

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 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 Emil Maslanka.

2. Roll Call

Present: Emil Maslanka, Dick Stone, Dale Keppy, Mike Bartels, Bruce Crowe, Kathy Cornish.

Absent: Dave Timmons

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 and Deanna Hulliger-Village Clerk.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A few revisions need to be made prior to the approval of the minutes. Trustee Keppy stated that Item 6 (A) where Dale Keppy’s sentence starts—we should not push the EPA, change to we should not consider the water project until the IEPA public notice results are complete. Also further down in that same paragraph Trustee Cornish’s quote should start with “the” and not “he”. Trustee Bartels would like some revisions to the public comments paragraph changing one part to read we have projects that need done but we need to prioritize and budget for the projects on an as needed basis. Also, the statement in that same paragraph about the water project being tabled, he did not make that comment and would like it removed. Another item that was left out of this same paragraph was Mike Bartels asking to go on record stating he has voted no consistently for two years against the entire scope of the water project. And Item 6 (A) when Mike talked about a referendum he was talking about the City of Moline water proposal and it should state 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. The Clerk noted that all of these corrections will be made to the minutes of March 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Trustee Cornish to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 1, 2017 as revised. Trustee Bartels offered a second to the motion, Ayes 5 motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

The Mayor opened the floor to public comments.

Village residents Greg Mosely, Don Pearson, Kathy Mosely, Jim VanQuathem, Joe DeGrauwe and Deb VanQuathem all gave their public 3 minute presentation to the Board. The discussion was mainly on the Water Infrastructure Project with some concerns also regarding Village spending and Village employees.

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

A. President—Mayor Maslanka reported that he received the Categorical Exclusion summary and public comments back from the EPA late yesterday. There were four public statements submitted to the EPA that the Village needs to respond to. Mayor Maslanka has not had time to thoroughly look at the documents.

Mayor Maslanka also mentioned that the City of Moline has seven different proposals for Coal Valley to review on Moline’s offer to provide water to the Village. It is premature to go forward on the Water Infrastructure Project until we have a decision on the City of Moline offer. So at this time we will put a hold or table the Water Infrastructure Project until more research and discussion is done with the City of Moline and their proposals for providing the Village of Coal Valley with water.

B. Trustees—Trustee Keppy had mentioned a few months ago that the population sign coming into Coal Valley at the East end of US #6 has been damaged and needs repaired and has not been taken care of yet. Ms. Ernst responded the population sign is on a State right-of-way and therefore is the State’s responsibility to repair. A call to the State has already been made and Ms. Ernst will follow up on this.

Trustee Keppy has a paper in front of him with a new Village logo letterhead and asked why has this been changed? Ms. Ernst reported that this letterhead is a temporary fix until we can get the coal miner emblem cleaned up. Ms. Ernst has talked with Drue Mielke and Mr. Mielke has been able to clean up the coal miner emblem. Trustee Bartels does not like the new Village logo letterhead.

C. Staff—Ms. Ernst reported that Chief Chick responded to a call shortly before tonight’s meeting began and therefore is not in attendance.

Ms. Ernst next stated that Ehler’s, our TIF Consultants, have developed a TIF Amendment Area Study and we will discuss the Study at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Ernst informed the Board we have received three applications for the Building Inspector position and Ms. Ernst will set up interviews for next week.

At this time Ms. Ernst has no new information to report on the Jack and Jill property.

Ms. Ernst reminded everyone what Mayor Maslanka mentioned earlier this evening, the Water Infrastructure Project is on hold and there will be no further spending while the project is on hold.

7. Unfinished Business None

8. New Business

A. 1st Reading Title X Traffic Ordinance

Ms. Ernst explained to the Board that all changes requested by the Trustees have been updated and Chief Chick's review and revisions with the School on loading and unloading issues have been corrected and are included in the Ordinance provided tonight. This will be considered a first reading and will be placed on the agenda for passage at the next Board meeting.

B. Proclamations Junior Achievement Day-April 6, 2017.

Mayor Maslanka stated that The Junior Achievement Organization would like April 6, 2017 declared locally by all communities as Junior Achievement Day. This is something that is requested yearly.

A motion was made by Trustee Stone and a second was given by Trustee Crowe to acknowledge April 6, 2017 as Junior Achievement Day. Ayes 5, motion carried.

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 Stone. Roll Call: Ayes: Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Crowe, Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Cornish to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Bartels. Ayes 5, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk