



July 23, 2019

Proceedings, transactions and resolution made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 23rd Day of July 2019.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa “Terry” Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Denise Brown and Jeff Kasher and Dave Warner. Mark Adair- arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Approval of July 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Brown to approve the 07/09/2019 regular meeting minutes and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of July 23, 2019 Bill List and Additional Bill List

MOTION was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the July 23, 2019 bill list and additional bill list and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

Resident Mr. Walsh; Clark St. Cottonwood Tree

Mayor Kernc welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Walsh to the meeting. The Walsh’s have a cottonwood tree in their parkway which they would like to remove. Walsh inquired if the board would pay for half the cost for the removal. Mayor Kernc stated the tree is a healthy tree. The Village has never paid for the removal of a healthy parkway tree nor would we want to. The village has removed diseased trees only. Commissioner Warner stated even though he is not a fan of Cottonwood trees, he cannot allow the village to pay for the removal of a healthy tree. Warner would allow the Walsh’s to remove the tree at their expense. Commissioner Kasher agreed with Commissioner Warner. Commissioner Brown had abstained from any comment due to a working affiliation with Mr. Walsh. Commissioner Adair agreed. Village Attorney John Gallo stated the removal must be completed by a professional tree removal company and a Certificate of Liability must be completed and submitted naming the Village of Diamond as certificate holder. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve Mr. Walsh to professionally remove the parkway tree in front of their home at their expense and must provide the village with a certificate of liability naming the Village of Diamond as the certificate holder. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Discuss and Approve Bank Investments

Mayor Kernc stated the village has information from Busey Bank and Midland States Bank. Kernc stated she would like to take some of the village’s funds to invest to obtain a higher return for the money. Village Attorney John Gallo explained the ICS program from Midland States Bank and their investment approach. Busey Bank presented information on CD rates and terms. After discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher made to remove \$200,000.00 from Midland States Bank and invest in a 6-month CD at Busey Bank and take \$200,000

from MFT Funds which are held at Busey Bank and invest those funds into a 1-year CD at Busey Bank. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve \$3,250.00 to Gene Wren Construction for Tie-ins on Border Street

Mayor Kernc stated the work has been completed. And consensus was previously obtained. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Brown to Approve \$3,250.00 to Gene Wren Construction for water Tie-ins on Border St. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Discuss Water Audit

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated an audit was submitted to RCAP and the data was presented to the board. Concerns over water pumped versus water billed reflects losses. Village Engineer Mike Perry stated he will need to check with the water operations the data which was submitted if it was raw or refined gallons pumped. This would make a difference to the loss ratio. Perry will investigate the matter.

Stop the Bleed/ComEd Powering Safe Communities Grant

Mayor Kernc stated the grant has been awarded in the amount of \$4,250.00. The Village will contribute \$5,000.00, therefore totaling \$9,250.00 which will enable the purchase of 225 kits. Kernc asked for permission to place the order for the kits. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the purchase of 225 Stop the Bleed kits. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve Mayor Kernc Travel Expense for the IML Conference in the amount of \$936.92 plus mileage and parking

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Brown to approve the travel expense for Mayor Kernc to attend the IM Conference in September in the amount of \$936.92 plus mileage and parking. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Country Meadows Snow Removal 2019-20 Agreement

Mayor Kernc presented the 2019-20 Agreement. Kernc stated this reflects approximately a 2.5% increase. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to approve the 2019-20 Country Meadows Snow Removal Agreement. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance 2019-18; Amending the Tobacco Dealer Business License

Village Attorney John Gallo stated this ordinance amends the current ordinance to reflect the new law which will be effective July 1, 2019, which raises the age to purchase tobacco from 18 years to 21 years of age. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to Approve Ordinance 2019-18; Amending the Tobacco Dealer Business License. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Old Business

Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Monthly Update

None

Legal Counsel

Village Attorney John Gallo addressed the board regarding the cannabis law which will go into effect on January 1, 2020. Gallo stated the village must adopt an ordinance regarding this change as well as the employee handbook. An ordinance will be presented at the August 13, 2019 board meeting for consideration.

Engineer Updates

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated pre-bid for the Tinman Road bore crossing for the water line will be held August 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. The bid opening is scheduled for August 30, 2019.

Maintenance Updates

Absent

Clerk Updates

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated the annual E-Waste event is scheduled for September 21, 2019.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher

No Report

Commissioner Brown

No Report

Commissioner Warner

No Report

Commissioner Adair

No Report

Mayor Kernc

Mayor Kernc stated she received information from RCAP recommending the village completes the IEPA Energy Assessment Program. Kernc believes by completing this assessment, this could assist the village in the future with grants. Kernc will be completing this free assessment with the assistance of Village Engineer Mike Perry and Chris Perra from TEST, Inc.

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk