



March 24, 2020

Proceedings, transactions and resolutions made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 24th Day of March 2020.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa “Terry” Kernc presiding. Mayor Kernc and Village Clerk Lori Holmes were physically present at the Village Hall. Commissioners and all others were in attendance remotely. Upon roll call Commissioners present remotely were Mark Adair, Denise Brown, Jeff Kasher and Dave Warner.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to Open the Public Hearing regarding the intent of the Village of Diamond, IL to see not to exceed \$4,720,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. (Alternate Revenue Source). **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

- Purpose of Public Hearing shall be to receive public comment on the proposal to sell general obligation alternate revenue source bonds of the Village in an amount not to exceed \$4,720,000 for the purpose of refunding outstanding obligation of the Village.

Public Comment

None

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to Close the Public Hearing. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of 3-10-2020 Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Brown to approve the 03/10/2020 regular meeting minutes and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of March 24, 2020 Bill List and Additional Bill List

MOTION was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the March 24, 2020 bill list and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

Declaration of State of Emergency: Ordinance #2014-08

Village Attorney John Gallo stated this ordinance was adopted in 2014 which under the ordinance, gives authorization for the Mayor to declare state of emergency due to COVID-19. It declares it is effective only until the next board meeting. Therefore, there is no action required on this item.

Motion that the Declaration of Emergency Declared by the Mayor shall be effective and continued until April 28, 2020 unless repealed or amended by the Village Board of Commissioners

Village Attorney John Gallo stated this is asking the board to extend the declaration of emergency until the April 28, 2020 meeting so the Mayor has the authorization to proceed with items needed for the state of emergency. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to approve the Declaration of Emergency effective Until April 28, 2020 unless repealed or amended by the Village Board of Commissioners. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Register with FEMA for Public Assistance

Mayor Kernc stated there is a deadline therefore she needs to register to have assurance if the village was eligible, we would have our registration completed. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Adair, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner, to Approve the Registration with FEMA for Public Assistance. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve Auditing Firm

Mayor Kernc stated she reached out to 3 firms and only 2 submitted proposals. Village Treasurer Wendy Herbert reviewed each of the proposals. Mack and Associates submitted their fee schedule for a 3-year contact which was \$12,000 for 1st year with increments of 3% yearly increase. Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon, LLC submitted their fee schedule for a 5-year contact which reflected \$17,000 for the first year, with a 2.5% yearly increase. After discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to Approve Mack and Associates 3-year contract as the village's new auditing firm. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve First Amendment to the Refuse Ordinance

Passed until the April 14, 2020 meeting

Re-Appoint Mindy Rampa to the Planning and Zoning Committee for 4-year Term expiring April 30, 2024

MOTION was Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to Approve the re-appointment of Mindy Rampa to the Planning and Zoning Committee for a 4-year term expiring April 30, 2024. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Re-Appoint Craig Van Duyne as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee for a 1-year term expiring April 30, 2021

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Brown to approve the re-appointment of Craig VanDuyne as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee for a 1-year term expiring April 30, 2021. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve De-Activate penalty charge to utility bills during the COVID-19 emergency

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated it was brought to her attention that villages are waiving penalty charges to their residents during this emergency. Mayor Kernc stated most municipalities and utility companies are doing this and it has been recommended by legislature and feels this is a positive thing to do. Commissioner Warner would like to leave the penalty and take it by a case by case basis. Warner stated we do what we normally do and work with those residents. He is concerned for those not effected; they will take advantage of this situation. We always work with those individuals when they are in a financial situation and remove penalty fees accordingly. Mayor Kernc stated she understands however, this is being done statewide and utilities are not being turned off during this state of emergency. Commissioner Adair understands Warner's concern however, he does have to agree with Mayor Kernc. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by

Commissioner Brown to deactivate the penalty fees and water shut offs through July 1, 2020 or when the state of emergency has been deactivated; whichever comes first. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

RCAP Grant for GIS

Mayor Kernc stated this was not originally on the agenda since she just received the information however, there is a deadline to submit the paperwork. Kernc stated is a grant from RCAP for GIS which we tried to apply however; it was full. Kernc was notified that the village could now apply. Kernc stated our public works department is not making a forward movement with our current GIS program, so this would allow us to work with RCAP and do the mapping for us. Kernc believes this is a good way for the village to get our mapping completed. She would like a consensus to submit the grant application and this will be placed on the April 14, 2020 agenda for official approval. Unanimous consensus was given.

Old Business

Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Monthly Update

No Report

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated all Chamlin Associates personnel are working remotely and are available if an emergency arises. Personnel will be sent during an emergency and will follow all social distancing guidelines. Perry stated there are 3 new grants from the state which arose from a stimulus package and will discuss with Mayor Kernc to see if any village projects would be applicable for this funding.

Public Works Department Updates

No Report

Clerk Updates

No Report

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher

Commissioner Kasher would like Public Works Director Austin Vining to check fuel prices and top off the village's fuel tanks since the prices have dropped.

Commissioner Brown

No Report

Commissioner Adair

No Report

Commissioner Warner

No Report

Mayor Kernc

Mayor Kernc stated all village staff is on a specific work schedules and the village hall is closed to the public. The public works department will not be allowed contact with residents as well. The public

works department will be performing trash pickup throughout the village, grass mowing etc. however, they will not be allowed to speak with residents. Kernc stated if the village has a water main break/leak, Wren Construction will be available for repairs.

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk

