.

Commissioner Warner: Commissioner Warner wanted to thank Mayor Kernc, Attorney Gallo, Commissioner Wilson, and Village Treasurer Sheryl McDaniel on the outstanding work on the Village Budget.

Mayor Kernc: Mayor Kernc also discussed the service road the Board had approved to go in behind well No. 4. She stated that we had received a bid to complete the work, and the Board was in consensus to have the road completed with approval of the quote by Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington, and Village Clerk Dana Grunwald.

Mayor Kernc also stated that she has been researching putting rubber mulch on the playground. The Village can save money by using black mulch versus colored mulch, and can utilize rubber timbers to edge the mulched area to keep the product localized. She stated that she has reached out to several different companies, and thinks the approximate cost will be \$20,000 for rubber mulch.

Mayor Kernc also stated that she has participated in several meetings in Springfield that are discussing the future LGDF for local governments, and she will keep the Board informed.

Mayor Kernc also stated that she had met with Ann Gill from the Coal City Courant in reference to a dispute with Diamond business owner, Kim Scerine over recapture fees for the Berta Road Improvements. Mayor Kernc stated that she is working with IDOT and the developers in an effort to resolve this issue.

Closed Session:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to enter into closed session for employee reviews and employee issues. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to enter back into open session with no action taken. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Adjournment:

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Dana Grunwald, Clerk
Approved 5-12-2015