



December 10, 2024

Proceedings, transactions, resolutions made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 10th day of December 2024.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa “Terry” Kernc presiding. Upon a roll call Commissioners present Mark Adair Dean Johnson, Jeff Kasher and Dave Warner.

Approval of 11-26-2024 Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to approve the 11-26-2024 meeting minutes and place on file. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approval of December 10, 2024, Bill List

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve December 10, 2024, bill list and place it on file. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approve Ordinance #2024-20, Adopting an Updated Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Diamond

Mayor Kernc welcomed Mike Hoffman of Teska Associates, Inc. Hoffman discussed the updates and answered any questions from board members. Village Attorney John Gallo stated this plan was presented to the P & Z commission at their meeting prior to the board meeting which they had approved. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to Approve Ordinance #2024-20, Adopting an Update Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Diamond. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Waive Competitive Bid-Aeration Tank Walkway

This Item was tabled.

Approve and Accept Lowest Bid to Build and Install Aeration Tank Walkway at WWTP

This Item Was Tabled

Waive Competitive Bid on Public Works Building Pad

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated he did reach out to several companies to present proposals, and none were interested in providing a proposal for this project. Commissioner Adair would have preferred to have bids; however, we must do with what has been presented. Perry explained the limestone screenings which will be used and are available to D Construction since they own the facility. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to Waive Competitive Bid for the Public Works Building Pad. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approval of D Construction Proposal for Public Works Building Pad

Commissioner Kasher, Commissioner Adair and Village Engineer Mike Perry met at the plant last week to look at the proposed elevation of the new public works building pad. They discussed the proposed elevation and wanted to compare the existing public works building and the water/wastewater treatment plant buildings and their current elevations. Mayor Kernc stated the proposed elevation is 48". Commissioner Kasher prefers 30". Kernc would like to meet in the middle of 39". They discussed the elevation would be below the elevation of the road however, it would place the building 3" above the 100-year flood plan. Commissioner Adair is concerned with the overgrowth of the Claypool ditch and would like it to be cleared up, even if the village must do so. Adair stated if the village is going to invest this amount of money in a building, we should spend the money ourselves to do cleaning of the ditch. Mayor Kernc will reach out to Bob Koerner to discuss this issue. If Claypool furnishes the necessary equipment, our staff will clean out the ditch. Kasher would like a revised bill to reflect the decreased elevation charges. Perry discussed with the elevation reduction, the final bill will be reduced after work is completed and if the village does the topsoil strip for preparation, that could reduce the cost as well. Dunning stated they would have to rent the proper equipment. Perry added, with the weather, it could be tricky to have the village do it also. Dunning stated he is not comfortable since timing is of the essence and if they are to do it and the village has a water leak, their focus is the leak. The board agreed to have D Construction do the topsoil strip as well. After further discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to Approve D Construction Proposal for the Public Works Building Pad with revisions discussed regarding the elevation from 48" to 39" of fill, which is approximately 15% cost saving, off the original amount which was not to exceed \$97,230.00. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Change Order No. 1 Increase \$18,962.00, Will Road Alley and Division St. Water Main Improvements

Village Engineer Mike Perry stated D Construction was unable to dig approximately 1,188 feet of watermain down Division St. due to all the utilities lines, etc. therefore, the decision was to directional bore the line under the road. There was a small upcharge of approximately \$5,700.00 for the directional boring, which saved on driveways and trench repairs by doing the directional bore. The largest charge was for the 8" service valve in the amount of \$13,250.00. This was necessary since Dunning tried 9 different valves to isolate for the tie-in and nothing was shutting the water down. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Adair, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to Approve Change Order No. 1, Increase of \$18,962.00 for Will Road Alley and Division St. Water Main Improvements. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance #2024-21, Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied by the Village of Diamond in Connection with the Issue of \$3,550,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2020A

Village Attorney John Gallo stated this abatement is for the sewer bonds. Commissioner Kasher inquired how many years the village has before they are paid in full. Gallo responded, there are 6 more years in the amount of \$1.8 million. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Adair to Approve Ordinance #2024-21, Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied by the Village of Diamond in Connection with the Issue of \$3,550,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2020A. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance #2024-22, Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied by the Village of Diamond in Connection with the Issue of \$1,115,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2020B

Village Attorney John Gallo stated this abatement is for the water bonds. The amount remaining is approximately \$900,000.00. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by

Commissioner Adair to Approve Ordinance #2024-22, Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied by the Village of Diamond in Connection with the Issue of \$1,115,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2020B. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance #2024-23, Levying and Assessing of Taxes for the Village of Diamond in the Counties of Grundy and Will and State of Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 20, 2025

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to Approve Ordinance #2024-23, Levying and Assessing of Taxes for the Village of Diamond in the Counties of Grundy and Will and State of Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending April 20, 2025. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Old Business

Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Monthly Update

Nothing out of ordinary

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

No Report

Public Works Department Updates

Public Works Supervisor Jim Dunning stated the new blower has been installed and running well. The ComEd representative will be out Thursday to do readings. There is air line issue with the softener. All the quick connections are leaking and will be addressed. They will be getting prices for electronic valves to replace these. Connelly should be completing the watermain project tomorrow. The staff received CPR/First Aid and AED training last week. The tractor for the sidewalks has been received. Dunning inquired if Mayor Kernc would like salt to spread on the new sidewalks. After discussion, Dunning will be investigating alternative salt options for the sidewalks.

Clerk Updates

No Report

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Adair

No Report

Commissioner Johnson

No Report

Commissioner Kasher

Commissioner Kasher stated the village did win the bid on the tractor. Kasher thanked Village Clerk Lori Holmes for her assistance in the bid process.

Commissioner Warner

No Report

Mayor Kernc

No Report

MOTION was made to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk