

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS OF VILLAGE HALL
COAL VALLEY, ILLINOIS
Revised and approved 05/03/2017**

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, Dave Timmons and Kathy Cornish.

Absent: Bruce Crowe.

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Maslanka.

Staff present at the meeting: Annette Ernst–Village Administrator, Deanna Hulliger-Village Clerk, and Jack Chick-Police Chief.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Bartels to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held April 5, 2017. Trustee Stone 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 and there were no public comments..

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

A. President–Mayor Maslanka reported on the meeting that he, Annette Ernst, and Mike Bartels had on April 18, 2017 with Patrick Eikenberry and Greg Ryckaert from Missman, Inc. Three alternatives were developed for the Missman invoices. 1) pay Missman zero dollars. 2) pay Missman for their work performed from December 16 until January 19th (which was the date the Mayor asked them to stop work on the project). That amount totals \$7,256.55. 3) put the invoice on hold and pay from it if and when any portions of the Infrastructure Project re-surface. Trustee Keppy asked the Mayor if the \$7,256.55 amount would satisfy the \$118,800.00 Missman invoiced amount? Discussion was held. The

board will review and this item will be placed under old business on the May 3rd agenda so the current board members can vote on the Missman invoices.

- B. Trustees –Trustee Keppy mentioned a document received from Attorneys in Rock Island regarding training for the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act for elected officials. Ms. Ernst replied that she is confident that the on-line training the Village employees and board take every year will provide the same benefit.

Trustee Keppy next informed the board that he and his wife will be on a 16 day European trip in May and will be absent from both board meetings in May.

Trustee Keppy thanked Trustee Cornish for her years of service on the board and Dale will always remember Kathy as the “hug it out” Trustee.

Trustee Keppy thanked Trustee Stone for his years of service on the board and Dale will always remember Dick as the “I can buy a computer cheaper” Trustee.

Trustee Keppy thanked the Mayor for the tireless work performed, especially during the time when there was no Administrator.

Trustee Cornish commented that being a Trustee has been ten times harder than she thought it would be. It has been an honor and a joy to work with everyone. Kathy expressed her love for Coal Valley. Trustee Cornish thanked Mayor Maslanka and wished Mayor Bartels the best.

Staff –Ms. Ernst reported that she received a call earlier today from Dr. Chet Lien, CEO of Arrowhead Ranch. The Arrowhead Ranch board has asked Ms. Ernst to become a Trustee on their board. Ms. Ernst will meet with them next Tuesday to prepare for the Trustee position.

Police Chief Jack Chick mentioned that the Police Department has posted a statement on their facebook page reminding everyone to lock your vehicles and do not leave keys in the vehicle or hide the key fab in the vehicle. There have been six vehicles stolen in the County overnight.

7. Unfinished Business None.

8. New Business

- A. Proposal for Tax Increment Financing Consulting Services from Ehlers & Associates, Inc.

Ms. Ernst stated that the project started back in January and Ms. Ernst proceeded to review the proposal with the Board. Ms. Ernst informed the Board that on page 9 in the task/fee schedule Phase I actual cost is \$10,000.00 and the Village has paid Ehlers for a portion of Phase I so this makes the total for the entire project \$26,500.00. Discussion of the contract was held. There are concerns regarding residential area’s in the TIF, elevation issues and the area mapped out for the TIF needs to be larger. Village resident Don Pearson asked if paying the Consultants the \$18,000.00 is necessary? Can the Village do the work themselves? Ms. Ernst reported that with her 10 years of economic development

experience her past employer used a consultant also. Trustee Bartels feels we need to make an amendment to the TIF properties, review and bring back to the Board again.

A motion was made by Trustee Bartels to table the proposal for TIF consulting services from Ehlers & Associates, Inc. Trustee Stone offered a second to the motion. Ayes 5, motion carried.

B. Discussion of the 8th Avenue Drainage Project.

Nancy Spratt has talked to the Board about her dis-pleasure with the 8th Avenue drainage issue. Trustee Bartels stated that he met with Ms. Ernst, Ms. Spratt and the Village public works employees at the 8th Avenue site. It looks as though a swail or small ditch needs to be installed in the area that is weeping according to Trustee Bartels. Ms. Ernst asked if the Board would like to put a cost not to exceed ? on this project. Trustee Bartels stated that we are a few months away from doing any work in that area, we need to let the ground dry up as much as possible. Discussion was held. Trustee Bartels stated the expense should not be large (around \$1,000.00) due to the fact that not much can be done to that area. Ms. Spratt mentioned that the 2 ft. deep by 1 ft. wide trench that was there previously worked for a few years. Neighbors are concerned with grass, weeds and children playing in the area. An audience member questioned a tree on the hill, will that get to stay? All of the work will be in the ravine area, .nothing on the hill will be worked on. The work most likely be done with a hand shovel not large excavation equipment stated Trustee Bartels.

C. Payment of Bills

Trustee Stone asked if the sewer bill from Moline is comparable to the bill from this time period last year. Ms. Ernst responded yes, it is very comparable to last years figure.

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, Timmons, Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Trustee Stone made a motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Trustee Cornish gave a second to the motion. Ayes 5, motion carried. Time 6:35 P.M.

Before the Board went into the Executive Session the newspaper reporter, Sarah Hayden, informed the Board that this was her last Village of Coal Valley meeting to report on. The reporter replacing Sarah will be Gerold Shelton. Sarah stated she might see us in the future if she ever fills in for Gerold. Sarah thanked the Board for working with her over the past five years.

Trustee Stone made a motion to reconvene into the regular Village Board meeting. Trustee Bartels offered a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Cornish. Ayes 5.

Trustee Cornish made a motion to extend the employment of Village Administrator, Annette Ernst, the probationary period has been completed. Trustee Keppy offered a second to the motion. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Trustee Cornish made a motion to increase the salary of the Village Administrator, Annette Ernst, 2%. Trustee Keppy gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, Cornish. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Trustee Cornish made a motion to approve a \$2,000.00 performance award for Annette Ernst. Trustee Stone offered a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Stone, Keppy, Bartels, Timmons, 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 Trustee Stone. Ayes 5, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk