



**July 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 July 2016.**

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, July 26, 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 Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the 7/12/2016 meeting minutes 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 Treasurer’s Report for July 2016. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Bill List**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Bill List and place it on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment**

None

**New Business**

**Award Contract for Water Tanks Repainting**

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated the Water Tanks Repainting bid opening was today. Perry presented all the bids. The lowest responsible bidder was American Tank Restoration. Mayor Kernc presented an email she received from a Business Representative from the Painters District Council #14. The email was highly recommending the village to utilize an Illinois union company, not a company from outside Illinois. Mayor Kernc stated utilizing the company with the lowest bid would allow the Village of Diamond not only the ability to re-paint both water towers, it would also save the taxpayers of Diamond money. Kernc stated the next lowest bid was Jetco, Ltd. who had previously done work on our small water tower. This was over \$80,000.00 more than the lowest bid submittal. Village Engineer stated after the opening of the bids, Perry asked the American Tank Restoration representative if they pay prevailing wages. The company representative stated they did. Commissioner Kasher stated he had the ability to speak with the lowest responsible bidder and stated the information he received regarding the company’s long work experience in the field as well as general background of the company. Kernc asked Perry to conduct reference checks on the lowest responsible bidder to assure the company is reputable and does in fact pay prevailing wages. Commissioner Warner stated he feels a huge responsibility to our taxpayers and the community and why pay 1 ½ times higher to an Illinois union company if in fact; the lowest responsible bidder does pay prevailing wage and is a reputable company. Kernc addressed the board of the direction of which they would like to proceed with this bid process. Commissioner Warner stated he would like to wait and not take action until additional reference checks have been completed, prevailing wages

will be paid and if they utilize OSHA/apprentice trained workers. Commissioner Kasher and Commissioner Johnson both agreed with Commissioner Warner. Commissioner Wilson stated she would prefer to stay with Jetco, based on prior work they completed previously for the Village. After further discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to table the award for the Water Tanks Repainting until the August 9, 2016 board meeting. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

#### **Status of NCICG (North Central Illinois Council Government) for Surge Tank Grant**

Mayor Kernc stated she was misinformed regarding the qualification of the grant. Village Engineer Mike Perry stated the Village would not receive extra points toward the grant process since our income survey results were a few percentage points too high; therefore we would not qualify to obtain extra points toward the grant money for this project. Mayor Kernc stated she does not feel it would be wise to spend money on the grant application which we do qualify to apply for, but would not likely be awarded. Kernc stated it would be in the best interest of the Village not to apply for this grant. Kernc stated if another grant opportunity becomes available in the upcoming year(s), then re-address and re-apply at that point. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Wilson not to apply for the NCICG Surge Tank Grant. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

#### **Accept Bid for Dump Truck**

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated the bid opening for the sale of the dump truck took place today. Holmes stated the Village received one bid. The minimum bid requirement was \$3,500.00. The bid received was in the amount of \$3,601.00 from Jeff Kasher. Mayor Kernc stated she needs a motion to accept this bid. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to accept and award the submitted bid in the amount of \$3,601.00 from Jeff Kasher for the dump truck. **Ayes:** Johnson, Kernc, Warner and Wilson. **Abstain:** Kasher. **Motion Carried.**

#### **Old Business**

#### **Approve Ordinance 2016-10; Regulating the Use of Sanitary Sewers of the Village of Diamond and to Provide Penalties for Violation Thereof.**

Mayor Kernc stated this was discussed at the last board meeting. Village Attorney John Gallo stated changes were made to the contents of this ordinance based on the discussion from the last board meeting. Mayor Kernc feels very strongly about this ordinance and action needs to be taken. Infiltration is occurring at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and steps need to be taken to correct this. Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington stated he was called out over the weekend due to the storms and the volume of water entering the WWTP. Wethington stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> raw sewage pump doesn't come on automatically; therefore the pump needs to be turned on manually. Wethington stated 3 pumps need to be working at all times for flooding not to occur. A 4<sup>th</sup> pump is on order and once it is received, Wethington would like to see all 4 pumps hooked up and wired through the control panel to automatically turn on/off as needed. This will alleviate the need for manual operation of the pumps during a heavy rain event. Wethington stated he is waiting for a price quote for this work to connect the additional pumps to the control panel. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve Ordinance 2016-10; Regulating the Use of Sanitary Sewers of the Village of Diamond and to Provide Penalties for Violation Thereof. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

#### **Discussion of Monthly Commercial Sewer Rates**

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated she and Village Attorney John Gallo did research with other municipalities to compare their rate charges to ours. Holmes also did a comparison if the rate was

based on the residential rates with the volume usage increase. Holmes explained if that was implemented, it would be loss revenue as well as be detrimental to some of the existing commercial businesses. Village Attorney John Gallo stated there are numerous ways to implement rate structures based on the businesses with excessive use. Gallo advised that all municipalities do variety of rate structures. After discussion, Village Attorney Gallo stated he would create a rate structure for large volume users for the board to review.

### **Legal Counsel**

No Report

### **Engineer Updates**

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated he will investigate and check work references of American Tank Restoration; confirm if they pay prevailing wage and confirm if they participate in a federally approved apprenticeship training program. Perry stated Tuesday, August 2, 2016 is the pre-bid for the Stellon Street drainage project; which bid openings will be held Tuesday, August 9, 2016 for the Stellon Street Drainage Project.

### **Maintenance Updates**

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Wethington stated a resident inquired about fixing the road on Wall Street and Stellon Street. Wethington stated the street is sinking on one side of the road; this is occurring from previous work which was completed. Wethington stated he discussed this with Commissioner Kasher. Commissioner Kasher stated it could be possible to add this work onto the bike path paving work. Wethington stated there are several other areas throughout the Village which needs patching as well. Mayor Kernc asked Wethington to make a list of all areas that require patching and those will be added to the bike path paving work if possible.

### **Clerk Updates**

Village Clerk Holmes presented the flyer which she created to be distributed throughout the Village regarding the illegal hookup inspections. The flyer was reviewed and approved by the Board.

### **Commissioner Comments**

#### **Commissioner Johnson:**

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the Eagle Scout project at the Miner's Memorial. Johnson asked when the work will be completed. Mayor Kernc stated the Boy Scout would be working on it Sunday, August 7, 2016.

#### **Commissioner Kasher:**

No Report

#### **Commissioner Wilson:**

No Report

#### **Commissioner Warner:**

No Report

#### **Mayor Kernc:**

Mayor Kernc welcomed Sara from Sunshine Garden. Sara would like to donate a tree for the Village Park, which would provide some shade. Sara also addressed the board regarding the zoning of her

property on Will Road. She was concerned it was not rezoned. Attorney John Gallo stated it was and a new zoning map was given to her reflecting the change.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

**Respectively Submitted:**

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**Lori Holmes, Village Clerk**

