



January 12, 2021

Proceedings, transactions and resolutions made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 12th day of January 2021.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 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 John Gallo and Megan Horstead, reporter from WCSJ Radio were in attendance remotely via teleconference. Upon roll call Commissioners present remotely were Mark Adair, Denise Brown, Jeff Kasher and Dave Warner. The Village Hall was open for citizens to enter and attend the 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 12-20-2020 Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the 12/20/2020 regular meeting minutes and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approval of January 12, 2021 Bill List

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to accept the bills as read, draw warrants for their amounts and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve December 2020 Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Kasher inquired about the difference in balance in the water fund from last month’s report. Mayor Kernc stated she believes that was due to a payment for the bonds. Kernc will confirm with Treasurer Wendy Herbert and report information to Kasher. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to accept and approve the December 2020 Treasurer’s Report and place on file. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

Azavar Quarterly Update Report

Mayor Kernc stated this report is self-explanatory. Kernc stated the findings have been small amounts however all monies recovered is profit for the village.

Village of Diamond’s Electric Renewal

Mayor Kernc asked Village Treasurer Wendy Herbert to handle this and she did a very good job investigating the materials. Currently the village is on a 3-year contract which will be expiring. The terms and rates were presented in the materials. Kernc stated she recommends the AEP, 36-month

term and rate of .04602 which is the lowest presented. Kernc added not knowing what energy costs will be in the upcoming year (s) this would enable the village to lock into a rate and budget accordingly. Commissioner Kasher inquired what the village is currently paying. Kernc stated, the current rate is .04799 which under the new rate if all usage is constant, this would be a savings of \$7,885.00 from the current contract. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to the contract with AEP, 3-year term at the rate of .04602. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance 2021-01; Adopting Amendment to the Village of Diamond's Employee Handbook

Mayor Kernc appreciates the hard work Village Clerk Lori Holmes and Village Attorney John Gallo have done over the year on the handbook. The amendment added is regarding Social Media Use. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to Approve Ordinance 2021-01; Adopting Amendments to the Village of Diamond Employee Handbook. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Approve STP Shared Fund Grant Application

Mayor Kernc stated the village is currently on a waiting list. The village was approved through the STP shared funds through CMAP and is on a contingency list. The village is also approved for 2024 for the phase 2 engineering through the WCGL STP. This application will allow Kernc to submit the entire project for the Will Road project for approximately \$7.5 Million dollars with a goal of getting approved by CMAP and placed on the build list, so we can build it sooner than later. Kernc would like approval by the Commissioners to move forward with this process. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brown, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to proceed with the STP Share Fund Grant Application process. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Old Business

Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Monthly Update

Mayor Kernc presented the Will County Sheriff's report. There was a lot of activity for the month of December in the Will County portion and the Will County Sheriff's Department has heightened patrol. Kernc stated she is very happy with the services and rapid responses from Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Departments.

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

No Report

Public Works Department Updates

Mayor Kernc stated acting Public Works Supervisor Jim Dunning is going a good job. Kernc acknowledged the Public Works Department for the excellent job with the snow removal. The Domino's project is progressing. Kernc added there was a communication issue with the back-up generators, and it is being resolved.

Clerk Updates

No Report

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kasher

Commissioner Kasher had no report however did want to acknowledge the Public Works Department on the great job with snow removal.

Commissioner Brown

No Report

Commissioner Adair

No Report

Commissioner Warner

No Report

Mayor Kernc

Mayor Kernc had no report however she wanted to say the Grundy County Health Department has an online survey which individuals can complete to be placed on a list confirming they would like a COVID-19 vaccination. The Grundy County Health Department will send out an email to notify those qualifying individuals to schedule a vaccination date and time. Currently the most eligible persons are to receive the vaccine during Phase 1b.

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. **All Ayes; Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk