

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018 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: Mike Bartels, Adam Bain, Dale Keppy, Brue Crowe, Kevin Stickell, Jake Hoyt.

Absent: Stanley Engstrom.

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Trustee Stickell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held December 20, 2017 and the minutes of the Executive Session held December 20, 2017. Trustee Hoyt gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Bain, Keppy, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments.

Mayor Bartels stated that there were many more Christmas lights throughout Coal Valley this year than in past years. Chief Chick received calls asking how to exit Jackson addition after the vehicle drivers had looked at all of the Christmas displays. Mayor Bartels then presented the award baskets to the winners of the Christmas lighting contest. The winner of the Clark Griswold display are the Farnsworth's of 133 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The winner of the Best Residential display are the Dowdal's of 805 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Each family was thanked for their hard work and wonderful displays.

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

- A. President–Mayor Bartels mentioned that at a previous Board meeting the IGA (intergovernmental agreement) for the water extension up Niabi Zoo Road past the Zoo and to Well #4 was talked of. The IGA is still being worked on and once complete will be placed on a Village Board agenda.

Mayor Bartels gave an update on the historical sign project for the downtown area. Through donations and a go fund me page, \$350.00 has been raised so far for the project.

Mayor Bartels issued a thank you and appreciation to the Public Works department for the snow plowing through the two holiday weekends. The Mayor realizes this is part of their job description but to be called away from special family time is hard to do.

- B. Trustees –Trustee Bain asked if there is an opening date for Bourbon’s Bar and Grill. Ms. Ernst stated they are hoping to open by the end of January. Mayor Bartels has seen job postings in the newspaper for their establishment so they must be getting close to opening.
- C. Police, Public Works and Admin-Chief Chick informed everyone that today a scam has been called in to a few of our Coal Valley businesses. Someone claiming to be an employee of Mid-American Energy demands the business pay their “delinquent” energy bill by phone or their utilities will be shut off. Mid-American Energy is aware of the scam.

Chief Chick reported that the holidays were okay. New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day were busy. No vehicle accidents reported. The Public Works did a great job clearing the snow. No water main breaks have been called in thankfully.

Ms. Ernst and the Mayor have been in contact with the owners of the Rails building (220 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) and they would like to be annexed into The Village of Coal Valley. The Planning and Zoning meeting in February will have this annexation on the agenda. The property is currently zoned R-1 and the Village will bring the property in as B-2. Trustee Keppy believes that Rails is currently on a septic system for sewer so will the Village be responsible for hooking them up to Village sewer? Ms. Ernst and Mayor Bartels stated no the Rails will remain on a septic system. If their septic system ever fails then sewer hook-up to the Village system will be discussed. Trustee Keppy mentioned that once the annexation takes place there will be other possible projects to the east for consideration. Trustee Keppy stated the annexation of the Rails property is good news.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

- A. Review an All-Terrain Vehicle Ordinance because of the inquiries received.

Chief Chick reviewed with the Village Board the State Statutes for neighborhood vehicles, off-road vehicles and non-highway vehicles. A lengthy discussion took place on subject matters such as noise, safety equipment, vehicle dimensions, driving speed, insurance, registration/fees. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to allow the off road vehicles to drive on Village streets. Chief Chick will develop an Ordinance for the February 7, 2018 for review and discussion.

- B. Consideration of Planning and Zoning recommendation to rezone Candlelight Mobile Home Park from an I-1, Light Industrial to an R-4, Mobile Home Park.

Ms. Ernst reported that at last week’s Planning and Zoning meeting she, Mike Bartels, Dale Keppy, and Walt Blackard were present to talk about the zoning/sale of the Candlelight Mobile Home Park. One of the contingencies to the change in ownership is having the park zoned correctly as a Mobile Home Park R-4. It can be re-zoned again at a later date if need

be. Walt Blackard is in the audience tonight and explained his reasons for selling the Mobile Home Park. Next Mr. Blackard gave some background on the interested buyer. If this sale goes through, Walt will put the other 3 properties in that area up for sale approximately 30 days after the closing. Discussion between Mr. Blackard and the Board took place. Trustee Keppy is happy for Walt and wishes him success. Walt Blackard thanked the Village of Coal Valley for working with him on issues that arose over the years in the Mobile Home Park.

A motion was made by Trustee Crowe to re-zone the Candlelight Mobile Home Park from an I-1, Light Industrial to an R-4, Mobile Home Park. Trustee Hoyt offered a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Keppy, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Abstain-Bain. Ayes 4, Abstain 1, motion carried.

#### C. Payment of Bills

The bills for payment were reviewed by the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Stickell to pay the bills presented. Trustee Keppy offered a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Bain, Keppy, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Ms. Ernst asked the Board to please check their Village email account and empty them frequently so there is room for additional documents we send out. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Trustee Stickell made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss personnel. Trustee Hoyt gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Bain, Keppy, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Trustee Hoyt motioned to return to the Regular Board meeting. Trustee Stickell offered a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes- Bain, Keppy, Crowe, Stickell, Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Mayor Bartels stated the closed session was to discuss/approve the Police FOP Labor Council contract.

A motion was made by Trustee Hoyt to approve the Coal Valley FOP contract. Trustee Crowe gave a second to the motion. Roll Call: Ayes-Bain, Keppy, Crowe, Hoyt. Nays-Stickell. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, Motion carried.

#### D. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Stickell to adjourn tonight's board meeting. A second was given by Trustee Hoyt. Ayes 5, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger, Village Clerk