

VILLAGE OF ST. JACOB
213 N DOUGLAS
PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2010
REGULAR MEETING #10-20

- I. The Regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Raymond Muniz.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ray Muniz
Trustee Jared Reilson
Trustee Ken Miller
Trustee Laura Meyer
Trustee Tim Thompson
Trustee Hank Robards
Clerk Dawn Miller
Donnie Cuff
Tim Biggins
Absent: Trustee Ryan Junker

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Trustee Meyer moved to accept the agenda. Trustee Thompson second the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. Trustee Meyer moved to accept minutes. Trustee Thompson second the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. A gazebo was donated by Douglas Street Antiques for the Mill Pond. A resident in town donated his time and materials to redo the roof.
2. Mayor Muniz reported that we are waiting on Ameren to finish the installation of the power.
3. Mayor Muniz stated that he appreciates everyone's help with the Mill Pond.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MEYER

1. Christmas kickoff December 03, 2010. We will need help with stuffing the stockings.
2. Trustee Meyer asked if we are having an appreciation party this year. Mayor Muniz stated that it is December 17, 2010. Trustee Meyer thinks that we should keep the cost to a minimum. Mayor Muniz stated that we try to do that by having things donated. Dinner will be at 7 cocktails at 6.

C. WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – REILSON:

1. The water inspection meeting will be November 18, 2010 at 1:30. They were unable to attend the board meeting.

D. POLICE COMMITTEE – ROBARDS :

1. There were no incidents on Halloween.
2. Trustee Robards read the report from Steve Howe. There were 4 speeding tickets, 1 domestic, 1 warrant, and 1 criminal damage.
3. Mayor Muniz reported that we have had one resident come forward and is willing to be a block captain for the neighborhood watch program.

E. ORDINANCE & FINANCE – MILLER:

1. Trustee Miller reported that the treasurer's reports for April thru September have been completed and passed out. There are some formatting issues that we still need to take care of. Trustee Miller read thru Septembers report.
2. Mayor Muniz reported that the Governor signed a bill granting a lump sum of MFT Money to Municipalities. It should be about \$4800.

F. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS – THOMPSON

1. The Activity Center closing is set for November 17, 2010.

G. STREET & ALLEY/MFT – JUNKER:

1. Mayor Muniz reported that the dump truck should be here soon. Trustee Meyer asked again about selling the old truck. We will get all of that figured out when the new truck arrives.

IV. PLANNING COMMISSION:

IV. ZONING BOARD:

1. There were some questions about the parcels that were included in the Lindow Property hearing that was approved last month, so we are going to redo the hearing and make sure that the proper people will be notified. The Hearing is set for November 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. We have it published in the Belleville News Democrat and The Times Tribune.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Meyer asked if we were going to do anything with the side walk across from the park. Mayor Muniz stated that he has a call into IDOT.
2. Trustee Meyer asked what the status of the property on Napoleon that was declared a nuisance. Mayor Muniz reported that George has been busy with other things for the Village so Mayor Muniz hasn't asked him about it lately.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Reilson said he would like to address a member of the public "Joe after last meeting you made comments that this board doesn't care about a member of this community. I was highly offended by this statement and highly angered. At the time I thought I should ask for an apology but I thought differently of that. You couldn't have offended me more if you had spit in my face by saying that I don't care about the residents of this town, considering that there are two firemen on this board. One was on a call at the time of the special meeting we had concerning Mrs. Muzzey and her incident. I was out of town. Joe I used to give you the benefit of the doubt that you bring your grocery list of items of concerns and that your concerns were legit for the town and I think that when you lighten her incident by trying to make us look bad you it shows that you don't care about what actually happens in this town. To say that we do not care about the citizens of this town, you have two firemen a member of the school board, a woman who plays the organ at church and who is the head of the softball association. Hank who served our country. I can't believe that you would say something of that nature as to say that we don't care about the people of this town. It highly offended me. I can't understand the gall of it. I had to get this off my chest." Trustee Thompson said that he would agree with what Jared had to say because he was included in the statement. I was still at the firehouse from the call the call that we had. Trustee miller appreciates what Jared had to say and it is probably what most of us felt about the statement. Ken thinks we seem to end up here because we don't have any sort of a plan in terms of public input. He has told Mayor Muniz for a long time that we go out of our way to open the floor up to the public. He has some concern on how freely we open up the floor for discuss. This is a meeting held inpublic not a public meeting. If we don't have some sort of policy to deal with public in put that we leave ourselves

open. Not that people shouldn't have a chance to address the board but there should be some method. He has asked if we have some sort of a policy and Mayor Muniz thought that we did at one point. We don't operate in a vacuum and we now have a reporter here on a regular basis. We ought to try and things as positive as we can. He would like Mayor Muniz or Clerk Miller to look and see if we have a policy. Perhaps write down questions in advance so that we have adequate time to answer the questions. So that we don't answer something wrong. If we don't have a policy possibly contact George and see if we can't get something in writing so that we can adhere to a policy. Trustee Meyer stated that we did have a policy. She tried to recall the terms of the policy. She believes that the public had 5 minutes to address the board. She would also like to see a list of people who would like to speak so that we can pace ourselves so there is enough time for people to speak. Mayor Muniz thinks that it's a sad state that we even need to be thinking about this. Trustee Miller stated that if had some kind of rules set out so that we all understand, we are not trying to offend anyone or keep anyone from speaking but there should be limits and bounds to it and some protection to the board members in terms of what we may or may not need to be answering at a specific time. Trustee Robards stated that he has never heard so much negative talk in his life as he has in the last year. It seems like everyone is trying to cut down the board. If we would use 10% of that for the betterment of the community instead of stating how everything is wrong then we would have something. We need to get more involved in helping.

