

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY March 4, 2015**

**Held March 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm, in the Board Chambers in Village Hall,  
Coal Valley, Illinois**

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:08 pm by Village President Emil Maslanka.

II. Roll Call

Present: Dick Stone, Dale Keppy, Emil Maslanka, Rick Lasek, Mark Saelens,  
Bruce Crowe, Kathy Cornish

Absent:

III. Establishment of a Quorum

Quorum present.

Others present at the meeting were: Penny Woods, Director of Finance & Acting Administrator, Ryan Hamerlinck; Director of Roads & Parks, Mark Poulos; Chief of Police.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Kathy Cornish to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 Committee of the Whole and Village Board meeting, Bruce Crowe seconded, all ayes motion was carried.

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

- Village President – Emil Maslanka stated that he has been having discussions with Tom Rockwell Coal Valley Township trustee has been given the authority to work out an agreement for the backhoe and maintenance garage. Today March 4, 2015 Village President Maslanka gave Mr. Rockwell two draft agreements for his consideration and once Mr. Rockwell gets back with Village President Maslanka, they will be presented to the board. Village President Maslanka stated that the application deadline for the Village Administrator position is closing March 18, 2015 and asked the board members for input on what info they would like. Dick stone stated that he is only interested in seeing the qualified candidates. Mike Bartels and Rick Lasek stated that they would like to see all applications to be fair to all applicants. Mark Saelens said that he would rather see the qualified picked by the Village President and Administrator. Kathy Cornish stated that she could go through all resumes. Village President Maslanka stated that he could organize all of the applicants into three categories - qualified applicants, possibly qualified and under qualified. Bruce Crowe liked the idea of categorizing. Village President Maslanka would also like the board members to come up with leading questions for the applicant interviews.

- Trustees – Rick Lasek stated that he is hesitant to provide Country Style owner Kent Kindelsperger any money upfront because the plans Mr. Kindelsperger previously had failed early on. Kathy Cornish stated that Mr. Kindelsperger should provide his own funds to start the project. Mrs. Cornish said that she is not certain that there is enough room to build on that parcel.
- Staff – Penny Woods stated that there was no newsletter for the month of March, but there should be one for April. Mrs. Woods also stated that she signed a new contract with AT&T for the Village Phones service. The only change to the contract was that the line charge went from \$17.00 per line to \$23.00 per line.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

Discuss Refinancing Bond with Bernardi Securities

Penny Woods stated that the credit rating for the Village is AA – and the bonds have already been sold. The closing date is set for March 26, 2015 and the Village got it at 2.1% interest and saved \$46,500 over the term of the bonds.

Review 2015-2016 Draft Budget

Penny Woods stated that the budget has been updated with new revenue information, expenses, new bank information, the market study percent and new dental insurance rates.

VII. New Business

Approve Asbestos Removal Bid for Nazarene Church & Parsonage Bid with EMSI, Inc.

Rick Lasek made a motion to approve the asbestos removal bid for the Nazarene Church & Parsonage with EMSI, Inc, Bruce Crowe seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy, aye; Rick Lasek, aye; Mark Saelens, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye, motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading on Amending Water/Sewer/Permits/Connections/Rate Ordinances

No discussion

Approve Office Space Lease with KLD Associates, Inc.

Rick Lasek made a motion to approve office space lease with KLD Associates, Inc. Kathy Cornish seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy, aye; Rick Lasek, aye; Mark Saelens, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye, motion passed.

Approve Well #3 Lease with Speed Connect LLC.

Bruce Crowe made a motion to approve well #3 lease with Speed Connect LLC with the amendments discussed, Dale Keppy seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy,

aye; Rick Lasek, aye; Mark Saelens, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye, motion passed.

#### Approve Temporary Road/Approach for Salt Bin

Ryan Hamerlinck stated that the lowest bid he has received so far is from Miller Excavating at \$20,000. Mr. Hamerlinck is asking for permission to be allowed \$20,000 for the first phase to get on a contractors schedule to start preparing. Mr. Hamerlinck stated that Valley Construction had a similar bid. Rick Lasek asked that Ryan Hamerlinck get three bids, then the board can vote on the bids at the next meeting.

#### Approve Market Study Route 6 & Route 150

Rick Lasek asked if the Board was shown what the different companies would do. Village President Maslanka showed Trustee Lasek the stack of all the studies and stated that him and the Administrator reviewed all of the studies, called references and brought a summary to the board. Trustee Lasek stated that he feels he doesn't have enough information or an indication of what will be done. Village President Maslanka stated that the Village will provide all the studies and each of the members can come check them out and research them before the next meeting. Rick Lasek made a motion to table the approval until each member can go through the studies and see what they provide. Mark Saelens seconded, all ayes motion to table was carried.

#### Retirement of Doug Jacquin and appoint Justin Dennis as new Plumbing Inspector

Village President Maslanka stated that Doug Jacquin the current Plumbing Inspector will be retiring and recommended replacing himself with Justin Dennis as the new Inspector.

#### State Direction on Approval of Plumbing Ordinances Process Including Inspector

Penny Woods stated that there are changes occurring with the state mandating that plumbing inspectors are required to hold a state certification. Justin Dennis will take the state certification on March 18, 2015 and will then take over as the Plumbing Inspector April 1, 2015. Mrs. Woods stated that she will have a cake and small party for Doug Jacquin at the April meeting. Mrs. Woods stated that she ordered two new plumbing code books for the office.

#### Review and Approval for Payment of the Bills

Chief Poulos asked for an amendment for the payment of the bills, as he is going to an Illinois Chiefs of Police class on the use of deadly force and would like Village President Maslanka to attend with him for \$95.00, the funds would come out of the Police budget. Dale Keppy asked if we could add a letter to some of the bills that are late due to no quorum from the past meetings. Village President Maslanka asked the Board if they would like to make a policy to allow payment of certain types of bills in the future. Rick Lasek stated that it is a pain that the Village will have to feel and going forward to make sure everyone is present.

Kathy Cornish made a motion to approve the payment of the bills with the Chief's request of an extra \$95.00 for Village President Maslanka to accompany him at a class, Rick Lasek Seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy, aye; Rick Lasek, aye; Mark Saelens, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye, motion passed.

VII. For the Good of the Village – 6 Minute Public Comments

Rick Lasek asked Ryan Hamerlinck if he thinks there will be any problems with melting snow with the warmer temperatures. Mr. Hamerlinck stated that he will go around and open catch basins and keep an eye out for any water pooling. There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dick Stone and seconded by Kathy Cornish to adjourn, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Dennis  
Village Clerk