

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 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 Mike Bartels.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Bartels, Adam Bain, Stan Engstrom, Bruce Crowe and Kevin Stickell.

Absent: Dale Keppy.

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bartels.

Staff present at the meeting: Annette Ernst–Village Administrator, Deanna Hulliger-Village Clerk, and Jack Chick-Police Chief.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Stickell to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held May 3, 2017. Trustee Bain offered a second to the motion, Ayes 4, motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/Recongnition and/or Public Comments

Village resident Don Pearson asked about the status of the Missman invoices? Mayor Bartels will be discussing the status of the Missman invoices during his Mayor segment tonight.

Tony and Stephanie Genova are here this evening representing Coal Valley Days Committee. Mayor Bartels informed the Board that a 45 minute meeting was held last night to review the requests from Valley Days and comprise a list of items needed from the Village. At the end of the meeting last night the list looks acceptable to both the Mayor and Chief Chick. Tony Genoa then presented requests to the Board including the 1st Street Park and concession stand, the ball diamond outfield for the Saturday car show (6:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.), barricades will be used to block off 4 entrances to protect the School property, the Park lights to remain on until Midnight July 7th and July 8th, 1st Street to be blocked for the Saturday 11:00 A.M. parade going from Trimble Funeral Home down to the old Jack and Jill. Mr. Genova reviewed the calendar of events for the weekend. Ms. Ernst requested an itinerary of events so she can post it to the Village website and place an article in the Village newsletter. Chief Chick mentioned that barricading off the carnival area, we need to put a safety line in place to be able to access the area in an emergency situation. A 10 ft. path should be sufficient to take care of this issue. Trustee Stickell asked if the Valley Days Committee will be setting up the area or will they be

requesting assistance? It was reported that Valley Days members, with the assistance from Arrowhead ranch residents and Ranch supervisors, will be setting up and tearing down from the weekend events. Mayor Bartels also added that if it rains prior to setting up the car show cars will not be allowed to park on the ball diamond field. The Board wished Valley Days much success with the event.

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

A. President–

Mayor Bartels explained that the Village requested a prioritized list of Water Infrastructure Projects from Missman. The information submitted by Missman did not have engineering costs included so once the Village receives the complete information packet the review of these prioritized projects will be placed on an agenda, we are hoping for the agenda June 7, 2017.

Mayor Bartels stated that a letter of resignation was received from Trustee Timmons on May 4, 2017. Mr. Timmons is relocating to another area. Mayor Bartels hopes to have another Trustee nomination at the next Board meeting.

The Mayor reported that Oakwood Country Club will be having their 50th year celebration this Sunday, May 21st and they have asked Mike to say a few words.

Mayor Bartels was informed that the Stanley B Engstrom Park has some graffiti that needs removed. Ms. Ernst stated that the Public Works crew is working on that project. Trustee Engstrom mentioned that the back service door to the shelter at that same Park needs the graffiti removed as well.

B. Trustees

Trustee Bain has nothing for the good of the Board this evening.

Trustee Engstrom asked if the Village is going to hire any summer help? Ms. Ernst responded that we have hired one summer employee. Trustee Engstrom stated that the Public Works Supervisor has been out mowing grass and that should not be happening.

Trustee Engstrom would like to know if Garrison road is going to be seal coated? Ms. Ernst stated that Garrison road will be seal coated. Trustee Engstrom asked if this project is moving forward? Ms. Ernst reported that we are in the process of going out for bids for this project.

Trustee Engstrom suggests that the Village contact a real estate agent to sell the Route 6/E 3rd Street (Church) property. The property has been vacant for years and is off the tax role and we need to get it back on the tax role. Discussion of an appraisal of the property was held. The Village will need to have the property appraised. Ms. Ernst mentioned that the property has been declared as surplus property and once the appraisal value is determined if someone wants to purchase the land they would pay 80% of the appraised value. Trustee Engstrom asked if the Dyer's have settled their debt with the Village on this project?

Ms. Ernst stated no Mr. Dyer still owes the debt to the Village. Ms. Ernst informed the Board that the Village has placed a lien on other property in the Village that Mr. Dyer owns. Trustee Engstrom reminded the staff that the lien needs to be updated every year. Ms. Ernst will follow up on this issue.

Trustee Stickell read in a report from last month about the W. 15th Avenue lift station and the upkeep/alarms due to items being flushed. Ms. Ernst reported that many types of non-flushable items are being flushed and the items are getting caught up in the propellers which in turn causes clogging and then alarms go off at the lift station. Trustee Stickell asked if this is happening after hours and incurring overtime? Ms. Ernst reported that the alarms have triggered 10 times within a 2 week period. Some alarms occur during office hours and some alarms occur after office hours. The Public Works crew reacts quickly to the alarms in order to avoid a sewer back up in someone's home. Ms. Ernst is trying to inform the residents about this situation by posting on the Village facebook, Village website and with an article in an upcoming Village newsletter.