VIII. CLAIMS:

Trustee Meyer moved to read the claims by total. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice Vote 5 ayes, motion carried

Water	\$10792.06	
Sewer	\$289.41	
Trash	\$	
Water/Sewer/Trash Total		\$11081.47
General Funds	\$	
Ordinance & Finance	\$11.00	
Ordinance & Finance Total		\$11.00
Police	\$1031.13	
Street & Alley	\$4089.05	
Public Grounds	\$333.10	
Community Development	\$	
MFT	\$	
Grand Total		\$16545.75

V. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Tom Kaminski asked if he doesn't sign in at the beginning of the meeting then would that mean he couldn't speak. Trustee Miller stated that nothing is in place yet and that we would only ask people to sign in if they have specific questions from prior meetings.

2. Richard Schiefer asked where our 6th trustee has been. Mayor Muniz stated that he has been working. Rich Schiefer then asked what the rate of interest will be on the new loan for the activity center. Mayor Muniz stated we will have to get back to him on that. Rich then stated at the last meeting he asked about severance packages for terminated employees and he was told that the Village hadn't terminated anyone. So he passed out a copy of a letter from a previous employee. Rich then stated that he feels the residents should know about severance packages. Trustee Miller stated he has no idea where he got the letter from. The issue about severance packages maybe pertinent to Village business but he is not sure about that since it involves personnel issues. But to put this letter out there with the person's name on it unless you got it from him I would think that you have a serious potential problem in publicizing it. This is very sensitive information. Information that the board would never ever release. If he gave it to you then shame on him, if he didn't then same on you. This letter belongs in our files and the letters that we

have will go to Clerk Miller to be destroyed. This has no business in being public information.

3. Joe Beil stated that he thinks that his comments last meeting really did concern the person that was involved in the attempted abduction. It was directed at the whole board not just you but the ones that didn't show up at that meeting. Trustee Reilson thinks by saying that and you make light of and attack this board just shows you really don't care about the situation, when you don't know what we have going in our day to day lives, when we don't have enough time to bring a camera to every public meeting. We don't have as much time as you do Joe. Joe Beil then stated just because he brings a camera to the meetings doesn't make him a bad guy. Trustee Reilson said he didn't say that he was. Joe stated that we had one board member that wasn't even notified about the special meeting. Mayor Muniz stated that the offense was taken when you referred to Tim and Jared didn't care about the safety of this community. Next time you wake up at 4:30 in the morning because the whistle blows know that these two men will be there. The night of that meeting Tim was on a fire call and that night one of the firemen was almost struck by car on Route 4. Trustee Reilson stated that the fire department has heard the tape and don't expect any of them to support any of your causes. Trustee Miller stated this is what he was talking about earlier. We are going down a path that we need to try and avoid.

4. Krista Muzzey stated that she never made any derogatory remarks about the board. "What happened to me was absolutely horrible, Mayor Muniz and Maggie the police officer, played it down. I was jogging with my son and a man tried to take us and everyone I went to made me feel like it didn't matter. I am some one that is concerned about our Village. I went door to door and explained the description of the vehicle because no one else did and I didn't know what else to do. In my heart I can't like with myself if something happens to a child. That is why me and my husband are at every meeting. I am not a naysayer what you do for our community is amazing if we had officers that respond the way the fire department responded all of my concerns would be answered. I don't know if you guys knew about the meeting or what happened but I do know what did happen was all wrong. It had nothing to do with you Jared or Tim or anyone else up there. Mayor Muniz and I talked and I don't think he took it seriously and I don't think Maggie took it seriously and the response time was horrible, the news paper got it incorrect, everyone got it incorrect and if my son was taken he would have been long gone by the time all of it was figured out. Oh all of this other nonsense aside the safety of me and my son and everyone else that is my concern. I am not one of people who come to the meetings that is going to do all of this hear say stuff. It's not going to happen. I don't have a problem with you and I don't want anyone saying what my concerns are or what my husbands are we will speak our own concerns. As far as you are concerned Jared you seem very upset about it and you obviously care about the community. Other than that you guys are great. I don't want you guys to think that we are attacking your board we are just concerned. Trustee Reilson said that he understands fully. Here is the situation I guess is the way he made the statement that we could care less about what happened to you and even with your situation I feel that it lessens what happened. Krista Muzzey said that you and I both know what it is. I came here the first meeting after what happened and I walked out because I thought it was ridiculous, everyone was yelling at everyone. Trustee Reilson thought that is why she walked out. Krista stated this is just silly. I think everyone here can agree with that. It's a circus, if you have a beef then share but it doesn't have to be this back and forth stuff. What happened to me was very personnel but now it's just a learning experience.

VI. CLOSED SESSION:

1. Trustee Meyer made a motion to go from open session to closed session to discuss a possible land acquisition at 8:27. Trustee Thompson second the motion, Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

VII. OPEN SESSION:

1. Trustee Meyer made a motion to go from closed session to open session at 8:48. Trustee Thompson second the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Trustee Meyer moved to adjourn at 8:49. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. The next meeting will be November 18, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

Dawn Miller, Village Clerk

Raymond Muniz, Mayor