

President Ken Stenklyft called the regular meeting of the village board to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Roll Call - all members reported present. Others present were Josh McDonald and Charlie Fochs.

Pledge of Allegiance - The pledge of allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Citizen Concerns & Questions - none.

Announcements - DuPrey reported that a Making a Connection, Linking Trails meeting sponsored by the county will be held in Hilbert on 3/31 at the community center to gather information on developing a conceptual trail plan for linking two existing trails. DuPrey also reported that there is a training session coming up on 4/28/11 called "Doing more with less: Collaborative Leadership for Service Delivery" from 9 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$35.

Minutes - Action - to approve the minutes from the last board meeting as presented - motion: Sippel; second: Boesch; carried.

Treasurer's Report - balances - \$122,718.60 General fund; \$84,100.72 Sewer fund; \$15,361.90 Water fund; \$1.00 Clean Water fund; \$1.00 Block Grant fund; \$81,108.52 TID #1 fund; \$614,718.90 T-Plus fund; \$11,590.81 First Responder fund; (\$200,439.92) TID #2, \$75,065.69 CDA. Koffarnus questioned the reconnect fee for A. Penaloza. He questioned whether or not they were making any payments onto the bills. DuPrey stated that this is the 3rd or 4th time that she has been disconnected. He stated that she does pay the minimum due on the bill in addition to the reconnect fee.

Action - to approve the treasurer's report as presented - motion: Koffarnus; second: Sippel; carried. There was no fire department treasurer's report presented. There was no first responder treasurer's report presented.

Claims - examined and discussed. Action - to pay all claims - motion: Sippel; second: Eichmeier; carried.

Correspondence - The MEG newsletter was presented to the board for their information. DuPrey reported that a letter was received from Time Warner Cable regarding an update of contacts for Time Warner Cable. The Focus newsletters were presented to the board for their information. A letter from Eastshore Humane Association asking for a donation was presented to the board. DuPrey stated that in the past, we had donated \$200. Action - to donate \$200 to the Eastshore Humane Association - motion: Koffarnus; second: Plate; carried. DuPrey read a thank you card from WRWA for the \$100 donation to their building fund.

Reports - The listing of delinquent accounts was presented to the board for their information. The report of labor hours was presented to the board for their information. The monthly report on building permits was presented to the board for their information. DuPrey reported on the February settlement for taxes. He stated that this year there was 71.5% of the total tax roll collected compared to 69.3% last year. He stated that total delinquent real estate taxes were \$28,630.97 compared to \$40,115.62 last year and that the total delinquent personal property taxes were \$1,190.76 compared to \$1,515.58 last year. He stated that the collections were better this year even though they were higher. Notice of receipt of the quarterly cable tv franchise fees in the amount of \$2,047.51 was presented to the board for their information. The report of building permits issued in the village was presented to the board for their information. We had a total of 77 permits issued for a total value of \$4,655,307. A report from Ruekert & Mielke regarding combined water and sewer rates was presented to the board for their information. Out of the 337 communities that submitted their rates, Hilbert ranked 148th.

Committee Reports - none.

President's Report - Stenklyft reported that the county is looking at adopting a wind turbine rules. He stated that if the county passes an ordinance, then the village would not have to do anything. He informed the board to make sure that they read the municipality magazine. He informed the board that the county is looking at staying at 21 supervisors with 11 of them coming from the Appleton area. He also informed existing board members that if they want changes to committee assignments, they should get them to him so that he can make changes before the April board meeting.

Unfinished Business:

2011 Projects - nothing new.

Recycling/Rubbish - The monthly report was presented to the board for their information. Spring Clean will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. It was noted that some of the residents are not happy with the drop off site.

Police Protection for the village - There was no report received. Stenklyft reported that Sherriff Ott will come to the April board meeting.

Fire Department - nothing new.

TID District #1 - nothing new.

Property Maintenance Ordinance - The committee will need to meet to discuss the violations of the property at 14 S. 7th St. under our Property Maintenance ordinance.

TID District #2 - Sargento Foods Odor Issue - Emails were reviewed regarding what had been happening. They are now exceeding the pH levels and there have been spikes on Mondays with H2S. The board was okay to send a letter to Sargento notifying them of their violations to our sewer use ordinance.

