

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY March 16, 2016**

**Held March 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm, in the Board Chambers in Village Hall,
Coal Valley, Illinois**

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 6:00 pm by Village President Emil Maslanka.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dick Stone, Dale Keppy, Mike Bartels, Dave Timmons, Bruce Crowe,
Kathy Cornish

Absent:

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Staff present at the meeting were: Stephen Mullen – Director of Water and Sanitary Sewer, Ryan Hamerlinck – Director of Streets and Parks, Penny Woods – Assistant Village Administrator, Sandy Standefer – Administrative Assistant, Amber Dennis – Village Clerk and Jack Chick - Chief of Police.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Dick Stone to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016, Village Board meeting with corrections. Kathy Cornish seconded, all ayes motion was carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

Brooke Hendrickx spoke to the Board stating the importance of the potential water infrastructure rate increase. Mrs. Hendrickx gave an example that new car interest rates are zero percent, but a lot of people still can't afford the payments. She urged the Board to be aware of how the \$20.00 monthly increase could put the Village and residents at risk of a deficit.

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

A. President – Mayor Maslanka stated that he and Bill Phares, Village Attorney, had a meeting with the Forest Preserve District for Niabi Zoo. Mr. Phares is drafting an agreement for the Niabi Zoo annexation. Mayor Maslanka stated that with the annexation, it will be easier for residences that surround the Zoo to annex into the Village.

Mayor Maslanka stated that he spoke with a representative at the Illinois EPA office regarding the status of the water project. The loan application has gone through a compliance review and a field office review with no problem. A permit review is

ongoing. After that review is completed, the project manager will then conduct his review.

- B. Trustees – Dale Keppy asked what the status was on property maintenance regarding Jack & Jill. Mayor Maslanka stated that the owner of Jack & Jill, Tony Struyk sent a letter to the Village asking for an extension, and clarification of repairs. Mayor Maslanka stated that he sent a letter in response stating that he would grant an extension if Mr. Struyk would meet with the Mayor and Tony Fairchild, building inspector, in person. Mr. Struyk has not made any attempt to meet. Mayor Maslanka stated that if he hasn't heard from Mr. Struyk and no repairs have been made then he will be assessed an ordinance violation.

Dale Keppy asked about receivables from Don Dyer. Penny Woods explained that she spoke with an attorney, and he had tried to serve him papers, but was unable to get ahold of him. The server is going to try and serve the papers again this week.

Sandy Standefer stated that she sent Greg Dyer a certified property maintenance letter this month, and it came back to the Village undeliverable. Mrs. Standefer stated that she sent it back out today with a Process Server to hand deliver the notice. Bruce Crowe asked to put a Notice of Violation on the property.

- C. Staff – Ryan Hamerlinck stated that a resident spoke to him regarding a hole that was found on East 17th Ave and East 3rd Street. Mr. Hamerlinck thinks that there may be a rusted pipe that has a separation from the catch basin, and has made a hollow spot. Mr. Hamerlinck stated that he will be digging that out to get a better look and report back.

7. Unfinished Business

A. 1st Reading 2016-2017 Water Rate Ordinance –

Penny Woods stated that the rates that were voted on last meeting were an increase in the connection fee (\$.50) and usage fee (\$1.00/per 1000 gallons used). Mrs. Woods stated that the infrastructure rates were taken out. Dale Keppy made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 water rate ordinance and wave the second reading. Dick Stone Seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion Carried.

B. 2nd Reading Amending Building Regulations Ordinance

Penny Woods stated that this ordinance would change the contractor registration to a calendar year. The current contractors will be able to renew at a prorated fee if they paid till April 30, 2016. Dave Timmons made a motion to approve the Building Regulations Ordinance. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion Carried.

C. Fiber Optic Line Agreement – Geneseo Communications

Penny Woods stated that she spoke with Matt Storm with Geneseo Communications, and they have decided to run the fiber optic line on the MidAmerican poles to get around the \$1.50/per foot charge that the ordinance requires. Mrs. Woods and the

Mayor went over the ordinance and it states the \$1.50/per foot charge is required on both above and below ground wiring. Mr. Storm asked if the Board would entertain the idea of a one-time permit fee of \$6000. Mayor Maslanka stated that there have been exceptions in the past for contractors bringing cable and telephone to the Village. Chief Chick stated that Mr. Storm made a comment that Geneseo Communications will get ahold of the FCC to get approval to be exempt from any charge. Mr. Bartels stated that he does not like the way that Geneseo Communications is trying to go around paying the fees. Chief Chick stated that the fiber optic line will be here in the future, and it could possibly help the Village eventually when the body cameras are enforced. Mr. Storm previously stated that he could also make an agreement with the Village for \$100/month to use the fiber optic internet. Dave Timmons stated that he would like to see a proposal from Geneseo Communications that the Board could use to make a decision. Mayor Maslanka stated that he and Mrs. Woods will plan to meet with Geneseo Communications and discuss a possible agreement. Bruce Crowe made a motion to table the fiber optic agreement. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion Carried.

8. New Business

A. Employee Handbook–

Mayor Maslanka asked the Board for permission to let Attorney, Art Eggers, update a new employee handbook at a \$2000 flat rate. All Board members supported this.

B. Part Time Police Officer

Chief Jack Chick stated that he would like to add two part-time officers to the Police Department to alleviate a portion of the overtime that the current officers are working. Chief Chick stated that if he were to have had part-time officers last year, he would have saved \$4000 in overtime that was paid. The part-time officers would work on an as needed basis, and at least one shift a month. The officers would be provided a shirt, pair of pants, and they would supply their own weapons. Chief Chick stated that the officers that he is looking at are Village residents. Kathy Cornish made a motion to approve hiring two part-time police officers. Bruce Crowe seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion Carried.

C. Benefits for Village Clerk

Mayor Maslanka stated that he would like board action on the benefits for the Village Clerk. Mayor Maslanka got two opinions from two different attorneys, one attorney stated that they see no problem with granting the benefits without the current handbook and then adding it when the new handbook is written, the other stated to wait on the new handbook. Mayor Maslanka stated that it would be called a permanent part time position. Kathy Cornish stated that she agreed with going forward. Bruce Crowe stated that he would rather wait until the handbook reflects the benefits. Bruce Crowe made a motion to approve benefits for Village Clerk subject to the updated handbook. Dave Timmons, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; abstained, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; nay. Motion passed.

D. Dell Poweredge T320 Active Directory Server-

Sandy Standefer spoke with Mitch Bergeson who is the Village's representative at Advanced Business Systems. Mr. Bergeson suggested to Mrs. Standefer that the Village should look into a new commercial server. Mrs. Standefer stated that the current server is from 2003. With new updates in body cameras for the Police Department more storage will be needed. She would like to have money put in the upcoming budget for a new server. Mrs. Standefer stated that the firewall is outdated, and she wants to make sure all the Village's information is secured. Mrs. Standefer stated that it takes two months to get a new server up and going. The price of the new server is estimated at \$13,300. Dick Stone asked Mrs. Standefer to get three bids for the new server, and a presentation from the companies that provide the server. Chief Chick stated that Taser International would be used for body cameras, but the Village would need a couple terabytes of storage for that use.

E. 203 East 23rd Avenue Old CV Maintenance Building -

Mayor Maslanka stated that some cosmetic repairs are needed at the old maintenance building, as it is in property maintenance violation currently. Mayor Maslanka asked the Trustee's what they would like to see happen with the maintenance building. Mr. Hamerlinck stated that it could be rented, sold as is, or keep it for potential economic development. Mr. Hamerlinck stated that the building will need a new roof, siding, paint, electrical update, structural update. Mike Bartels asked Mr. Hamerlinck to get bids on demolition. Mr. Crowe asked for more accurate numbers on bids to bring up to code.

F. Village Property Signage Bids

Ryan Hamerlinck stated that he got four bids for a for sale sign that will be placed at the former Nazarene church property on Route 6. Mr. Hamerlinck had two bids that included a single sided sign, and one bid for the double sided option. Mr. Hamerlinck stated that the bid from Edwards Creative is for \$160. Mayor Maslanka stated that the staff will have a sheet explaining the lot requirements, and the rest of the questions will be directed to him. Dale Keppy would like to discuss the pricing of the property in the next meeting. Bruce Crowe made a motion to accept the bid from Edwards Creative for up to \$200.00, stating that it's Village of Coal Valley property, prime location, and to call with details. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone, aye; Keppy; aye, Bartels, aye; Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion passed

G. Junior Achievement Day

Mayor Maslanka stated that he was approached regarding making a proclamation to make Thursday April 7, 2016 Junior Achievement Day. Kathy Cornish made a motion to approve the Junior Achievement Day. Mike Bartels seconded, all ayes, motion passed.

H. Draft 2016-2017 Fiscal Year to Calendar Year Budget

Dick Stone stated that he thinks there are areas that can be reduced to lessen the \$105,000 deficit. Dale Keppy stated that the revenue expectation is 17% higher.

Penny Woods stated that property tax is set, telecommunication tax varies, utility tax varies, and state taxes come off of the IML booklet and are prefigured. Dale Keppy and Kathy Cornish stated that they would meet with Mrs. Woods to get a better look at the budget. Dale Keppy stated that the administrative and police department looks generous, and streets and water are very low. Stephen Mullen stated that he is trying to bring the lift station pumps cost, but doesn't have the concrete figures yet. Mike Bartels asked if he could see copies of the previous reserves.

I. Payment of the Bills

Dick Stone asked what the purchase was for batteries for \$324.65. Chief Chick stated that they are the batteries for the Police Department's portable radios. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Kathy Cornish seconded, roll call: Stone, aye; Keppy; aye, Bartels, aye; Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion passed.

9. Adjournment

Dick Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Crowe seconded, all ayes, motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Dennis
Village Clerk