

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS OF VILLAGE HALL
COAL VALLEY, ILLINOIS**

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Emil Maslanka.

2. Roll Call

Present: Emil Maslanka, Dale Keppy, Mike Bartels, Dave Timmons, Bruce Crowe, Kathy Cornish.

Absent: Dick Stone

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Staff present at the meeting: Annette Ernst–Village Administrator, Penny Woods–Assistant Village Administrator & Director of Finance, Deanna Hulliger-Village Clerk and Jack Chick-Police Chief.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Trustee Timmons wanted the minutes of January 18, 2017 to clearly state in the Water Project section that there was just discussion and opinions with the Crestview residents, no vote was taken. The Clerk will make that clarification.

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held January 18, 2017 and the Executive Session held January 18, 2017. Dave Timmons offered a second to the motion, All ayes, motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

Presentation of a Retirement Plaque to Sandy Standefer

Mayor Maslanka thanked Sandy Standefer for her 18 plus years of service and then handed the presentation over to Chief Chick. Police Chief Chick made an emotional presentation to Sandy Standefer stating that the Village of Coal Valley was very blessed to have Sandy on staff for over 18 years and Sandy made it a pleasure to come to work every day. The Chief presented Sandy Standefer with a plaque recognizing her 18 years of service with the Village of Coal Valley Police Department as their Administrative Assistant and as a best friend to many. Sandy Standefer was given a round of applause. The Mayor, several Trustees and Police Officer Paul Whitenack extended their thanks and best of luck to Sandy and her husband Denny on their retirement.

Village resident Greg Mosely proceeded to have a question and answer session with Mayor Maslanka over issues with the proposed Water Infrastructure Project. Numerous items were reviewed.

Village resident Brian Petersen understands that \$122,000.00 has been spent by the Village on engineering and only \$20,000.00 had been approved. The Village residents have the right to know where the other \$100,000.00 was spent and who authorized the expenditure? Mayor Maslanka responded that due to the sensitive nature he, the Mayor, cannot comment on the issue at this time. The invoice for the \$122,000.00 has not been settled yet. At some point it will be settled. Brian Peterson then stated that if the Village does approve charging \$11.25 for water that would be ridiculous and good luck selling houses in Coal Valley when water rates are that high.

Village resident Joe DeGrauwe commented on the vote taken during the January 18, 2017 meeting regarding the Water Infrastructure Project. Mr. DeGrauwe believes it was the correct thing for Trustee Timmons to abstain from that vote and any other vote on the Water Project in the future because Trustee Timmons is directly involved in a portion of the project by living in the Crestview addition. Trustee Timmons responded to Mr. DeGrauwe stating he agrees with Mr. DeGrauwe and even though the Timber Ridge, Forestview and Crestview additions were taken out of the project prior to the vote Trustee Timmons took a safe course of action and abstained. Trustee Timmons plans on discussing this further with the Village Attorney prior to any future votes taken of this nature.

6. Reports from the President and Other Officers (on matters not otherwise appearing on the Agenda)

- A. President– Mayor Maslanka reminded the Trustees at the last Board meeting to submit their comments regarding the employee handbook and has only received comments from Trustee Stone. Please have your comments submitted by the middle of February to give the staff time to compile the comments.

Mayor Maslanka informed everyone present tonight that on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 Representative Toni McCombie will be here in the Board chambers from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. to talk to those with any questions or concerns. The Mayor stated that if anyone cannot make the event if you want to leave questions/concerns we will make sure Ms. McCombie receives them.

Next Mayor Maslanka notified everyone that the Village has received from the State the Categorical Exclusion document from a detailed environmental review of the project. The 1st Phase to receive planning approval is to provide notice in the newspaper that the Categorical Exclusion document is available at the Village Office for review and public comment. So we will proceed with this directive from the State.

Mayor Maslanka reported that he, Mike Bartels, Annette Ernst and Penny Woods attended a meeting with Moline Officials regarding the option of Moline providing drinking water to the Village of Coal Valley. It was a positive meeting with both sides having ideas and issues to discuss further. Another session is set for Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. Trustee Crowe asked for the figures that Mike Bartels drafted and verbally presented at the last Board meeting. Trustee Bartels stated that he and Emil met last Friday and reviewed both sets of numbers and items are being researched to come up with an accurate set of

numbers. Resident Greg Mosely mentioned that the numbers he presented tonight might not all be accurate due to all of the changes and things going back and forth. Crowe suggested that Greg Mosely sit down with the Mayor and get all of the numbers dialed in. Trustee Crowe again asked for the numbers that Mike Bartels verbally presented at the last meeting. Trustee Bartels stated again that he and Emil met last Friday and the costs are not definite yet.

- B. Trustees – Trustee Keppy mentioned there is a hedge tree in the right-of-way on Garrison road that needs to be taken care of. Also Trustee Keppy went inside the culvert on 1st Street at the entrance to The Ridges and it looks good, just a bit mis-shaped.
- C. Staff – Annette Ernst reported that the Public Works crew are working on equipment and other small projects, nothing out of the ordinary.

Ms. Ernst has been working on Ordinances. There are four of them on tonight's agenda.

Ms. Ernst reported that she met with the City of Moline regarding the South Slope Regional Sewer System. They had to re-convene the meeting due to some EPA findings and they need to revise the Intergovernmental Agreement. The next meeting will be February 15, 2017 in the A.M. Ms. Ernst will keep everyone informed of the findings from the meeting.

Ms. Ernst talked of the Special Meeting held earlier tonight regarding a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with VYV Development Corporation. The Board approved earlier this evening to enter into an agreement with VYV Development Corporation. So the Ordinance will be on the agenda for approval at the next Board meeting.

Chief Chick - The Police Department is doing great. This has been our busiest January ever. Trustee Timmons asked the Chief about the email everyone received from a resident about excessive speeding on E. 5th Street. Chief Chick mentioned that one of the "on a post" speed recording units is placed 350 feet from the residents home. Trustee Timmons mentioned to the resident the portable speed limit sign we just obtained from Hampton. Chief Chick will review the email and look into the situation.

7. Old Business

A. 2nd Reading/approval Title VI Police Regulations Ordinance

Mike Bartels made a motion to approve the Title VI Police Regulations Ordinance. Bruce Crowe gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes - Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried.

B. 2nd Reading/approval Title VII Health and Sanitation Ordinance

Mike Bartels made a motion to approve the Title VII Health and Sanitation Ordinance. Kathy Cornish gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes - Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried.

8. New Business

A. 1st Reading Title VIII Alcohol Regulations Ordinance

Kathy Cornish made a motion to waive the 2nd Reading and approve the Title VIII Alcohol Regulations Ordinance. Mike Bartels offered a second to the motion. Ayes - Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Roll Call: Ayes 5, motion carried.

B. 1st Reading of Title IX Street, Public Ways and Public Property Ordinance

The Trustees reviewed this Ordinance as a 1st Reading. It will be placed on the next meeting agenda for 2nd Reading/approval.

C. Payment of Bills.

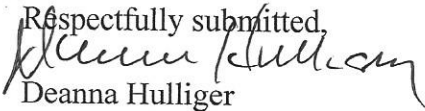
The bills submitted for payment were reviewed by the board. The Arthur Gallagher bill was discussed. Ms. Woods explained we pay half the costs now and half at a later time. The bill to the Library was discussed. Ms. Woods stated that we bill the Library \$5,500.00 twice a year for maintenance of the Municipal Center.

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to pay the bills presented tonight for payment. Bruce Crowe gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Kathy Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk