

**MINUTES**  
CHATHAM, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
6:30 PM, February 23, 2010

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Board: Trustees Herr - present, Mau - present, Boyle - present, Reynolds - present, Kavanagh - absent, Schatteman - present, and President Gray - present. Others: - Clerk Schad, Treasurer Dierking, Administrator McCord, Director Branham, and Village Attorney Nick San Diego.

D. HEARING OF CITIZENS

1. Kevin Shrake of Boulder Creek discussed flooding caused by a creek adjacent to that neighborhood. The village wants to help. However, Director Branham explained that the creek is not owned nor is it the responsibility of the village. That lies with property owners on both sides of the creek in conjunction with the IEPA and the city of Springfield.

2. Eric Bloxdorf, Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce executive VP, discussed High Speed Rail (HSR). The GSCC is excited about the potential economic impact of HSR but that excitement is tempered by the concern for appropriate mitigation measures to minimize the negative effects on smaller villages and towns along the route. The GSCC sent a letter to Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig expressing their concerns.

3. Ed Strong, a director with Network Knowledge, a local public television network (WSEC TV), said the company is applying for a CDAP grant in the amount of \$400,000-\$450,000. Mr. Strong asked the Board for support in the forms of a public hearing and a resolution. In support, a public hearing to discuss the application is scheduled for March 9 at 6:15 PM, prior to the regular village board meeting at 6:30. Announcement of the public hearing will be published in the Chatham Clarion at least one week in advance of the hearing. Network Knowledge will write a resolution to be acted upon at the March 9 regular village board meeting.

#### E. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Herr moved, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda item(s):

1. Payment of Warrants (09-10)
2. Minutes (2-09-10)
3. Submitted Committee Reports

#### PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE – Trustee Reynolds

The Public Properties Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 6:00. Those in attendance were: Chuck Herr, Matt Mau, Tom Kavanagh, Joe Schatteman, Tom Gray, Merideth Branham and Del McCord. With Jeanne Boyle absent. Brian Grunzke the UIS Baseball coach came to the board requesting use of the baseball field at South Park to use as their home field. They are willing to pay for utilities and upkeep. He was told that we would check with Bob Erickson our public properties manager. The High School and youth teams get to schedule first and if there is any time they could use it would be fine with the board. Meredith also said that there would be an ordinance for the board on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 for the

cemetery. Meeting over 6:20. Minutes taken by Jill Reynolds for Jeanne Boyle who was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Trustee Herr

Meeting 2/16/10

Attending: Trustees- Herr, Reynolds, Schatteman, Kavanagh, Mau, Village Manager McCord, Director Branham, Chief Holms, Asst. Chief Foli, Treasurer Dierking, and Village Engineer Williamsen.

Water Project Bids for the water plant, plant and back-up generator, installation of the raw water main and the main water transmission line were opened on 2/11/2010. Bids for all but the main transmission line were below engineering estimates. The transmission line bids were excessive and the Commission will explore alternate options to reduce the cost. The alternatives for the transmission line should reduce the overall cost for the project and bring it in at the projected total. The overall bids for everything except the transmission line are approximately 35 to 40% less than original estimates. Final vote to proceed with the project is still projected to be in March 2010.

Engineers from Green & Bradford are developing a project estimate for resurfacing Plummer drive on both sides of Route 4, to submit for additional federal stimulus funds, if they become available.

The Village continues to work with The Ball-Chatham School District to identify activities involving utilities and roads for which the Village will provide assistance to extend utilities to the property where the new grade school will be built. These include installing electric cable and water main

pipe to the site. The school district will purchase the water main pipe. Also, the Village will extend Acacia Lane to the school property.

The committee continues to work on how to solve the problem with sump pumps that discharge into the street. A proposed ordinance will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

Without discussion, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent as follows: Herr – yes, Mau – yes, Boyle – yes, Reynolds – yes, Kavanagh – absent, Schatteman – yes.

F. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - None

G. CLERK'S REPORT - None

H. OLD BUSINESS

There was no action on two intergovernmental agreements: one with Ball/Chatham School District 5, the other with Chatham Township. There was also no action on Approval of South Park Commons Final Plat, 5A. They will all remain old business items for the 3/9 board meeting.

Trustee Mau asked about inviting CWLP representatives to a public works committee meeting to hear CWLP's latest proposal (assuming they have one) before Chatham terminates its CWLP contract and commits to building its own water distribution system. None of the other Trustees present thought there was any point of proposing or having such a meeting. The consensus of opinion was that the village of Chatham has spent a lot of money and has been working on developing its own water system, including discussions with CWLP representatives, for over a decade. But, even after all these years, CWLP has never offered any written detailed proposal to the

village of Chatham knowing that the village of Chatham would discuss any genuine offer. Furthermore, recent attempts to meet with CWLP representatives within the last several months were not reciprocated by any CWLP representative. Most recently, trustee Herr tried meeting with CWLP representatives but he was unable to schedule a meeting. In summary, CWLP seems uninterested in offering a negotiated, fair, and written contract with the village of Chatham.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Herr moved, seconded by Trustee Schatteman, to bring to the table **Ordinance 10-08, An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Village of Chatham and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Number 51.** Explained by title, 10-08 passed by roll call vote 5 yes, 1 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr – yes, Mau – yes, Boyle – yes, Reynolds – yes, Kavanagh – absent, Schatteman – yes.

An Ordinance Amending Section 51.084 of the Chatham Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Storm Sewers was withdrawn and will be old business for the 3/9 board meeting.

#### J. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Normally, committees meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 PM. The Village Board meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 PM, except in December when there is only one on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Planning Commission meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public, unless in executive session, and are posted in advance on the municipal hall bulletin board.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the board, Trustee Kavanagh moved, seconded by Trustee Mau, to adjourn. The Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Schad, Village Clerk