



**June 23, 2020**

**Proceedings, transactions and resolutions made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020.**

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa “Terry” Kernc presiding. Mayor Kernc and Village Clerk Lori Holmes were present at the Village Hall. Commissioners, Village Attorney, Village Engineer, Public Works Director were in attendance remotely via teleconference. Upon roll call Commissioners present remotely were Mark Adair and Jeff Kasher. Absent: Denise Brown and Dave Warner.

The Village Hall was open for citizens to enter and attend meeting. Face masks along with social distancing was required.

**Approval of 6-09-2020 Minutes**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to approve the 06/09/2020 regular meeting minutes and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

**Approval of June 23, 2020 Bill List**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to approve the June 23, 2020 bill list and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment**

Resident Jan Berta was present. Mrs. Berta addressed the board regarding the conditions of some of the sidewalks in town. Mayor Kernc stated she is submitting for a grant which would address some of those areas of concern. Berta was concerned that some residents are blowing grass clippings on sidewalks and streets which is a hazard as well as parked cars blocking sidewalks. Berta stated the village park needs dirt to fill in holes. Children and adults could twist and ankle etc. when walking across the park. Public Works Director Austin Vining stated there is dirt at the maintenance facility slated to be used for the park. Mayor Kernc stated maintenance on the park will be completed. There are t-balls teams which will be utilizing the field for practices. Berta had concerns for owners of animals not picking up after their dogs when they eliminate their waste onto park property. After further discussion, Mayor Kernc thanked Mrs. Berta for coming.

**New Business**

**Approve Chamin & Associates Engineering Services for Northside Stormwater Management Plan for \$19,300.00**

Mayor Kernc stated this item was discussed at an earlier meeting regarding the possible municipal detention off Valerio Road to address flooding on northside of town. Commissioner Kasher stated he was concerned of the cost for land which would need to be acquired for the detention. Kernc stated, the village would pursue a grant to cover the cost of the land along with construction costs. **MOTION** by Commissioner Adair, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Chamlin & Associates Engineering Services for Northside Stormwater Management Plan for \$19,300.00. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

### Information Regarding Temporary Swimming Pools

Mayor Kernc presented the information of the pools which was designed by Planning and Zoning Coordinator Cindy Haywood. Haywood researched all the information regarding zoning and code regulations of pools. We have seen an influx of installations of pools during the COVID-19 pandemic. The village has been receiving complaints from residents about pools. Kernc wanted to address this immediately for those planning on purchasing a pool. Kernc and Haywood worked with Village Attorney John Gallo regarding this topic. A temporary pool that has a wall height of 24” or less **does not** require a barrier or fence and a building permit is not required.

A temporary pool which has a wall height greater than 24” and less than 48” **REQUIRES** a 48” high barrier/fence. **A building permit is required.** A temporary pool with a 48” wall height or greater (measured vertically from grade) and is not inflatable does not require a barrier/fence if the access ladder can be raised and locked or shall be removed when not in use. **A building permit is required.** This information is on the village’s website.

### Approve Ordinance 2020-20; Amending Chapter 150.21; Fee, Permit and Inspection Schedules of the Village of Diamond Code of Ordinances

Village Clerk Lori Holmes was speaking on behalf of Commissioner Warner who could not attend the meeting. Warner stated he does not believe a permit should be required for a temporary pool and does not believe a fence should be required for these temporary pools. Warner stated you are restricting people within their own private yards and it would be the homeowner’s responsibility if anything would happen on their property. This is about a temporary pool which is only used for a few months therefore, he is totally against this amendment. Village Attorney John Gallo stated the zoning ordinance defines a pool anything which is 2 feet in height or more. Gallo stated the village has adopted the International Pool and Spa Code therefore we must abide by those regulations. This ordinance would amend the permit fee and the fee for those pools 24”-48” would be \$25.00. Commissioner Adair agreed. This is a building code requirement. Commissioner Kasher’s concern is for those who would install a snow fence around the pool which he has seen in other communities. People want those temporary pools to save money since they don’t want the larger rigid pools. Temporary pools aren’t designed to be kept up over the winter months. I can’t see people installing a fence for a temporary pool. Commissioner Adair stated it is the code under the International Building Code therefore, the village must follow those regulations. Gallo stated the permit fee would be \$25.00 which this amendment reflects this change. After further discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Adair, **SECOND “reluctantly”** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Ordinance 2020-20; Amending Chapter 150.21; Fee, Permit and Inspection Schedules of the Village of Diamond Code of Ordinances. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

### Review Revision to Employee Handbook

Mayor Kernc stated this is not for action to be taken today. Village Clerk Lori Holmes and Village Attorney John Gallo have worked on the additions and revisions. Kernc would like the Commissioners to review the additions and revisions and at the next board meeting, action will be taken on this item. Kernc stated if there are any questions regarding the information, please let Holmes know and we address those questions/concerns at next month’s meeting.