Police & License Committee - Action - to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented - motion: Boesch; second: Koffarnus; carried. No action from the meeting.

Summer Help - Fochs questioned the minutes. He stated that one sentence states that it should be a college student, the next line says a seasonal employee. He questioned which one it was. DuPrey agreed. He stated that how does he do the ad for this. The board felt that the start time should be approximately May 1st and that it would be a seasonal summer employee. Action - to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried. The recommendation was to hire a summer seasonal employee starting approximately May 1st and that they would not exceed 600 hours for the year. Action - to approve this recommendation - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried.

Application for operator licenses - none received.

Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees - Stenklyft reported that he and Rick Thiel attended a positive pressure fan course. They stated that they learned more efficient ways to use the fan for ventilation and would be bringing that to the department. Stenklyft also reported that the regional dinner meetings and new official classes are coming up if anyone is in May. He also stated that he is attending the LWMI conference on 4/14 & 4/15. He stated that he wanted to open it up to any other board members. Action - to okay for any board members to attend the LWMI Policy Meeting on 4/14 & 4/15 - motion: Sippel; second: Eichmeier; carried.

Ordinance regarding residency requirement for employment in the village - DuPrey stated that at the last meeting the board decided that they wanted to have a residency requirement for the village provided that they attorney approved of it. He stated that we have to have an ordinance. DuPrey informed the board that a revised proposed ordinance was on the table. The attorney had reviewed it and made some changes. He stated that the intent of the ordinance didn't change just some clarification. He stated that the firemen and first responders are included in the ordinance but they follow the standard guidelines set by the groups. It was questioned about the first responder that lives in St. John. This is still in our district so she should be okay. Koffarnus stated that he didn't know the firemen and first responders would be included. DuPrey stated that if you are going to have it, it has to include everyone. Koffarnus questioned Section C.1, Residency Transition. He stated that what if an employee can't sell their house within one year? DuPrey stated that this clause is there for currently employed individuals that currently don't reside within the requirements. He stated that if they sell their house or move, then they must move into the village. He stated that with a new employee that must move into the village, they can grant waivers if they can't sell existing property. Eichmeier questioned that sometimes you have a fireman that works in the village but doesn't live in the village and they have been allowed to be on the fire department to respond to day fires. It was stated that under this situation, a variance could be granted. Fochs stated that he felt that we should follow the fire department rules because he is looking at property that is within the 2 miles of the village and build a house. Stenklyft stated that there could be a waiver. Fochs stated that Josh McDonald talked about buying or building a house on Irish Rd for his horses. Also he stated that he felt that this should not be approved tonight and that the board should digest it for a month. DuPrey stated that his problem with it was that at the last meeting, the board approved that they wanted the employees to live in the village. He stated that the ad for the open position was prepared that way and people have been in that lived within a mile or two from the village and asked about the residency requirement and if it was in stone this way. DuPrey informed them that it was and they didn't apply. He stated that if we approve this and then grant variances for everyone that wants to move outside the village, then why even have it at all. McDonald questioned available housing for new employees. It was stated that if there isn't suitable housing available that this is where the variance would come in to give them more time to move. It was noted that in order to approve the ordinance tonight, we would have to first suspend the rules for the three readings and then move to approve it. Action - to suspend the rules of the three readings - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried by majority vote. Action - to approve Ordinance 1.15 as presented - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; Roll Call Vote - yes: Sippel, Eichmeier, Boesch, Plate, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; no: Koffarnus; carried by majority vote.

Purchase of a new lawnmower - Fochs presented the following prices:

Gravely from Joe's Power: \$7,385.56; Gravely from Carstens: \$7,579.00; X-Mark: \$7,378.00; John Deere: \$10,500.00; Ferris: \$4,900.00 (no bagger)

Budget was \$9,000. Action - to purchase the Gravely lawnmower from Joe's Power for \$7,385.56 - motion: Koffarnus; second: Plate; carried.

Stenklyft commented that he wanted to thank Mary Ann Plate and Adam Eichmeier for their time on the board.

Adjournment - Action - to adjourn - motion: Eichmeier; second: Boesch; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Dennis DuPrey

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