

108 N. Douglas
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, October 6, 2016
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES #16-19

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present	Mayor Richard Schiefer	Trustee Guideon Richeson
	Village Clerk Kathy Becker	Trustee Pattie Beil
	Superintendent Shawn Fohne	Trustee George Gavlick
	Atty. Andy Carruthers	

Absent:	Trustee Steve Howe	Chief Jeff Souders
	Trustee Bobby Ross	Trustee Christ Tolbert

Quorum present.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

1. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the minute's 16-18 for September 15, 2016. Trustee Beil seconds the motion. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
2. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve agenda 16-19 for October 6, 2016. Trustee Beil seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk Becker stated the flags will fly at half-staff in honor of National Fallen Firefighters and for Officer Blake Synder for the weekend.

III. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Donna Fruitiger present pictures to Attorney Carruthers of resident Nic Frey having goats in the Village City limits.
2. Everett Hubbard presented pictures to Attorney Carruthers for general information on the dust that residents that lives next to Nic Frey County property on a weekly basis.
3. Stephanie Rehg stated that she has ask for the site plans from the engineering that signed off on the sewer system for the Meadows of St Jacob and if the current houses can be handle and how many additional ones can be added and has not received them. Wants Village to not issue any more building permits until she has the plans.

IV. HOMECOMING REPORT:

V. TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Joanne Berry presented the board the Treasurer's report for August 2016. The Audit and Insurance Funds currently have significant surpluses at present. However, those will diminish when major annual bills are paid from those funds. The deficit in the Social Security Fund will abate as property tax revenue is received. All three of the aforementioned funds had surpluses for the last fiscal year.

It is reasonable to expect the deficit in the Sewer Fund to continue. A significant part of this was the repairs on a broken main. A significant capital outlay will occur for a new, budgeted lift station. There was a \$35 thousand deficit in the sewer fund last fiscal year. The Village has approximately \$800 thousand in cash and investments leaving it in good fiscal health.

Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the August 2016 Treasurer's report. Trustee Gavlick seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

VI. COMMITTEES:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HEALTH:

1. Trustee Beil states that Carla has the flyer done for the Christmas in the Village and she did a good job.

2. Discussion ensued regarding the trick or treat hours for Halloween. Mayor stated that the ordinance states that "treat or treat hours will end at 8:00 pm" on October 31, 2016.
- B. WATER AND SEWER:**
1. Attorney Carruthers stated that the Village's insurance denied the claim regarding the Bushur's sewer backup. The Village would have to have been notified that there was a problem and it was not. Mrs. Bushur ask the attorney to read the letter from the insurance company. Mrs. Bushur then stated that the Village did know about the problem because it happened 3 years ago and that the previous Mayor paid for the repairs but did not fix the problem. She stated she understood that the present board is not the same as it was then but we are now fixing the problem with the lift station but not their house. Mr. Bushur stated that there is nothing wrong with their house pipes and wants to know whose fault is it then. Attorney Carruthers again stated that the Village insurance denied the claim because the Village did not cause the accident by ignoring any known issue and is immune from liability under the Illinois Tort Immunity Act and recommended the board to stick to the recommendation of the Insurance Company. Mr. Bushur ask is the board was going to put it on the floor to vote on. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to put in on the floor for the Village to pay for the repairs. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, 3 nays, all in favor not to pay for the repairs. Mr. Bushur ask why the Mayor didn't vote, Attorney Carruthers stated that the Mayor only vote, in a tie. Mr. Bushur ask when the board was up for re-election.
- C. POLICE:**
1. Chief Souders not present. Officer Dan Gilmore reported that they had issued some tickets since last meeting. Pyramid Electric has not responded to us regarding the tornado siren and our contact Scott Korte is out on vacation, Chief Souders will check with him next week. Souders is still working on a theft investigation. Officers are scheduled for the Sandy's hope benefit at the park on October 22, 2016.
- D. ORDINANCE AND FINANCE**
1. Discussion ensued for the Legal Service Agreement for the USDA grant for the financing of the New Village Hall. Attorney Carruthers stated that Bond Council is need for the USDA loan. Trustee Richeson made a motion to approve the Legal Service Agreement, Trustee Beil seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
 2. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to accept the ordinance 16-578 the keeping of chickens in the Village of St Jacob. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.
 3. Attorney Carruthers present ordinance 16-579 Amending Section 7.9 & 7.10 of the personnel policy manual regarding the travel reimbursement.
- E. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:**
1. Trustee Ross not present.
- F. STREETS AND LANES/MOTOR FUEL TAX:**
1. Trustee Richeson has nothing to report.

IV. REPORTS:

- A. Public Works-Shawn reported that the new part-time guy Doug Fuhler is doing very well and catching on to things fast. They were brush hogging on Rte. 40 this week then the State came in to mow. Did a water tap and meet with Alert Electric and Vandevanter on the lift station project. Greg Koberna will be released and back to work next week. They have three new waters taps next week also.
- B. Engineer Report-Nothing to report.
- C. Village Attorney- Andy reported that he attended the IML conference this year and brought back a book the he thought would be very informational and will would like to get an electronic copy to the Village. The book is Financing Municipal Improvements and is probably also for sale through IML.
- D. FOIA request-Nothing to report.
- E. Planning Commission-Nothing to report.
- F. Zoning Officer-Nothing to report.
- G. Building Inspector-Nothing to report

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Richeson asked what the status was on the house that burnt on Jacob Ct. Mayor stated that the residents are getting bids to rebuild.

Trustee Beil stated that a resident at 207 Jacob Ct. has chickens and ducks and wanted to know if they had a permit. Clerk Becker stated that yes they have a permit. Trustee Beil stated that the ordinance is not for ducks.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. CLAIMS:

A. Trustee Gavlick made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$41,527.79. Trustee Richeson seconds. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Tim Henderson addressed the board and ask what it takes to place an ordinance and if the city can override a county law. Attorney Carruthers

2. Jeans Sheets ask if there is any progress in annexing the property in Stonebrook into the Village and if the residents that are not in the Village in that subdivision are getting the city water rates. Mayor Schiefer stated that there are approximately several houses that do not have a pre-annexation signed. All new water taps done are required to sign a pre-annexation agreement. Clerk Becker stated that if the resident in not in the Village City limits they pay the out of town rates.

XI. CLOSED SESSION: Trustee Richeson moved to go from open to closed session for the purpose of discussion the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. (5 ILCS 120/2© 1). Trustee Gavlick seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

XII. OPEN SESSION: 9:39p.m.

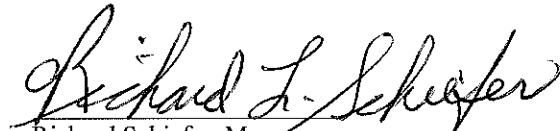
XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A. Trustee Richeson made motion to adjourn. Trustee Beil seconds. Voice call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned 9:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm


Kathy Becker, Village Clerk


Richard Schiefer, Mayor