### COVID-19 Phase 4

Mayor Kernc stated the State will enter Phase 4 on Friday, June 26, 2020. The village’s parks will open, and daily sanitizing will take place on all equipment and porta potty. Signs will be posted to reflect the daily sanitizing Monday- Friday only for park and porta potty. Kernc inquired if board would like to continue the teleconference meetings or meet in person. Village Attorney John Gallo stated the executive order from the Governor is still in effect. Commissioner Kasher stated he does

like the in-person meetings however to keep everyone safe and with the possible new wave predicted, he agrees to continue the teleconferencing meetings unless a change is needed. Kernc continued, she is reluctant to open the village hall to the public. All residents needs are being met and when necessary, the staff meets residents, delivery personnel etc. at the door with their masks on etc. The village has not received any complaints with the hall closed. The staff is very accommodating. Commissioners Adair and Kasher agreed to keep things the way they are. Kernc stated it will be reviewed from board meeting to board meeting if changes need to take place.

### **Old Business**

#### **Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Monthly Update**

No Report however, Mayor Kernc stated the village did have some vehicle break-ins and one car stolen. A smart message was communicated to the residents regarding this.

#### **Legal Counsel**

No Report

#### **Engineer Updates**

Absent

#### **Public Works Department Updates**

Public Works Director Austin Vining stated Wren Construction will complete the work required at the McGinty St. lift station tomorrow. The PC board which controls the sludge handling is blown possibly due to a power surge. Mark from MB Controls has taken the board and he must re-program it. Mark did recommend the updating in the sludge handling of the hardware/software controls as previously done in the water operations building. A proposal will be completed for submission.

#### **Clerk Updates**

Village Clerk Lori Holmes had an issue the handheld meter reading device. This is an old handheld and IT feels that the battery which is welded into the back side is going bad. The handheld did get working however, not sure how long it will last. To purchase a new handheld which would cost approximately \$5,000. Holmes was informed within 1-year or sooner, meter readings can be accomplished via an application on a smart phone. The purchase of a new handheld does not seem to be economical for the village. Mayor Kernc asked Holmes to have Commissioner Warner and TJ from Ferguson Waterworks to discuss the options and then Warner can bring his recommendations to the board. Holmes also stated the village was contact by Coal City Baseball Association and they would like to utilize our fields for t-ball practices starting June 29, 2020. There are 3 teams and would like to use the field Monday -Friday from 5pm-8pm. The board agreed for the teams to use the field and the submission of the necessary documents.

### **Commissioner Comments**

#### **Commissioner Kasher**

Commissioner Kasher stated if the village is going to fill in the holes etc. within the park, he would like it to be seeded not sodded. Kasher stated Environmental Recycle and Disposal Company's truck had a hydraulic hose that burst on his street. Kasher cannot state enough how pleased he was about them cleaning up the street and stated they even brought out a power washing crew to spray the street. Excellent service and very pleased with Jay Ipema and the family company. Kasher added, in these trying times, when we hear such negative news, it is nice to see and acknowledge something positive. Kasher wanted to acknowledge Michael Albano for the excellent job on his Eagle Scout flag display project and bench. Kasher stated it is a class act. Kernc stated she will be ordering a brass plaque with Michaels name in recognition of his flag project. Kernc would like another plaque by the bench.

The bench was purchased from money which was donated in honor of former Mayor Calcaterra to and honor the Vietnam Veterans.

**Commissioner Brown**

Absent

**Commissioner Adair**

Commissioner Adair asked Public Works Director Austin Vining to order mix for the infield for the ballpark. Adair would like to see the field dragged by Monday before the kids start playing on it. Vining acknowledged it would be completed.

**Commissioner Warner**

Absent

**Mayor Kernc**

No Report

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

**Respectively Submitted:**

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**Lori Holmes, Village Clerk**