

President Ken Stenklyft called the regular meeting of the village board to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

Roll Call – all members reported present. Also present were Mike Loose and Charles Fochs.

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

Citizen Concerns & Questions to be acted upon at the next board meeting – none.

Announcements – none.

Minutes – Action – to approve the board meeting minutes as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Thiel; carried.

Treasurer's Report for the Village of Hilbert - balances – \$137,781.91 General fund; \$147,772.47 Sewer fund; \$36,469.19 Water fund; \$1.00 Clean Water fund; \$1.00 Block Grant fund; (\$68,886.30) TID #1 fund; \$962,591.75 T-Plus fund; \$10,983.27 First Responder fund; (\$221,001.64) TID #2, \$179.44 CDA; \$193,032.27 Capital Improvements Fund. Action – to approve the treasurer's report as presented – motion: Starfeld; second: Keuler; carried. The fire department's treasurer's report and the report on the End of Summer Celebration were presented to the board. Action – to approve the treasurer's report and the report on the End of Summer Celebration from the fire department as presented – motion: Boesch; second: Thiel; carried. There was no first responder treasurer's report received.

Claims - examined and discussed. Action – to pay all claims – motion: Starfeld; second: Boesch; carried.

Correspondence – There was no MEG newsletter received. There were no Time Warner Cable letters received. The Focus newsletters were presented to the board for their information.

Reports - 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 stated that there were a total of 94 permits issued in 2013. Notice of receipt of the quarterly street aid payment in the amount of \$12,958.77 was presented to the board for their information. DuPrey presented the report of property taxes collected through 12/31/13. A total of \$503,612.70 or 33.03% was collected this year compared to \$564,884.24 or 41.26% last year. Village Board Member Informational Report – Boesch presented editorials that appeared in local papers regarding the condition of the county roads. Boesch brought up the issue with Highway 114 by the Highway 57/32 intersection. There are issues with the turn lane of the road but the county is telling us that it is up to the village to maintain. There was some discussion regarding why the county does not plow to the curbs in the municipalities but they push back the parking lanes out in the country to the ditches. Charlie felt that this needs to be addressed because of these issues. He stated that we can't keep talking about it without doing anything about it. The board felt that a letter should be sent to each county board member. There was some discussion that we need to contact the state first regarding this. There was also some discussion about going to our state representatives regarding this. We will proceed with the state first to find out what the policy is and whether or not this is a state policy or county policy prior to proceeding. Village Personnel Informational Report – Charlie reported that there were two water laterals that froze with the cold weather. One was at the Price residence on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. They found that the water lateral runs under the storm sewer pipe there. The other one was a Sargento Foods in their sampling hut. Thiel questioned if the sidewalks have been getting cleaned. Charlie reported that yes they were and that notices had been sent to several property owners.

President's Report – Stenklyft reported that he received a call from Randy Boesch regarding issues with his garbage container. He had called to have his replaced because it was damaged. When they picked up the old one, they dumped it into the truck and didn't deliver a new one for about a week. Stenklyft stated that he called Chilton and he did eventually get a new one. He stated that he felt that this was very poor customer service and felt that a letter signed by all board members should be sent to Advance Disposal. DuPrey stated that he felt that we need to take a step back and not blow this way out of proportion. He stated that whenever there have been any issues with Advanced Disposal's customer service which doesn't happen that often, he stated it takes only one phone call to the Chilton office and it is resolved. He stated that he felt that it was not necessary to write a letter. The board agreed and DuPrey was also instructed to put something in the voice about container damage because most people are not aware of it.

Unfinished Business:

2013 Projects – DuPrey reported that the final payments were made in December along with the final payment for the 2012 street project (10<sup>th</sup> St.). He stated that all contracts were closed out.

Recycling/Rubbish – The monthly report was presented to the board for their information.

Police Protection for the village – There was no monthly report received.

Fire Department – Mike Loose reported that he has assigned the new officers of the fire department. He stated that he met with the first responder group about doing joint training. There then was some discussion regarding our old fire helmets. Stenklyft stated that there is a northern fire department looking for yellow helmets. Loose will contact them. Loose also stated that the county is doing a fundraiser for loading trucks with equipment and sending them overseas.

TID District #1 – nothing new.

Property Maintenance Ordinance – nothing new.

TID District #2 – nothing new.

Street Committee – It was reported that the prints for the projects are being worked on.

New Business:

Application for operator licenses – None were received.

Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees – There were several requests for schooling. First, Charlie requested permission to have Josh Jetton and himself attend an O & M refresher course in Hilbert on 1/21/14. Cost would be \$95 for one and the other one would be free because we are the host site.

Action – to approve this – motion: Boesch; second; Thiel; carried. The second request was to have Charlie attend the Spring Biosolid Seminar in Stevens Point on 3/18/14. Cost would be \$65. Action – to approve to have Charlie attend the Spring Biosolid Seminar in Stevens Point at a cost of \$65 – motion: Starfeld; second: Keuler; carried. Charlie then requested permission to attend the WRWA convention in Green Bay. There would be no hotel stay. Action – to approve this – motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried.

2014 Projects – Charlie brought up about getting permission to proceed with plans and specifications for the 2014 paving projects. He stated that it would be Cedar St. from the tracks to 1<sup>st</sup> St. and the curb & gutter on 8<sup>th</sup> St. He stated that the topo's are completed. He also stated that he would like to see the projects completed before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Stenklyft questioned about where the trucks turn onto Cedar St. from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and the condition of the base and to make sure that this is addressed as it was at Cedar and 8<sup>th</sup> this past year. Charlie stated that this can be done. Action – to grant authority to proceed with plans and specifications for the 2014 street projects – motion: Boesch; second; Starfeld; carried.

Summer Help – Charlie stated that Dave Emmer is no longer going to work here and we need to go ahead and advertise to fill the position. Keuler questioned if we can't look more towards a college aged kid because they need the money instead of concentrating on someone retired. Charlie stated that we can look at it both ways. Action – to proceed with advertising for the summer help position for one week and the Employee Review Grievance Committee will decide on the individual to hire – motion: Boesch; second: Thiel; carried. DuPrey also will notify the school of the opening and advertise in areas that are free.

Adjournment – Action – to adjourn – motion: Starfeld; second: Boesch; carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

*Dennis DuPrey*

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Dennis DuPrey, Clerk