

VILLAGE OF ST. JACOB
213 N DOUGLAS
PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011
REGULAR MEETING #11-12

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 Jared Reilson
Trustee Hank Robards
Trustee Richard Schiefer arrived at 7:31
Trustee Pattie Beil
Trustee Jeni Zahn
Village Treasurer Tim Thompson
Clerk Dawn Miller
Donnie Cuff
Absent: Steve Howe
Tim Biggins

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Trustee Miller moved to accept the agenda. Trustee Zahn seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. Trustee Reilson moved to accept minutes. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

III. MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Mayor Muniz stated that the Jakey in June was an overwhelming success. The committee had a vision of 25 teams and we hit that mark this year. I don't think we would want to increase the number of teams that we let in because we don't want to loose the intimate feeling that we have worked hard to create. Richard and Susan Schmidt are magnificent. All the teams had good things to say about the event.
2. Mayor Muniz reported that legislation is being called into a special session to figure out the funding for the grants that have been awarded. Hopefully we will know something soon regarding the grants we were awarded.
3. Kent Finley presented the Village board with a plaque of appreciation for allowing them to hold the Fishing derby at the Mill Pond. Trustee Robards said the American Legion would like to do the derby again next year.

IV. REPORTS AND COMMITTEES

A. ECONOMIC GROWTH: ZAHN:

1. Trustee Zahn reported that the Triad girls soccer team will be the grand marshal at the homecoming. There are a lot of parade applications coming in.
2. The Village won't be doing a float this year instead we will be getting a horse drawn carriage.
3. Mayor Muniz plans to do a presentation on Friday night before the band starts to recognize the Triad girl's soccer team.

B. WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – REILSON:

1. We just received the easement agreements for the Marine Road sewer extension. We will be sending them out soon.

2. Mayor Muniz stated that he doesn't think the second property owner will give an easement but he would like to know what we are going to charge for the tap on if they choose not to tap on now. After some discussion about what to charge the board decided to have Village Attorney Ron Motil draw up some paper work for it. Trustee Beil asked what the easement was. Mayor Muniz stated that he allowed the village to have access to the property to maintain the lines.

3. Trustee Reilson would like to have a committee meeting before the next board meeting. A committee meeting was scheduled for July 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

C. POLICE COMMITTEE – ROBARDS :

1. Trustee Robards reported that he thought he heard a stock car go through town the other morning around 3:30 a.m. Trustee Schiefer thought it was a four wheeler.

D. TREASURERS REPORT - THOMPSON:

1. Treasurer Tim Thompson gave his month report for May. Trustee Beil asked who the Auditor is. Mayor Muniz reported that it is CJ Schoulser from Alton.

E. ORDINANCE & FINANCE – MILLER:

1. Ron is still working on the treasurers duties. Ron said that it's a little difficult trying to figure out what needs to be removed from the duties and what shouldn't. He has been comparing our Ordinance to other towns as well.

2. Trustee Thompson went through the appropriations ordinance. Mayor Muniz stated that he always thought that we had to appropriate for everything including things we don't intend to buy just in case for instance a car would get wrecked or something. Trustee Thompson stated that we would not be spending the entire amount appropriated and if we had to spend more we could have a special meeting to amend the appropriations. Trustee Schiefer asked why we appropriated so much to water. Trustee Thompson stated there is more than two salaries that go to water. Trustee Beil asked what % Tim used in calculating the appropriations. Tim stated that he couldn't give a specific number. Trustee Beil stated that there is a lot of salaries being accounted for. She said its about 23% of the appropriations. Tim stated that it was more like 30%. Trustee Schiefer asked about taking money from one account to pay for another. Trustee Miller stated the money for the police gets spent on police but the remainder gets paid by water and sewer. Trustee Miller stated that there isn't enough revenue to pay for the police department so we have to have it paid from somewhere and since the part of the police department's job is to protect the infrastructure we are allowed to pay them from water and sewer. Ron agreed with Trustee Miller. Treasurer Thompson stated that the board consulted the auditor as well and they said it was fine.

3. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the Appropriations Ordinance 11-530. Trustee Robards second the motion. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Trustee Miller stated the committee members would like to change the zoning officer to an attorney who would handle all hearings. Trustee Miller stated that we appreciate everything that Rick Ritter has done for the Village but we have been in positions where we have had to defend the decisions we have made. Ron said that the good part of having a professional do the hearings is that they know the laws and everyone would have an opportunity to say what they want. Then it would be presented to the board and the board could make a decision and then if it went to court the village would be in a better position to defend the decisions made. Trustee Beil doesn't agree with an attorney doing the hearings. She thinks that the community needs to be involved. She stated the people really want a committee of there peers. Mayor Muniz stated that it wouldn't cost the village anything. We would pass the cost along the person making the request. Ken appreciates Trustee Beils opinion but everyone would still have an opportunity to speak. Ron thinks that sometimes the recommendations get rendered on emotions rather than what is presented. Trustee Miller stated that we are trying to avoid emotions. Trustee Reilson agrees with Trustee Beil but he doesn't think it makes sense to have our peers do the hearings. Trustee Robards thinks that we should have an attorney handle the hearings.

Trustee Miller made a motion to have Ron draft a description of an attorney handling the hearings. Trustee Reilson second the motion. Roll call vote, Reilson ayes, Miller ayes, Zahn ayes, Schiefer ayes, Robards ayes, Beil no. Motion carried 5 to 1.

5. Budget meeting July 6, 2011 at 7:30 at the Village Hall.

F. GRANTS – BEIL

1. Trustee Beil talked to Kelly Tracy and she gave her some information on who to contact. She will keep everyone updated.

G. STREET & ALLEY – SCHIEFER

1. Trustee Schiefer stated that he doesn't have much to talk about since Mayor Muniz runs the committees. The side walk on Second Street will be done by the end of next week weather permitting. Last night Mayor Muniz and Rich Schiefer meet at the corner of Greenburg and Jacob St to look at a ditch. Trustee Schiefer is going to meet with Mayor Muniz next Thursday morning to discuss what can be done.

H. PLANNING COMMISSION:

I. ZONING BOARD:

V. OLD BUSINESS:

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Muniz would like each board member to submit a name to him for a committee to redo the website. Maybe 6 or 7 people. Email him the names or call Clerk Miller.

VII. CLAIMS:

Trustee Robards moved to read the claims by total. Trustee Zahn seconded the motion. Voice Vote 6 ayes, motion carried

Water	\$14588.84	
Sewer	\$1569.38	
Trash	\$7699.50	
Water/Sewer/Trash Total		\$23857.72
General Funds		
Ordinance Finance	\$250.25	
Ordinance & Finance Total		\$250.25
Police	\$2295.02	
Street & Alley	\$2622.68	
Public Grounds	\$609.77	
Community Development		
MFT		
Grand Total		\$29635.44

Roll call vote 6 ayes motion carried.

VIII. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Joe Beil asked if we are paying the attorney by the hour or by Ordinance. Do we have a cut off time for him? Ron stated that we pay him by the hour and that he has worked about 5 hrs on the treasurer's ordinance and he hasn't billed the Village for anything for it.
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IX. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Trustee Reilson moved to adjourn at 8:57pm. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice vote, 6 ayes, motion carried.
2. The next meeting will be July 7, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Dawn Miller, Village Clerk

Raymond Muniz, Mayor