

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS OF VILLAGE HALL**  
**COAL VALLEY, ILLINOIS**  
(revised and approved 3-15-17)

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, Kathy Cornish, Bruce Crowe.

Absent: Dick Stone.

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Maslanka.

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

A motion was made by Mike Bartels to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held February 1, 2017 and the Special Meeting held February 1, 2017. Bruce Crowe offered a second to the motion, all ayes motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

Mayor Maslanka turned the service award presentation over to Chief Chick.

Police Chief Jack Chick presented five year service award plaques to Sergeant Tim Krebs and Officer Paul Whitenack Jr. for their dedicated service to the Coal Valley Police Department. The Chief stated that these are two very valuable employees and we are blessed to have them on the Department. The audience gave the officers a round of applause.

The Mayor stated he will now open the floor to public comments. The Mayor is going to invoke the the Ordinance and each speaker will have 3 minutes to make a comment. The Board will listen to comments but it will not be a back and forth discussion.

Attorney Jeff McDaniel from Rock Island and Coal Valley residents Jim VanQuathem, Brian Petersen, Bob Boyum, Drue Mielke, Greg Mosley, Ron Ristau, Laura Ritchie, Kevin Stickell, Adam Oliver, Brooke Hendricks, Brad Scott, Deb VanQuathem, Kevin Cook, Don Pearson and Joe DeGrauwe all gave their opinions on the Water Infrastructure Project and a few other issues for the Board to hear. Trustee Mike Bartels addressed the audience at one point stating we have projects that need done but we need to prioritize and budget for the projects on an as needed basis. We also need to remind ourselves that we are a population of 3,700 not 40,000. Trustee Bartels wants to go on record that he (Mike) has voted no consistently for two years against the entire scope of the Water Project. The Mayor did respond to one question from the audience tonight. The question from Deb VanQuathem of what happened to the 3 million dollars in reserves? Mayor Maslanka stated that the previous administration did not approve spending money on projects that needed worked on, so this administration had to use some of the reserves to complete items within the Village that needed taken care of.

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

A. President– Mayor Maslanka talked of the meeting held with the City of Moline on February 15, 2017. There were 7 different proposals offered by Moline. The City of Moline asked the Village of Coal Valley for some additional information to help them firm up their proposals. We are working to provide that additional information to Moline. The City of Moline toured The Village water facilities to have a better understanding of the equipment and operation Coal Valley currently has. We will have another working session with Moline once Moline has had time to compile the documents were are providing to them. Trustee Mike Bartels stressed to the Board that we are here to serve the residents of Coal Valley. Mike Bartels suggested that if the numbers look favorable then we should do a referendum to the residents and let them decide if they want Moline water or not. Trustee Dale Keppy added that we have two proposals out there and timing is critical to this process. Trustee Keppy also mentioned we should not consider the water project until the IEPA public notice results are complete. The findings need to be available for public comment. Trustee Kathy Cornish thanked the public for coming tonight and for the public’s engagement at the Board meeting. Trustee Cornish stated “the residents here tonight have made it clear that the Board needs to work together with the residents and work for the residents.”

Mayor Maslanka announced to the Board that due to personal issues with an ill family member the Mayor has officially withdrawn his candidacy for President/Mayor in the upcoming election.

B. Trustees – Trustee Dave Timmons spoke in regards to abstaining from the Water Project vote a few meetings ago. Trustee Timmons asked the Village Attorney William Phares for assistance on this matter. The reply from Attorney Phares is according to case law in Illinois suggests that, “as long as the particular local improvement is handled financially in a manner similar to prior local improvements, the trustee may validly vote on the improvement because the trustee’s position is no different from all others affected by the ordinance.” Now Trustee Timmons knows he is not forced to abstain and will move forward with the letter from Attorney Phares.

Trustee Dale Keppy asked what is done now that we have received public comment from the Categorical Inclusion document? Ms. Ernst explained that Chad Rice has reviewed the public comments and will provide the Village with a report summarizing the findings and once we receive that report the Village will post it to the website.

Trustee Dale Keppy questioned the \$5,500.00 from the Library/Municipal Fund. Ms. Woods explained that account is set up for the Library to pay \$5,500.00 twice a year for maintenance costs for the Municipal building.

C. Staff—Ms. Ernst explained that the final two Ordinance revisions are on tonight’s agenda.

Ms. Ernst also reported that she is working with the City of Moline on the intergovernmental south slope sewer agreement.

Ms. Ernst attended a soil erosion session and learned that the EPA will be doing inspections on MS4 (Municipal Separate Sanitary Sewer Systems).

It was announced by Ms. Ernst that the Village of Coal Valley Building Inspector, Tony Fairchild, has submitted his resignation. Mr. Fairchild is in the audience tonight and Ms. Ernst thanked Tony for his five years of service to the Village.

Ms. Woods informed the Board that the business that was leasing the offices in the back section of the Municipal building have moved out. This will drop the revenue of the budget down by \$8,000.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Ms. Woods also wanted everyone to be aware that on this month’s water/sewer/garbage bill the service fees on the bill had always been combined (\$12.00) but now they will show separately as a water service fee of \$6.00 and a sewer service fee of \$6.00 making it easier to track those amounts.

Police Chief Jack Chick informed everyone that on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. the Coal Valley Police Department will conduct their next meet and greet with the Village residents. It hopes to be an interesting event. The Police Department will be demonstrating “use of force” tactics. The Department would like a good turnout of residents at the event to show everyone the day to day operations of the Coal Valley Police Department.

Chief Chick also mentioned that the Traffic Ordinance on the agenda tonight needs to be updated with some additional language for School zone drop off/pick up areas. The current description is vague. The Chief is working with Bicentennial School and Principal Eldridge on this Ordinance revision.

7. Unfinished Business

A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/approval of Title IX Street, Public Ways and Public Property Ordinance

A motion was made by Trustee Timmons to approve Title IX Street, Public Ways and Public Property Ordinance. Mike Bartels gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried.

8. New Business

A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Title X Traffic Ordinance

Trustee Timmons made a motion to table this Ordinance until the Police Chief has had time to make the revisions needed. A second to the motion was given by Trustee Bartels. Ayes 5, motion carried.

B. Approval of Ordinance to enter into a TIF Development Agreement with VYV Development Corporation

Ms. Ernst explained that at the last Board meeting this TIF Development Agreement was approved by the Board and this is the same agreement in Ordinance form to approve for our files. If the Board would waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approve tonight it would be appreciated. Trustee Keppy asked if the garage on the property is going to be renovated? Keppy does not see that listed in the Ordinance. Ms. Ernst responded that nothing has changed from the documents we went through at the last Board meeting and yes they plan to renovate the garage and either burn or tear down the trailer on the property. And Ms. Ernst reminded the Board that the Village will only make a payout after the work is completed, pay for performance.

A motion was made by Trustee Bartels to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approve the Ordinance to enter into a TIF Development Agreement with VYV Development Corporation. Trustee Timmons gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Trustee Keppy thanked the Village residents for their input. Trustee Keppy also thanked Tony Fairchild for his years of service with the Village. Then Trustee Keppy mentioned having a closed session at the March 15, 2017 meeting to discuss personnel issues. Ms. Ernst will get with Keppy on this request. Trustee Keppy questioned the payment to Ehlers. Ms. Ernst explained that Ehlers is working on the amendment to TIF #1 and Ehlers has also prepared a worksheet to assist in the setup of TIF projects.

C. Payment of Bills –

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

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Bartels to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Crowe. Ayes 5, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger  
Village Clerk  
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