

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2016 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: Dick Stone, Dale Keppy, Mike Bartels, Dave Timmons, Kathy Cornish

Absent: Bruce Crowe

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, Amber Dennis -Village Clerk and Clint Whitney-Police Sergeant.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held October 5, 2016, Kathy Cornish offered a second to the motion, all ayes motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments None

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

A. President– First order of business this evening is the introduction of Deanna Hulliger. Deanna worked part-time for the Village from 1998-2005 as the Village Clerk and has 18 years of experience in Municipal Government with the City of Silvis. Sandy Standefer is retiring in February 2017 and Amber Dennis is in training for that position and Ms. Hulliger will assume the position of Village Clerk/Accounting Assistant. With the board's concurrence Mayor Maslanka swore in Deanna Hulliger as the new Village Clerk.

Mayor next updated the board on the water project. Talked with the State technician/representative and the State will have an environmental summary done this week. After the summary is complete the Mayor will take time for public comments and will contact Timber Ridge and Forest View. There is also another small subdivision near Oakwood that has shown an interest in the water project. There is a meeting at 3:30 tomorrow to discuss this.

Mayor reported on the parking survey's that were mailed out. We have received approximately 45 completed forms back from the 200-300 that were sent out. The residents are being given until the end of October to submit them. The trustees asked about the returning comments and the Mayor advised that a report on the impact will be given in November. From comments and calls it shows a positive outlook from the residents that the Village is researching the parking issue.

- B. Trustees – Dick Stone inquired about the violations we are trying to resolve at the Jack and Jill property. Ms. Ernst responded that the certified letters sent to the property owner have been refused, so this issue and another property issue will be on the agenda at the MUNICES meeting November 15, 2016.

Dale Keppy mentioned that the Coal Valley sign on the East end of the Village looks as if it has been damaged. Ms. Ernst will have Ryan take a look at this.

- C. Staff – Ms. Ernst reported on the public works activities. The seal coat project is complete and the machine has been returned. Work is being done on the culvert on W. 6th Street and the State of Illinois is working on the ditches. Hydrants are being flushed. There are approximately 260 of them and they each take about 20 minutes to flush. Valves are also being turned and there are about 175-200 of these throughout the village. Tony has been working with Ms. Ernst on property maintenance issues.

Ms. Ernst pointed out the Gabelmann letter included in tonight's documents and the fact the auditors were here in June and now they have filed an extension giving them until the end of the year to file the annual report for the village and this is not acceptable. Ms. Ernst recommends that the Village acquire another auditing firm for next year.

Ms. Ernst noted that an amendment to the water/sewer ordinance will be talked of later as well as the tax levy ordinance. Ms. Ernst let the trustees know that she is performing a review of the Village ordinances as this has not been done for many years and at future board meetings she will have ordinances for the board to review.

Sergeant Whitney informed the trustees that the intruder drill performed at Bicentennial went well.

7. Unfinished Business None

8. New Business

A. 1st Reading Amending the Water/Sewer Ordinance -

Ms. Ernst explained that the water/sewer/garbage bills are due the 10th of the month and once they become past due we send notice giving residents 20 days to pay and from the 11th until the date they pay more charges have accrued and we are asking with this ordinance revision that the residents pay all charges to date. Hopefully this will encourage the residents to become pro-active and pay on time. It was asked how many delinquent bills there are each month and Ms. Ernst stated between 40 and 60 on a monthly basis.

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to waive the second reading and approve the amendment of the Water/Sewer Ordinance. Dale Keppy gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Cornish. Absent: Crowe. Ayes 5, motion carried.

B. 1st Reading Amending the Tax Levy Ordinance

Ms. Ernst reported that there is a tax levy spreadsheet included with tonight's paperwork for review. There was an EAV increase of 1.23%. Ms. Ernst is recommending not to raise the Coal Valley portion of the Levy. Discussion was held on how Rock Island County prepares their figures, there are changes in the EAV and other variables that cause the Counties figures to change slightly from what the Village submits. Ms. Ernst also mentioned that this is the 4th consecutive year of Coal Valley not raising their Levy.

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to waive the second reading and approve the amendment to the Tax Levy Ordinance. Dave Timmons gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Cornish. Absent: Crowe. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Dale Keppy asked about the ordinance in the packet tonight regarding the \$2,000,000 GO Bond Ordinance. It was explained that the Village needs to submit this ordinance to Rock Island and Henry Counties stating the Coal Valley is not levying taxes to pay the bond. This is something that is done yearly along with the Tax Levy passage.

C. Payment of the Bills –

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to pay the bills presented for payment. A second to the motion was given by Kathy Cornish. Roll Call: Ayes: Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Cornish. Absent: Crowe. Ayes 5, motion carried.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kathy Cornish to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Mike Bartels. Ayes 5, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk