

MINUTES

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

6:30 PM, March 25, 2008

A. MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Board: Trustees Herr - present, Schatteman - present, Boyle - present, Reynolds - present, McGrath - present, Kavanagh - present, and President Gray - present.

Others: - Clerk Schad, Treasurer Dierking, Directors Branham and McCord and Village Attorney John Myers.

D. HEARING OF CITIZENS - None

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee McGrath moved, seconded by Trustee Kavanagh, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda item(s):

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes (03-11-08)
2. Payment of Warrants (Res. 15-08)
3. Committee Reports (03/17/08)

Administrative Committee

Treasurer Dierking distributed a 2009 budget and status report for each department and the committee discussed the budget for next year. Additional meetings are planned with the Directors and a report will be given to the committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Chief Barnett and his staff discussed their raises for their contract including different types of insurance coverage. No decisions were made and the committee will continue discussions.

Public Works Committee

Water Supply Project - Engineer Williamson continues discussion with the County on ROW issues. Well site and plant site acquisitions continue with contracts for some of the well sites in the near future.

A proposal has been presented to the Planning Commission to change the ordinance pertaining to the parking location for campers, boats and trailers for their meeting on March 20, 2008. Changes have been made to the Ordinance to include side yards and backyards, while addressing the issue of corner lots that don't have a "true" backyard. Any boat, camper or trailer cannot block access to a view of public ROW.

Homeowners from Manor Hill 1 and 2 - The water drainage problems are being addressed by Public Works Director, engineers, developers, Home Owners Association, and builders to determine the corrections required.

The Village Attorney was directed to notify the owners of 715 East Locust Street of violations pertaining to trash in the yard and animal waste. The Village has received complaints of trash and animal waste. They will have 15 days after receiving the notification to correct the violations or contact The Village to develop a plan of action. If the conditions are not remedied the Village can take the following actions - fines, and court order to force correction of the violations.

The spring leaf pick-up will be in April and will be published in the Chatham Clarion and a note will be put on the utility bills.

There being no discussion, **the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by roll call vote** 6, yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle, yes, Reynolds - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

F. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. President Gray asked Attorney Myers to discuss Mr. Myers' efforts to have a local dog that bit a Chatham policeman declared "vicious" by a Sangamon County Animal Control Officer. Attorney Myers said the dog couldn't be declared "vicious" for two reasons. First, the policeman's injuries weren't major enough to have the dog declared legally "vicious". The best the village can do is having the dog declare legally "dangerous". Second, it wouldn't be prudent to have the incident investigated by a Sangamon County Control Officer because a legal deadline, unknown to the village or attorney Myers, was missed. Therefore, the result of such an investigation probably wouldn't hold up in court. Attorney Myers said, "Now we know to ask for an investigation immediately". Still, attorney Myers said the village will try to have the dog declare "dangerous" by the State Department of Agriculture. A legally "dangerous" dog requires a posted warning sign on the owner's property.

Trustee Kavanagh wondered if any costs to the village or police department could be recovered from the owner's insurance. That idea will be researched.

Another issue discussed by attorney Myers regarded a terribly cluttered property at Park Avenue and Locust. After surveying the property, attorney Myers sent a letter to the resident demanding the property be cleaned up within village code or the village will pursue further action.

Director McCord said the "Nuisance Ordinance" should be revisited to prohibit these types of problems and he recommended the village look into using a "Code Enforcement Officer" - not just for these types of ordinance violations - but all.

G. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Schad received an email from village resident Alice Stark. Ms. Stark asked if anything about "the camper situation" had been decided at the Planning Commission Meeting of March 20. After talking with Deputy Clerk Karl Todt (Karl clerks the Planning Commission Public Hearings and meetings), Clerk Schad told Ms. Stark the issue was discussed at length but no final action was voted upon; maybe next month.

H. OLD BUSINESS - None

I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Herr moved, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to bring to the table **Resolution 16-08, A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Maintenance for FY 2009)**. 16-08 pertains to the CY 2008 street improvement program, funded by Motor Fuel Tax. 16-08 passed by roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - yes, Reynolds - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

Trustee Herr moved, seconded by Trustee Kavanagh, to bring to the table **Ordinance 08-11, An Ordinance Approving a Bid for Independence Substation Equipment**. Allowing the purchase of equipment for the new electric substation near Independence Avenue and Route Four, 08-11 passed by roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent as follows: Herr - yes, Schatteman - yes, Boyle - yes, Reynolds - yes, McGrath - yes, Kavanagh - yes.

J. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Public Property - None Scheduled
Administration - April 01, 6:00 PM
Public Works - After Administration
Regular Village Board - April 08, 6:30 PM
Planning Commission - Every 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

Committee reports are written by Committee Chairmen. They are scanned then put in the minutes with editing only to correct spelling and/or grammar when necessary.

These minutes are not a verbatim account of the board meeting. An audiotape is available upon request after these minutes are approved by the village board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Schad, Village Clerk