

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 Bartels.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Bartels, Dale Keppy, Stan Engstrom, Brue Crowe, Kevin Stickell, Jake Hoyt.  
Absent: Adam Bain.

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mayor Bartels has a correction to the minutes. On page one the second paragraph under the Mayor's report should read that Tammy Buller is interested in being on the committee and replacing the word "but" with the word "and".

Trustee Stickell made a motion to approve the minute of the Regular Board meeting held December 6, 2017 as amended and the Executive Session held December 6, 2017. Trustee Crowe gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments There were no public comments.

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

- A. President-Mayor Bartels reported on the meeting held last week with the R.I. County Forest Preserve on the water main extension being ran up to the zoo and beyond to Well #4. There was very positive feedback. The Forest Preserve committee voted to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Coal Valley on this project. The County Forest Preserve committee has placed the issue on their January meeting for further discussion. The Village of Coal Valley will place the Intergovernmental Agreement on a future agenda as well.

Mayor Bartels brought up the issue discussed at the last meeting about trying to go paperless for the meetings and using the projector perhaps. The Board room was re-

arranged to have the Board members all facing the projector but the format did not flow well. Discussion was held. The Mayor stated we will try the paperless method beginning with January and will see how it goes.

The Mayor next held up a sign from the City of Rock Island that is used in Rock Island's Broadway District. Mayor Bartels would like to see something similar in the Village downtown area. Discussion was held. The Mayor met with Scottie Parsons and Ron Ristau who have historical documents relating to Coal Valley and they can help with finding the old name of the streets and other details as well. The Board likes the sign idea. The Mayor would like approval to proceed with advertising for donations to purchase the signs and the Public Works crew can put them up. The Trustees gave their approval to proceed with the sign project.

- B. Trustees -Trustee Keppy drove to Oakwood Drive to check on the new home starts out there. Trustee Keppy spoke with a gentleman from Eller Construction and the home they are working on is a family from the Iowa side of the river coming over to Illinois/Coal Valley. Trustee Keppy is glad to see movement in this direction.

Trustee Keppy mentioned that the shouse agreement is good news.

Trustee Keppy stated that part of a Trustee's job it to know what the payables are. Trustee Keppy noticed a purchase of water on a Menard's bill and has been informed that there is a pop/vending fund separate from the Village accounts for purchases like this. Normally purchases for water, pop and coffee are paid with cash out of this account. A ledger book is kept showing a detail of the funds. The Public Works employees were at Menard's purchasing other items and we asked them to purchase some packs of water. The pop/vending fund will make a deposit into the general fund to pay the Village back for the water. Discussion was held. In the future the money from the pop/vending fund will be used for the purchase of the water/pop/coffee to avoid any confusion with payables.

Police, Public Works and Admin-Chief Chick has nothing to report this evening.

Ms. Ernst is aware that Walt Blackard is staging some trailers on the front portion of the trailer park and Ms. Ernst has talked to Walt about this. It is an attractive nuisance. Ms. Ernst will approach Mr. Blackard after the first of the year to have that area taken care of and cleaned up.

Ms. Ernst informed the Board that two candidates were interviewed today for the inspector/property maintenance position and there is another interview scheduled for tomorrow. There were more applicants than the last time the position was open. The interviews are going good.

Ms. Ernst let the Board know the portable hydraulic jack is leaking. This is the jack used in pulling the pumps. If we have the jack sent for repairs we will be without a portable jack. Ms. Ernst stated the Village might need to purchase a portable jack in the future. We have received bids of \$8,200.00 and \$8,400.00 for a new jack. Discussion was held. Ms. Ernst feels the current jack is near the end of its useful life.

Ms. Mullen has nothing to report this evening.

7. Unfinished Business  
None.

8. New Business

A. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2017.

Trustee Keppy does not see the re-cap sheet in the printed documents (it was visible on the Friday email). Same packet that was scanned was used to make paper copies (not sure what happened). Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Trustee Hoyt to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2017. Trustee Engstrom provided a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

B. Payment of Bills

The bills for payment were reviewed by the Board.

Trustee Stickell asked about the Uniform Den invoice and was it just for one pair of pants. Chief Chick responded that it was for a pair of pants and two handcuff cases.

A motion was made by Trustee Stickell to pay the bills presented. Trustee Keppy offered a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Trustee Engstrom made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel. Trustee Keppy gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Trustee Stickell motioned to return to the Regular Board meeting. Trustee Hoyt offered a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

C. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Stickell to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Trustee Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger, Village Clerk