Trustee Stickell also wanted to check on the swimming pool inspections. The last Village administration discussed having the inspector go out every Spring and check the pools that open (new and existing) to make sure the resident is in compliance with all swimming pool ordinances. Trustee Stickell asked if this is being done? Ms. Ernst responded that our new inspector is doing a great job and is working closely with individuals installing new pools and as far as the existing pools Ms. Ernst stated that Mr. Blunt will check on them as time permits. Discussion was held on making sure Chad has the homeowners permission to check on the pool and surrounding area.

C. Police, Public Works & Admin

Chief Chick informed everyone that the car thieves are getting closer to our area. Milan and Coyne Center have reported issues of this nature. The Chief has ordered his officers to notify residents if the officer notices their garage door open in the late evening hours and ask them to close it. The Chief will also put an article in the newsletter pertaining to the thefts.

Ms. Ernst stated the Garrison Road and Lift Station items were discussed earlier this evening.

Ms. Ernst reported that she asked Penny to provide a Treasurer's Report on a monthly basis to keep everyone updated on the budget. Also, to let everyone know, Penny is starting to meet with department heads to begin work on the upcoming budget.

Ms. Ernst informed the Board that the Village has switched over to a new formatted website. The Web Guild changed the website over to the new version today. Ms. Ernst is asking everyone to be patient during this transition.

Ms. Ernst reached out to the Coal Valley Township and Road and Bridge entities to ask for a 50/50 share on the cost for the summer park program. Both entities have agreed to pay a portion and a commitment has been received from the Coal Valley Lions Club as well. Once the program has ended the Village will send all 3 entities copies of the paid invoices and they will in turn submit their payments to the Village. Everyone contributing is

concerned with children/education and keeping the children busy during the summer months.

7. Unfinished Business There is none.

8. New Business

A. 1st Reading Amending Ordinance Title IX, Chapter 4 – Meter Charges

Ms. Ernst explained that this amendment is to hold residents responsible for the cost of replacing a water meter if negligence is shown to be the cause of why the meter is no longer operational. Discussion was held. The Trustees will review this amendment and the 2nd reading will be placed on the agenda for the June 7th meeting.

B. 1st Reading Amending Ordinance Title VII, Chapter 1 – Garbage and Refuse, Sec. 7 Rates, Billing, Payments and Delinquent Bills

Ms. Ernst explained that this amendment removes the “snowbirds” from stopping and starting their garbage fees during the winter months. We are having more issues with residents coming back to town and not letting us know they are back for a few months and receiving garbage pick up and not being billed for it. Ms. Ernst mentioned that we catch them once we start to see water usage at their residence. Trustee Engstrom thought a card is completed when someone is gone for a few months and they put their leave and return date on the card. It was determined there are not cards for the “snowbirds” to complete. Trustee Bain suggests requiring the residents to give a return date and if something causes the date to change the resident can let the Village know otherwise we will start their garbage service back up on the date they provide to us. Village resident Don Pearson mentioned that the garbage fees are on the water/sewer bill and if they dis-connect their water for those months wouldn't the charges come back on for water, sewer and garbage when they need water turned back on? Ms. Ernst and Trustee Engstrom responded that most residents do not turn their water/sewer off while out of town because there are shut off/turn on fees associated with that. Discussion was held. This Ordinance amendment will be brought back for a 2nd reading on June 7th and a return date will be added to the language. Ms. Ernst asked the Board if they were ok with striking the language that is in the red ink? They were ok with deleting the language in the red ink.

C. 1st Reading Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Village of Coal Valley, Rock Island

Ms. Ernst reported that an individual wants a parcel of property located in Rock Island County annexed into the Village of Coal Valley. The property is currently zoned R-1 and they want it to be zoned B-1 so it is going to go before the Planning and Zoning Board June 28th. If the Village Board would approve the annexation with the contingency of the Coal Valley Planning and Zoning Board recommendation/approval then we can bring it back to the July 5th meeting for approval. Village resident Jim VanQuathem asked if this property is on a well or will they be requesting to hook up to Village water? Ms. Ernst responded that they are on a well and they have no plans at this time to ask for a hook up to Village water. Trustee Engstrom did report that there is a water line right at the edge of the property. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Trustee Engstrom to approve the annexation of territory to the Village of Coal Valley with the contingency of approval/recommendation of the Coal Valley Planning and Zoning Board. A second to the motion was given by Trustee Bain. Roll Call: Ayes-Bain, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell. Ayes 4, motion carried.

D. Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Stickell to pay the bills presented for payment. A second to the motion was given by Trustee Engstrom. Roll Call: Ayes: Bain, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell. Ayes 4, motion carried

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Crowe to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Trustee Engstrom. Ayes 4, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk