

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 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 Bartels.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Bartels, Trustee Bain, Trustee Keppy, Trustee Engstrom,
Trustee Crowe, Trustee Stickell, Trustee Hoyt.

Absent:

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Staff present at the meeting: Annette Ernst–Village Administrator, Penny Mullen–Assistant Village Administrator & Director of Finance, Deanna Hulliger-Village Clerk and Jack Chick-Police Chief.

Mayor Bartels reported that the payment of bills did not get listed on tonight’s agenda. Can we get a motion to place this on the agenda.

Trustee Engstrom made a motion to include the payment of bills on tonight’s agenda. Trustee Bain offered a second to the motion. Ayes 6, motion carried.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Trustee Stickell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held June 21, 2017. Trustee Keppy gave a second to the motion. Ayes 6, motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

Village resident Jim VanQuathem asked if the Board can elaborate on what will be discussed at the closed session? Mayor Bartels stated nothing further can be given other than what is listed on the agenda.

Brad Baltzell is here tonight to ask for the Boards approval to set off fireworks. Jason Peterson was not able to be at the meeting. Fireworks are being requested for Oakwood’s 50 anniversary event July 29, 2017 and then again out at Oakwood on December 29, 2017 for Tudi’s Tribe. Mr. Baltzell explained that the same pyrotechnic company for the past 4 years. The Board discussed the requests and have no issues and they may proceed with the fireworks displays.

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

- A. President—Mayor Bartels thanked Trustee Engstrom for acting as Mayor Pro Tem at the last Board meeting.

Next Mayor Bartels is appreciative that Jake Hoyt has accepted the newest Trustee position and led a round of applause for Mr. Hoyt.

The Mayor wants to get the Boards opinion on having a working session to discuss the upcoming Budget and Capital Improvement projects. Discussion was held. The working session will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

- B. Trustees –

Trustee Keppy discussed the float for the Valley Days parade this Saturday, July 8th. Trustee Keppy reminded everyone that a preparation session will be tomorrow night, 6:00 P.M. at the Keppy residence. Anyone interested in riding on the float we will be gathering at the Village Hall about 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

Trustee Keppy would like to know what the pylons/cones at E. 17th Avenue/1st Street are set for? Ms. Ernst reported that we need to have that underground area televised and then place some cold patch on it and place this project on the sewer relining program that we will be talking of during budget reviews. Trustee Engstrom stated there is probably a hole in the culvert and once it is televised a determination of how to proceed can be made.

Trustee Keppy reported that he attended the auction for the Glen Rohm property and there was a minimum bid of \$10,000.00 per acre and there were no bids reaching that minimum so the property did not sell.

Trustee Engstrom mentioned that the Village needs to get a “property for sale” sign placed down at the E. 3rd Street/Route 6 parcel.

Trustee Stickell was reviewing the Department Head reports and there was the E. 8th Avenue and E. 5th Street drainage project on the report and while Trustee Stickell was out on his bike he rode to that area and walked around and talked with some of the residents. The neighbors affected by the drainage issue would like to meet with Annette. Trustee Stickell stated there was pitting in that area, debris on Nancy Spratt’s yard and Les Murray is concerned with the grass in that area. Mayor Bartels explained the project in that area to update the new Trustee’s and the public in the audience. Darrel Peck in the audience introduced himself and he is a resident in the area with the drainage issue. Mr. Peck says the flat areas are much drier now. Trees were discussed and how certain specimens will soak up water. Trustee Engstrom mentioned the Village wants to work with the homeowners not against them. Further discussion was held. Village resident and former Inspector Tony Fairchild was in the audience and reminded everyone there is a list of trees not allowed in the Village and to check that list prior to any planting.

C. Police, Public Works and Admin

Ms. Mullen asked the Board if they would approve of Blackhawk State Bank in the Valley selling yard waste stickers? It would be convenient and the bank is open on Saturdays for those residents working during the week. The Board does not see a problem with having the local bank sell yard waste stickers.

Ms. Ernst is organizing an informational TIF meeting and will be inviting the business owners and residents that would be involved in the TIF expansion area. Ms. Ernst would like to know if the Board is okay with Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. This is fine with the Board and Ms. Ernst will send out the meeting notices tomorrow.

Ms. Ernst reported that the Garrison Road ditch/seal coat projects are moving along. Tri-City Blacktop and H. Coopman Trucking are working together and will begin working in the area during the 2nd or 3rd week of the month.

Ms. Ernst informed everyone that Senator Neil Anderson will be in the Village meeting room tomorrow, July 6, 2017 from 9:00-11:00.

Ms. Ernst mentioned that all of the staff reports are included in the Board packet tonight.

Trustee Keppy asked about the paragraph in the administrator report regarding the Beehive software? Ms. Ernst replied that a few years ago the Village signed a contract with Beehive for water/sewer inventory software and it has not been utilized for the \$8,000.00 yearly cost to subscribe. We are terminating the contract and paying them for one more month of service at \$666.66 and they will provide us with our current information in a format of our choice. The Village will be looking into the ARC/GIS.

Trustee Stickell asked about the alley vacate item in the administrator report. Ms. Ernst explained some property purchased by Pieter Hanson down close to Mulligan's has an alley and Mr. Hanson would like it vacated. There is an application and processing fee to vacate an alley and Mr. Hanson has not completed either item yet.

Trustee Stickell Thanked Annette Ernst for having the quick link for the Village ordinances put on the website, it is very useful.

Police Chief Jack Chick reported it was a quiet weekend. The Valley Days carnival is in town and is being set up now. Chief Chick will be meeting with Valley Days committee on Thursday to finalize some items. The Chief was advised that the Fallen Angels motorcycle club has announced their participation in the Valley Days parade. There will be 150-200 motorcycles in attendance. The Valley Days festivities begin Friday at 5:00 P.M. Chief Chick reported that the Valley Days chairman, Scottie Parsons, has informed everyone that this will be his last year as chairman. Mr. Parsons has been involved for 33 years and is ready to pass it along.

7. Unfinished Business None

8. New Business

A. 1st Reading of the Prevailing Wage Ordinance

This is a yearly approval that is required by the Illinois Department of Labor. The new prevailing wage rates have been set and were published June 5, 2017 on the Department of Labor's website. Trustee Keppy put a graph on the board showing two similar jobs with the wage scales in Rock Island and Henry Counties and the prevailing wages are so different, why is that? It was explained that every County sets their own prevailing wage scale. Further discussion was held. Ms. Ernst asked the Board if they would consider waiving the second reading and approving the Ordinance tonight so we can have the documents to the Department of Labor by the July 15, 2017 due date.

Trustee Engstrom made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Trustee Crowe gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Bain, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Nays-Keppy. Ayes 5, Nays 1, motion carried.

B. Payment of Bills

Ms. Ernst explained the large payment to VYV Development/Mulligan's. It is for payment of their eligible cost reimbursement from the TIF Redevelopment Agreement. VYV has provides receipts for the work performed and this is the 50% reimbursement to them.

Trustee Stickell questioned the bills from Watson Excavating. Watson Excavating assisted with the two water main breaks up on W. 3rd Street a few weeks ago. Further discussion was held.

A motion was made by Trustee Engstrom to pay the bills presented tonight for payment. Trustee Crowe gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Bain, Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 6, motion carried.

Trustee Engstrom made a motion to enter a closed Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Trustee Keppy gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Bain, Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 6, motion carried.

Trustee Bain made a motion to reconvene into the Regular Board meeting. A second to the motion was given by Trustee Stickell. Roll Call: Ayes-Bain, Keppy, Engstrom, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 6, motion carried.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Keppy to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Trustee Crowe. Ayes 6, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk

