



August 25, 2020

Proceedings, transactions and resolutions made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 25th day of August 2020.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, August 25, 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 Adair, Brown, Kasher and Warner, Village Attorney, Village Engineer, Public Works Director were in attendance remotely via teleconference. Upon roll call Commissioners present remotely were Mark Adair, Denise Brown, Jeff Kasher and Dave Warner-arrived via teleconference at 6:01pm.

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

Under the new amendment to the Open Meeting Act, Mayor Kernc read the following: **“I, as Mayor have determined that pursuant to Public Act 101-640 that it is not practicable or prudent to require all members of the Village Board of Commissioners and Village staff members to attend this meeting physically because of public health concerns.”**

Approval of 8-11-2020 Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Brown to approve the 08/11/2020 regular meeting minutes and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of August 25, 2020 Bill List

Commissioner’s Kasher made inquiry of the payment made to Brian Faletti. Village Clerk Lori Holmes explained that was a refund for a utility bill over payment. Payment was made by homeowner and by title company in the closing process. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the August 25, 2020 bill list and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approve Country Meadows Snow Removal 2020-21 Agreement

Mayor Kernc stated there is no increase reflected in this agreement. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an increase is not proposed. Commissioner Kasher agrees. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to Approve Country Meadows Snow Removal 202-21 Agreement. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance #2020-23; Ordinance Pertaining to the Local Cure Program

Mayor Kernc stated this ordinance is required in order to participate in the Cure Program which is funded from financial assistance The State of Illinois received through the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Coronavirus Relief Fund in order to file claims for reimbursement for PPE. Kernc presented additional information which highlights the expenses which are allowed under the Cure

funds. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Ordinance #2020-23; Ordinance Pertaining to the Local Cure Program. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

St. Juvin Post #1336

Mayor Kernc stated St. Juvin Post #1336 was interested in utilizing the building for their meetings. Kernc and Village Clerk Holmes met with 2 members to show the building space. The post is currently utilizing the meeting room at Country Meadows but is interested in ours as a backup since you must reside in Country Meadows. Currently one of their members does reside in Country Meadows. They meet once a month and possibly need extra days when specific events warrant. She has not heard back from them since they met with them. Kernc will bring this back to the board if or when she hears back from them. Kernc added, she does not want to allow full access to any organization since the village hall needs to expand the usage of the building for themselves. Commissioner Warner inquired if it would be beneficial for us to look at converting the space into to office storage space. Kernc stated it might a good idea and it would not take much to make the conversion. Commissioner Kasher stated he is fine for utilizing it for office space for ourselves. Kasher noted, for organizations seeking a meeting room, the Coal City School District does have a community room which he believes could be an option for any organizations seeking meeting facilities.

Old Business

Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Monthly Update

No Report

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

No Report

Public Works Department Updates

Public Works Director Austin Vining stated the McGinty St. lift station check valves were installed, and pumps will be installed tomorrow. Vining stated the controls in the WWTP crashed over the weekend and they need to be replaced. MP Controls is currently working on it. Vining stated there is an issue with infiltration from the drying beds when it rains since the drains are tied into the plant and the flow then backs up into the plant. Further investigation to solve this issue is being discussed. Mayor Kernc added check valves will be on an auto rotation for replacement so the same issue which occurred on McGinty St. won't happen at other lift stations.

Clerk Updates

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated the E Waste Recycling Event for Diamond residents only will be held Saturday, September 26, 2020. There will be a \$35 charge for all T.V.'s and monitors however all other electronics will be free of charge for disposal. Holmes stated there have been 15 properties sold and closed on in the past 1 ½ months in Diamond. Holmes stated she wanted the board to be aware the effect the coronavirus has for many residents pertaining to unpaid utility bills. The outstanding unpaid balances exceed \$7,700.00. She added, with the next utility bill being mailed out early next month, she predicts the outstanding balances will continue to rise. Those accounts which are rental units and past due, their landlords have been notified of the non-payments. Commissioner Brown asked what could be done to collect monies owed by those not paying their utility bills. Village Attorney John Gallo stated under Governor Pritzker's order, landlords cannot evict tenants. Our

actions are limited. Commissioner Adair stated we must realize this is going to be like this for a while. The current environment is not going to get better anytime soon. Holmes stated the Neptune V4 installation has been completed by Locis. Next step is the installation of the Neptune software then the public works will be trained on the new meter reading applications. Holmes stated by the next bill cycle, she believes the village should be utilizing the new system.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher

Commissioner Kasher stated he left a voicemail for Joliet Electric Motors to see what the status was on the generator and to obtain a copy of the root cause analysis which has been completed. Joliet Electric Motors was dropping off the vibration isolation pads for the generator. The public works department must install them before the generator gets delivered. Joliet Electric Motors also submitted a punch list of 4 items which need to be completed by the public works department and Kasher stated 2 of the 4 have been completed.

Commissioner Brown

No Report

Commissioner Adair

No Report

Commissioner Warner

No Report

Mayor Kernc

No Report

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk