

VILLAGE OF ST. JACOB
213 N DOUGLAS
PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011
REGULAR MEETING #11-04

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

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Muniz reported that he went to Springfield on Tuesday and met with the Governors staff to discuss issues with local government.
2. Mayor Muniz stated that the census numbers are in and we gained about 20 people.
3. The electric has been completed at the Mill Pond. The fountain will be installed this spring. Russ and Tom are looking at some lights for the Mill Pond.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MEYER

1. The Easter egg hunt will be the April 17, 2011. Trustee Meyer asked who will be stuffing the eggs. Mayor Muniz said probably the red hats. Trustee Meyer suggested that maybe some of the high school kids could help.

C. WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – REILSON:

1. The engineer should be here next week to look at the Lindow sewer extension.

D. POLICE COMMITTEE – ROBARDS :

1. We will have a report at the next meeting.

E. ORDINANCE & FINANCE – MILLER:

1. Trustee Miller reported on the treasurer's report that was passed out. He stated that the report shows 83.3% of the year is complete. We budgeted the worst case scenario and we are doing better than anticipated. We are coming in under budget for the expenses and over for the revenue.

F. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS – THOMPSON

1. Mayor Muniz reported that he hopes to have an update for the Activity Center at the next meeting.

G. STREET & ALLEY/MFT – JUNKER:

1. Mayor Muniz reported that we are waiting for things to dry up a little so the guys can get out and get things cleaned up from the salt and plowing.
2. Keck Road and Lake Road will need to be re-oiled and chipped this year.
3. Trustee Meyer asked Donnie to look at Washington and Second.
4. Mayor Muniz reported that the guys were ready and waiting for the blizzard that never happened.
5. The culvert at Park Road is really bent. Can we get something done. Mayor Muniz stated that he talked to IDOT and is hoping to get something figured out for it. Mayor Muniz also stated that Todd Lindow is going to extend the sidewalk by the park.

IV. PLANNING COMMISSION:

IV. ZONING BOARD:

1. Mayor Muniz stated that there is obviously some emotional issues before us tonight, we have had several people ask to be on the agenda.
2. Rick Ritter presented his finding of fact regarding the Cygan hearing. Brett Cygan asked for a variance on set-backs. He wants 2 ft on one side and 5 ft on the south side. Rick made a recommendation to approve the variance. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Rick Ritter's finding of fact. Trustee Miller second, roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve ordinance 11-526 accepting the variance. Trustee Robards second, roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Rick Ritter moved on to the next finding of fact regarding the Nuemann/Kruse development. There is a ton of opposition. Rick passed some letters around that contained some comments and concerns from residents that attended the hearing. Rick read the finding of fact. See attached. He also stated that he talked to Tim Biggins about the concerns regarding the water and sewer. He stated that the water pressure in town is at 40lbs. It can't get much better than that due to the number of old homes that have old pipes. It would start blowing the pipes. The EPA requires a minimum of 20lbs. Ricks only reservation to the development is the effect on property values. Rick is recommending that it goes before the board. Mayor Muniz passed out a letter from TWM regarding the water and sewer.
4. Joe Beil read a statement to the board. He is asking that the board not approve the zoning request.
5. Dave Prokoff stood up and thanked Rick for the meeting that he held. He said that he and his wife will live next to these apartments. They have lived in their home for 25 years and they have worked on it and spent a lot of money trying to maintain it and make it look nice. He said the whole neighborhood is single family so please put yourself in my shoes. He said that he is proud of his house and he doesn't want to have apartments next to him especially two story apartments.
6. Ed Kelly stated that years ago when we decided that we wanted St Jacob to expand we upgraded the sewer plant to handle the growth. We are now growing. He said with Glen wanting to do these apartments he thinks is a wonderful idea. It will decrease water rates and a number of other things.
7. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve Ricks finding of fact. Trustee Robards second, roll call vote, Meyer ayes, Robards ayes, Thompson ayes, Miller ayes, Reilson no. Motion Carried.
8. Trustee Meyer made a motion to accept Ricks finding of fact as the Villages statement. Trustee Thompson second, roll call vote, Meyer ayes, Robards ayes, Thompson ayes, Miller ayes, Reilson no. Motion Carried.
9. Trustee Robards asked where the driveway would go? Napoleon Street. Trustee Meyer stated the letter from TWM makes her feel more comfortable. Tim Biggins stated that adding 13 apartments won't add any issues to the sewer. It is an 8 inch main. The only time we get problems is when there is a lot of rain. It would actually help the

system, because there would be more houses on the line it would move more water thru the line.

10. Trustee Reilson has a hard time voting since Ritter but this onto the board without actually recommending or not recommending the development. Rick then reread his finding of fact that stated he recommends the approval. Trustee Reilson thinks that our zoning is a joke. He is disappointed with all of this. Mayor Muniz stated that is isn't perfect but we couldn't seat a zoning board at the time this was set up but right now isn't the time to discuss all of that. Trustee Reilson stated that he is just upset that we can't come to some sort of an agreement with the neighbors and the developers. Trustee Meyers asked since it is zoned SR-2, could they build a two story house. Rick said that they could. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve ordinance 11-527 approving the zoning request. Trustee Thompson second, Trustee Meyer asked Rick again if he was recommending the approval of the development. Rick said he was. Roll call vote, Meyer ayes, Robards ayes, Thompson ayes, Miller ayes, Reilson no. Motion Carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Robards stated that the American Legion is having a fishing derby at the Mill Pond. The date has been changed to May 21, 2011 from 10-2.

VIII. CLAIMS:

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

Water	\$7374.37	
Sewer	\$74.50	
Trash		
Water/Sewer/Trash Total		\$7448.87
General Funds	\$396.91	
Ordinance Finance	\$ 10.50	
Ordinance & Finance Total		\$407.41
Police	\$821.17	
Street & Alley	\$1021.94	
Public Grounds	\$509.50	
Community Development		
MFT	\$341.64	
Grand Total		\$10550.53

V. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Angie Falterman lives at 407 Mill St, she stated she has been a resident for 16 years. She knows that the meeting was posted on the front door but why didn't the village send letters out to all the residents. Instead she received a letter from Patty Beil regarding the zoning issue. She would like a letter to go out to all the residents since it affects all the residents.
2. Rick Sullivan thinks that we should have a light on the flag at the Mill Pond.

VI. CLOSED SESSION:

1. Trustee Meyer made a motion to go from open session to closed session to discuss personnel under 5ILCS-120 SUB 2-SEC C1&3 at 8:45. Trustee Thompson second the motion, Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

VII. OPEN SESSION:

1. Trustee Thompson made a motion to go from closed session to open session at 9:03. Trustee Meyer second the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Trustee Meyer moved to adjourn at 9:04. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. The next meeting will be March 03, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Dawn Miller, Village Clerk

Raymond Muniz, Mayor