

President Ken Stenklyft called the regular meeting of the village board to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

Roll Call - all members reported present. Others present were Jim Krueger, Ed Byrne and Charlie Fochs.

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

Citizen Concerns & Questions - none.

Announcements - Nomination papers can be circulated beginning on 12/1/11. Deadline is 5 p.m. on 1/2/12. Trustees up for election this spring are Mark Breckheimer, Gary Boesch and Jim Koffarnus.

Minutes - Action - to approve the board meeting minutes as presented - motion: Koffarnus; second: Plate; carried.

Treasurer's Report - balances - \$398,591.03 General fund; \$102,739.58 Sewer fund; \$58,177.81 Water fund; \$1.00 Clean Water fund; \$1.00 Block Grant fund; \$107,965.26 TID #1 fund; \$417,043.44 T-Plus fund; \$13,934.22 First Responder fund; (\$262,311.09) TID #2, \$179.44 CDA. DuPrey explained the entries for the shared revenue because the state made a mistake on the November payment so they had to take it out and then put the correct payment in. Action - to approve the treasurer's report as presented - motion: Plate; second: Koffarnus; carried. The fire department treasurer's report was presented to the board. Action - to approve the treasurer's report as presented - motion: Koffarnus; second: Starfeld; carried. The first responder treasurer's reports from the last two months were presented to the board. Action - to approve the first responder treasurer's reports for the last two months as presented - motion: Koffarnus; second: Breckheimer; carried.

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

Correspondence - The MEG newsletter was presented to the board for their information. There were no letters received from Time Warner Cable. The Focus newsletters were presented to the board for their information. An email from Steve Deslauries regarding the State of Wisconsin Wind Siting update was presented to the board for their information. Notice of a public hearing regarding the Year 2025 Smart Growth Plan updates for Calumet County was presented to the board. The proposed changes will be reviewed to see if any of them affect the village.

Reports - The listing of delinquent accounts was presented to the board for their information. DuPrey stated that Miller is off and will go on the tax roll next year. 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. The final tax levy summary for 2012 was presented to the board. The page can be inserted into the budget packet presented previously to make it up to date. Notice of receipt of the second installment of shared revenue in the amount of \$332,541.95 was presented to the board for their information. Notice of current year lottery credit of \$86.97 was presented to the board for their information. Notice of the current year First Dollar Credit of \$65.71 was presented to the board for their information. Notice of the current year state school credit of \$73,583.81 and the current year Estimated Aid of \$1,189,032 was presented to the board for their information.

Committee Reports - none.

President's Report - Stenklyft reported that the next civic association meeting will be at Brillion in February. He also informed the board that the county is going high tech for searching for a missing child. A resident can sign up to have their cell phones, unlisted phone numbers etc. to be called if a child is missing in their area. Stenklyft also touched on a public hearing held in the Town of Rantoul regarding adopting a zoning code. He stated that land to the south of the village is all earmarked by the town as for R-1. He stated that he voiced concerns regarding the development of this area as residential when there is business in the village in this area. He stated that he was informed by the town that if this area would develop in the future, we could annex it and change the zoning. This would not prevent the town from approving residential development in this area in the future. He stated that we would need to approve any property division in this area and could use this to help control the development to fit to the village's in the area.

Unfinished Business:

2011 Projects - No change orders or payment requests. Nothing new on the water line for Main St.

Recycling/Rubbish - The monthly report was presented to the board for their information. A report on recycling trends in the village was presented to the board for their information. This report shows that even though the tonnages for recycling are falling, the corresponding tonnages for garbage are also falling. This report was prepared by Darlene Buechel using the monthly reports received from the haulers. DuPrey then brought up the Spring Clean for 2012. The board felt that we should do it the same way as last year. Action - to go forward with a Spring Clean event for 2012 and that it would be done the same as last year - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried.

Police Protection for the village - The monthly reports from the last two months were presented to the board for their information.

Fire Department - There was nothing new to report on the Public Works Mutual

Assistance Agreement.

TID District #1 - Well # 4 Project - There were no change orders received. Action - to approve payment request #1 to Water Well Solutions in the amount of \$34,515.00 - motion: Boesch; second: Plate; carried. Charlie provided an update for the board. They have the 30" casing down to 55.5' and have started welding the 24" casing. They will start to install that casing inside the 30" casing beginning tomorrow.

Property Maintenance Ordinance - As far as the property at 14 S. 7th St., we will be closing on the purchase on Friday. The car at the corner of East Main St. & Creek St. was questioned again. DuPrey will follow up with it.

TID District #2 - It was reported that Sargento had the final walk through inspection for their latest addition.

Police & License Committee - There was nothing new on the ordinance on ATV's, golf carts, etc. There was nothing new to report on the emergency hookup at the high school.

Discussion and possible action regarding bill for filling of swimming pool - Jim Krueger appeared before the board regarding the billing for filling the swimming pool. He stated that his neighbors did it as a favor to him because he was in the hospital getting treatments for his cancer. He stated that he couldn't understand why a hose could not be on the fire hydrant. He stated that he weeds it and keeps it clear of snow. Mr. Krueger stated that he has the hydrant in his front yard but can't use it. Sippel stated that using the hydrant does rile up the system. Charlie Fochs stated that in the past a hydrant was used to fill a swimming pool at the former Pontow residence and it came out rusty and they had to spend a lot of money to remove the rustiness from the pool. Charlie Fochs stated that we are required to account for all water used and letting people hook up to hydrants would not allow us to account for the water used. Charlie stated that he did it once with watering a lawn for a home and he got jacked up for it and because of this he wouldn't allow it. He stated that he was called twice by them and he told them no on both occasions. Stenklyft stated that they called and asked him if they could use the tanker. Stenklyft informed them it would be okay but they would have to pay for it. Starfeld felt that the bill would need to stay as is otherwise we are opening a can of worms on this. Breckheimer stated that he felt that all the late fees could be waived. DuPrey questioned why because the bill was sent back in July and he issued late notices in September and October and then sent a letter informing them that it would be placed on the tax roll in November and subject to the additional 10% penalty. DuPrey stated that they did not contact anyone until October 31st when they contacted Stenklyft. Mr. Krueger questioned what happened when Rick Thiel watered his lawn with the fire truck. He questioned that Mr. Thiel never paid for the use of the truck or the water but he has to? After that was brought to the board's attention, they felt that something needed to be done and they proposed a 50% reduction in the bill. Mr. Krueger stated that he would be okay with it. He stated that he has bigger things to worry about. Action - to reduce the bill received for filling the swimming pool by 50% and taking the 50% off of the truck charge - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried.

Collection of unpaid sewer lateral repair bill - DuPrey explained the status of this. He stated that the individual has been located in Michigan and the claim was submitted to the courts. It is scheduled to be heard by the courts on January 3rd.

New Business:

Application for operator licenses - none received.

Application for Class B License - none received.

Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees - DuPrey reported on the League of Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance program on disaster planning. He stated that it provided information on a company that will come in during a disaster and tell you what you need and then bill you for it. DuPrey also informed the board that he attended a Wisconsin Retirement System webinar on the pension changes. The reporting requirements for 2011 have doubled due to the changes.

Possible bonus for full-time employees - Stenklyft brought up that in the past it was \$50 but that with all of the extra work that the employees had to do with the job openings would the board consider a higher one-time bonus for this year. Action - to give all full-time employees a bonus of \$50 as last year - motion: Boesch; second: Sippel; carried.

Request authority for President and Treasurer to pay all bills before year end - Action - to grant the President and Treasurer authority to pay all bills before the end of the year - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried.

Resolution 2011-08 to place 2011 budget items not being expensed into reserve funds - Action - to approve this resolution as presented - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; Roll Call Vote - yes: Sippel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Boesch, Plate, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; carried.

Public Depositories for 2012 - Resolution 2011-07 listing the allowed public depositories for 2012 was presented to the board. Action - to approve Resolution 2011-07 as presented - motion: Koffarnus; second: Sippel; Roll Call Vote - yes: Sippel, Koffarnus, Starfeld, Boesch, Plate, Breckheimer, Stenklyft; carried.

Appointment of fire chief for 2012 - A letter was presented to the board recommending that Bill Koehler be appointed fire chief for 2012. Action - to approve this

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recommendation as presented - motion: Boesch; second: Plate; carried.

Appointment of village attorney for 2012 - Action - to appoint Andy King as village attorney for 2012 - motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried.

Policy on Equipment Rentals - A proposed policy on equipment rental was presented to the board. The reason for the policy was the last issue with the Krueger bill that Stenklyft felt that this needs to be addressed in writing. There were a couple of changes that were suggested but the board felt that they would like to review this further. There was some discussion about making sure that everyone is aware of any policy because there seems to be issues with the fire department equipment. This was tabled until next month and it will be discussed further.

Welcome to Hilbert Signs - Action - to approve the lease agreements for 2012 for the land for the Welcome to Hilbert Signs for an annual fee of \$50 as presented - motion: Sippel; second: Boesch; carried.

Appointment of election officials for 2012 - 2013 - Action - to approve the appointment of election officials for the years 2012 and 2013 as presented on the presented listing - motion: Boesch; second: Plate; carried.

Adjournment - Action - to adjourn - motion: Breckheimer; second: Sippel; carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:57 p.m.

Dennis DuPrey

Dennis DuPrey, Clerk