

President Ken Stenklyft called the regular meeting of the village board to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Roll Call - all members reported present. Others present Charlie Fochs.

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

Citizen Concerns & Questions - Boesch commented that the Gebhart house on 3rd St. there is an issue with the smoke coming out of the chimney and then hanging ground level. He stated that he talked to the property owner and would keep his eye on it but feels that the chimney is not high enough. He will contact Paul Hermes if the situation does not improve. A complaint was received regarding a dog barking on 11th St. A letter had been sent in the past. The sheriff's department will be contacted. It was also reported that the Town of Stockbridge will have representatives from Fox Valley Tech to discuss their proposed referendum and improvements. It is scheduled for 1/11/12.

Announcements - Nomination papers were filed by the three incumbents, Jim Koffarnus, Gary Boesch and Mark Breckheimer. There were no other papers filed.

Minutes - There was one correction under announcements where it stated that the deadline for nomination papers is 1/3/11 and it should read 1/3/12. Action - to approve the board meeting minutes with this change - motion: Koffarnus; second: Sippel; carried.

Treasurer's Report - balances - \$303,902.87 General fund; \$111,040.80 Sewer fund; \$66,255.88 Water fund; \$1.00 Clean Water fund; \$1.00 Block Grant fund; \$6,859.96 TID #1 fund; \$1,079,204.47 T-Plus fund; \$7,475.74 First Responder fund; (\$263,143.27) TID #2, \$179.44 CDA. 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: Breckheimer; carried. There was no first responder treasurer's report received.

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

Correspondence - The MEG group's summary of the year in review 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. A letter was received from the Wisconsin Rural Water Association regarding their first annual calendar raffle for 2012.

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. Notice of receipt of the quarterly street aid payment in the amount of \$12,208.37 was presented to the board for their information. DuPrey presented to the board the report of taxes collected through 12/31/11. He reported that a total of \$554,022.98 or 41.57% was collected this year compared to \$489,305.25 or 36.74% last year.

Committee Reports - none.

President's Report - Stenklyft reported that he toured the building at 7th & Main with Charlie & Dennis and that it is surprisingly fairly cleaned up. He stated that we will be salvaging what we can from the building and that we will proceed with demolition. He also stated that they are having presentations on thermal imaging cameras and hope to use the building for this. The fire department will also be given an opportunity to practice in the building prior to it being razed.

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. There was nothing new regarding the Spring Clean program for 2012.

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

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

TID District #1 - Well # 4 Project - Change Order #1 was presented. This is for a time extension. Action - to approve Change Order #1 for the time extension for completion of the project - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried. Payment request #2 in the amount of \$7,328.23 to Water Well Solutions was presented to the board. Action - to approve Payment Request #2 in the amount of \$7,328.23 to Water Well Solutions - motion: Boesch; second: Plate; carried.

Property Maintenance Ordinance - DuPrey reported that the car at the corner of Main St. & Creek St. is currently registered as per the sheriff's department.

TID District #2 - It was reported that the fire dept took a tour of their 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.

Collection of unpaid sewer lateral repair bill - DuPrey reported that we did receive our judgment.

Policy on Equipment Rentals - The revised policy was presented to the board. Charlie questioned why we needed a policy in the first place when there are no problems here. He stated that the problems stem from the fire department building. It was noted

that we should just get rid of the allowance to fill swimming pools or watering lawns. Stenklyft felt that there should be something in writing. Starfeld commented that too many people are taking equipment from the fire station building. He stated that this proposed policy hurts him because there are instances that he needs the services after hours. Charlie stated that he felt that they are being punished for what goes on at the other building. The board as a whole felt that filling swimming pools and watering lawns should no longer be allowed. They felt that the equipment at the fire station is very expensive and should only be used for fire department operations and training. It was commented that training should not include the watering of lawns. The board discussed this issue back and forth and could not come up with a consensus other than the fact that the fire department equipment should only be used for fire department operations and that watering lawns would not be acceptable training and that the village should cease the practice of filling swimming pools or watering lawns. There was also discussion regarding the extra work on the office staff. Boesch questioned DuPrey for his opinion on whether or not he felt that there were any issues on the village side and his opinion on the policy. DuPrey stated that in the past there really haven't been a lot of issues regarding the use of village equipment but didn't feel it was a huge deal to have this policy in force as long as it was followed and there were consequences to those who didn't. There was also some discussion regarding whether an employee was covered under workers compensation if they were not punched in. This will need to be checked out. After further discussion, the board felt that at this time we would table the proposed policy until next month but also felt that we should approve that the fire department should be notified that filling swimming pools and watering lawns would not be allowed and that the department's equipment could only be used for department training or operations. Action - to draft a letter to the fire chief notifying the department that we will no longer allow the filling of swimming pools and the watering of lawns with the fire department equipment and that the equipment can be used for only fire department operations and that lawns could not be watered as part of a fire practice or training - motion: Boesch; second: Breckheimer; carried.

New Business:

Application for operator licenses - none received.

Application for Class B License - none received.

Classes/Seminars/Schooling for employees - Stenklyft reported that there is a Rural Water operator class in Hilbert on 2/15/12. Charlie would like all three to go at a cost of \$85 each. Brandon is still on probation but we really can't get much closer a class. Action - to approve sending all three public works employees to the Rural Water operator class in Hilbert on 2/15/12 at a cost of \$85 each - motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. Stenklyft also reported that Josh & Charlie would like to attend the WWOA regional meeting in Kewaunee on 2/16/12. Cost is \$20 each. Action - to approve this - motion: Koffarnus; second: Boesch; carried.

Summer Help - It was discussed what to do for this summer. The one that held the position last summer now has an internship. The board felt that we should advertise for it and authorize the employee review/grievance committee to interview and fill the position. Action - to advertise for the summer help position and to authorize the employee review/grievance committee to interview and hire for the position - motion: Boesch; second: Plate; carried.

2012 Projects - Action - to grant permission to proceed with plans and specs for the 2012 projects - motion: Boesch; second: Starfeld; carried. Charlie questioned what was meant by the motion. Does he proceed with everything including equipment? Does he proceed with the projects or just get the plans ready. The board informed him that only the plans and specs are to be completed. He is not to proceed with the projects.

Plan Commission - Action - to approve the committee meeting minutes as presented - motion: Boesch; second: Plate; carried. The recommendation from the plan commission was to approve the property split in the Towns of Rantoul & Chilton for the Bill Scholz properties. Stenklyft explained the map. Action - to approve the recommendation - motion: Boesch; second: Plate; carried.

Adjournment - Action - to adjourn - motion: Plate; second: Sippel; carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:51 p.m.

Dennis DuPrey

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