



September 27, 2022

Proceedings, transactions, and resolutions made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 27th of September 2022.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioners present were Mark Adair, Jeff Kasher, Dave Warner. Absent: Dean Johnson

Approval of 9-13-2022 Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the 09/13/2022 regular meeting minutes and place on file. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approval of September 27, 2022, Bill List

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to approve the September 27, 2022, bill list, draw warrants up in their amounts and place on file. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

Mayor Kernc welcomed Kathy Sidenstick to the meeting. Kathy stated she was proud to be a resident of Diamond and appreciates the work of the Mayor, Commissioners, and office staff.

New Business

Approve Country Meadows Snow Removal Agreement for 2022-23

Mayor Kernc stated there is no increase for the upcoming year nor has there been an increase for the previous 2 years. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the Country Meadows Snow Removal Agreement for 2022-23. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

American Recovery Money Received; 2nd and final installment, \$170,000.00. Put water main project out to bid

Mayor Kernc stated the village has received the final payment making total received in the amount of \$340,000.00. The village will be utilizing the money for the water main project. Village Engineer Mike Perry stated the survey is completed. He would like to meet with Public Works Supervisor Jim Dunning for a pre-submittal review. Perry stated he would like to put it out to bid in January 2023 for the work to be completed in the spring.

1820 E. Stellan Street Culvert Repair

Mayor Kernc stated a resident had a hole in their culvert. The Public Works Dept. placed the repair on their job list however, it would not be fixed until next year. During that time, the hole got larger and due to a family medical issue, the resident felt it needed to be repaired immediately. The resident had contacted a private company to remove the old pipe and replace it, along with restoring the asphalt. Kernc spoke to the resident and explained to him, she would have appreciated him to contact her regarding their situation, and the village could have placed the job as a priority and fixed it immediately. Unfortunately, the resident did not, and she explained this matter would be addressed

at the board meeting. Kernc stated the village cannot allow residents to complete village work on their own and expect the village to reimburse them for it. After discussion, the board agreed to reimburse the resident 1/2 of the amount of the invoice cost of \$1,949.68 which reimbursement to the resident would be in the amount of \$974.84. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to make the payment of \$974.84 which is 1/2 the amount the resident paid for the culvert repair work which is approximately what it would have cost the village to do it. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Cleaning of Miner's Memorial-Adam Beaty

Mayor Kernc presented the email she received from Beaty. He specializes in the cleaning, restoration and preservation of headstones, monuments, and other memorials. He is offering to clean the memorial at zero cost to the village. All he asks in return to allow him to place business cards and/or brochures within the village hall. Commissioner Warner stated once the work is completed, the village can recognize his work and thank him on our website. After discussion, Kernc will reach out to Beaty to clarify what portion of the monument he will be cleaning. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the cleaning of the Miner's Memorial at not cost to the village by Adam Beaty. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Discuss Solar Energy Systems

Mayor Kernc stated the village has been receiving more inquiries from residents wanting to place solar panels on their homes. The village's current ordinance restricts coverage to 25% and does not allow front facing panels. The most current request for permit would require front facing panels. The optimum direction for solar panels to be installed are southern exposure. At this location, it will receive the maximum sunlight throughout the day. However, there are 2 homes which have front facing panels due to the position of their home. Village Zoning Administrator Cindy Haywood reached out to several villages regarding their ordinance to compare what they allow. Haywood discussed her findings with the board. Haywood presented the current permit request along with the solar panels which would be required and the amount panel coverage which would require front facing. After discussion, decision was made to allow a variance for the resident along with variances for the additional 2 homes which have front facing panels. The board discussed to amend the current ordinance to remove the clause of the 25% restriction coverage, however, retain restriction of the installation of front facing panels. Future permits will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Village Attorney John Gallo will prepare a text amendment of the current ordinance for board approval at an upcoming board meeting.

Old Business

Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Monthly Update

No Reports

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

No Report

Public Works Department Updates

Public Works Supervisor Jim Dunning presented the survey from Westech regarding the clarifiers at the sewer plant. Dunning presented the 2 options: Refurbishing and/or Replacement. Refurbishing would cost \$85,000.00, and Replacement would cost \$ 90,800.00. Commissioner Warner stated because the bulk of the cost is labor, he would want to see them replaced verses refurbished. Warner

stated this is something we will have to budget for when this replacement will be required. Dunning added, this inspection was free of charge. Dunning continued his update stating there is a water leak on Will Road. There is water coming out of the flowerpots which SurfAir installed. Conley will be pot holing tomorrow to determine where the water is coming from. The pots are next to our water service lines. Dunning continued the storm tile project is scheduled to be completed this week. Premier Asphalt completed paving and patching through town. Mayor Kernc stated she would like Premier to crack fill a part of the bike path, which is coming apart. She received their proposal in the amount of \$ 900.00.

Clerk Updates

No Report

Planning and Zoning Updates

Planning Administrator Cindy Haywood presented information for a new plan review company. The previous company Accurate Review retired, and Haywood has been searching for another company. Haywood explained the village utilizes Grundy County for plan reviews however they do not handle plan reviews for fire/alarms etc. so, she has been researching other companies to complete the required fire/alarm and life safety code reviews. She was recommended to Fire Safety Consultants, or (F.S.C.I.) and completed reference checks on them. They were highly recommended. Consensus was given to move forward to receive a proposal for their services. Haywood continued; she had a request from Midland States Bank. The bank is subdivided in 2 lots. They are currently utilizing the other lot for employee and customer parking during the construction of their new building. With the new building being constructed, the entrance to the bank from Berta Road will be closed to thru traffic and only construction traffic will be allowed. All other traffic will have to enter from the Rt. 113 entrance, which is now grass and exit through the drive thru location. With the winter months approaching, they want to know if they could pave the extra lot (grass area) for employees and customers to park. The paved lot would remain after the construction was completed. They would keep the paved lot and when they sell the secondary lot it would be the new owner's responsibility for removing it. They wanted it paved versus gravel to be able to plow in the winter. Mayor Kernc stated you can plow on gravel. Commissioner Kasher did not agree with the paving of the lot. That would cause a storm water issue for draining if paved. Also, the esthetics of the property would not look right. It could be 10 years before they sell the secondary lot. After further discussion, decision was made to allow them to place a gravel surface for employee/customer parking etc. however, once the new building was completed, they must remove the gravel and restore the property to its original state.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Adair

No Report

Commissioner Johnson

Absent

Commissioner Kasher

No Report

Commissioner Warner

No Report

Mayor Kernc

No Report

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. by Commissioner Adair, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk

