

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY June 17, 2015**

**Held June 17, 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 7:00 pm by Village President Emil Maslanka.

II. Roll Call

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

Absent:

III. Establishment of a Quorum

Quorum present.

Others present at the meeting were: Alan Wilson; Village Administrator, Penny Woods; Director of Finance, Stephen Mullen; Director of Water & Sanitary Sewer, Mark Poulos; Chief of Police.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Kathy Cornish to approve the minutes of the on June 3, 2015, Village Board meeting with amendments made, Dick Stone seconded, all ayes motion was carried.

V. Comments from the public

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

Dale Keppy stated that the church property looks good. Alan Wilson stated that Coopman Excavating will come back in when the weather dries out to put finish dirt in and seed it. Penny Woods stated that she spoke with Don Dyer to get him into the Village Hall to pay the asbestos invoice and to mow the property. Dale Keppy stated that Walt Blackard's property is also overgrown with weeds.

Alan Wilson stated that the sanitary sewer flow chart was complete and he compared it to Moline's flow chart. Both flow meter charts were pretty close to the same in comparison. Mike Bartels asked if the Village is planning on metering other manholes. Stephen Mullen stated he was planning on moving the flow meter to other locations to try to isolate any problem areas. As of right now the meter is located in front of the Moline lift station.

Penny Woods stated that the office staff completed training for online bill pay this week and everything is on target to start excepting online payments as of July 1, 2015.

Chief Poulos stated that he had a couple thank you letters that came in for the department. One letter came from the bus company thanking Lieutenant Jack Chick for making sure no cars passed the school bus that was letting the kids off at a local day care. The second letter was for Officer Whitenack that came with cookies.

Alan Wilson stated that he spoke with IDOT this week and starting July 7, 2015 the interchange at US Rt 6 and IL Rt 84 near Colona will be closed for 90 calendar days.

VII. Unfinished Business

Discuss Long Term Capital Improvement Project List -

Alan Wilson stated that he updated the long term capital improvement list. Mr. Wilson stated that the first three projects are the ones Missman did some work on, which included the water main replacement along route 150 and 1st Street, the 12 inch water main on Niabi Zoo Road and Water Tower at Well #4. Mike Bartels asked if there was an order of importance for projects. Mr. Wilson stated that the Board has to vote on how they want to prioritize each project. Dick Stone made a recommendation to put the long term capital improvement project list on the Committee of the Whole agenda in August for discussion.

Approve life Insurance Benefit Plan for Village Employees

Alan Wilson proposed approving \$25,000 term life insurance for all full-time Village employees. Mr. Wilson stated that he communicated with most of the surrounding municipalities. Most of them offered their employees life insurance at no cost to the employee. Dale Keppy made a motion to approve the \$25,000 term life insurance for full-time Village employees. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, Aye; Dale Keppy, aye; Mike Bartels, aye; Dave Timmons, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye. All ayes motion passed

Approve Bid to Perform Marketing, Housing and Streetscape Study-

Alan Wilson stated that he recommends the Board approve the market study that looks at economic development opportunities, housing and streetscaping in the Village, and award the contract for the study to Development Strategies and Confluence. Mr. Wilson stated that he called all the references listed and they all gave great reviews and were very satisfied with their studies. Mr. Wilson stated that the total cost will be \$45,620 and TIF will cover 75% of that \$45,620. Mike Bartels asked how long a study is like that good for. Mr. Wilson stated that it usually last 5-10 years. Mr. Wilson stated that a study like this is a road map to know where to concentrate project efforts. Dick Stone stated that the study will only give generic recommendations. Mr. Wilson stated that they helped grow other communities that completed the market study. Resident Mary Jean asked if there was a possibility of putting a grocery store or a Walgreens where the church property was. Mary Jean also asked if the property behind the bank was able to be torn

down. Mr. Wilson stated that it's a private piece of property that's for sale. Mr. Wilson stated that the study could drive the Village in a direction for a development deal, but a study is needed to support the possibility. Dale Keppy stated that he thinks it's a tool to give to the new Administrator and that it is a great way to use TIF funds. Mr. Keppy also stated that it would be a good investment. Kathy Cornish made a motion to approve the market study proposal going with Development Strategies and Confluence in the amount of \$45,620. Dale Keppy seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, abstained; Dale Keppy, aye; Mike Bartels, nay; Dave Timmons, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye. Motion passed.

VIII. New Business

Present Certificate of Recognition for Community Service to Jennifer Schnell

Alan Wilson presented Jennifer Schnell with a Community Service award for her job as a teacher who works with disabled children, and that specifically worked with a young man for the last three years who just graduated. Ms. Schnell stated that she loves her job and that each student is a gift to her. She thanked everyone for the certificate.

Approve Bid for 8th Ave Drainage Improvement project

Alan Wilson stated that he held a town hall meeting last fall to let the residents in the East 8th Street area know the plans for the drainage project. Mr. Wilson stated that one resident will have to lose several trees that were planted in the drainage easement. This project will get the storm water flowing properly and draining so that it will not turn into a swamp. Mr. Wilson recommended using Miller Trucking and Excavating for the project as they had the lowest bid of \$61,888.50. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve Miller Trucking and Excavating for the 8th avenue drainage improvement project for the amount of \$61,888.50. Dick Stone seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy, aye; Mike Bartels, aye; Dave Timmons, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye. All ayes motion passed

Approve Assistant Village Administrator

Alan Wilson stated that when he takes vacations and throughout the years he has relied on Penny Woods to do various Village Administrator tasks. Mr. Wilson asked to approve the title of Assistant Village Administrator for Penny Woods. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve the title of Assistant Village Administrator to Penny Woods. Bruce Crowe seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy, aye; Mike Bartels, aye; Dave Timmons, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye. All ayes motion passed

Approve Village Administrator Selection

Mayor Emil Maslanka stated that he would like to get the board's approval of hiring Allen May as the new Village Administrator starting June 29, 2015. Mr. May has extensive experience in municipal government as well as consulting. Kathy Cornish thanked Alan Wilson for his years of service. Kathy Cornish Made a motion to approve Allen May as the new administrator. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy, aye; Mike Bartels, aye; Dave Timmons, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye. All ayes motion passed

Review and Approval for Payment of Bills

Dick Stone made a motion to approve the bills, Kathy Cornish seconded, roll call, Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy, aye; Mike Bartels, aye; Dave Timmons, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye, motion passed.

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

Don Pearson asked if there are ways to have the storm water collect into a pond or another location so that it doesn't run through the Moline meter. Stephen Mullen stated that there is no storm sewers tied in to the sanitary sewer and that the storm rain runs into creeks and rivers, but it is infiltrating into the sanitary sewer system.

Kathy Cornish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Bartels seconded, all ayes motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Dennis
Village Clerk