

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY September 2, 2015**

**Held September 2, 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: None

III. Establishment of a Quorum

Quorum present.

Others present at the meeting were: Allen May - Village Administrator, Stephen Mullen – Director of Water and Sanitary Sewer, Penny Woods – Assistant Village Administrator and Mark Poulos - Chief of Police.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Bruce Crowe to approve the minutes with corrections for the August 19, 2015, Village Board meeting. Kathy Cornish seconded, all ayes motion was carried.

V. Comments from the public

Kathy Cornish – Request for blocking off 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from West 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue on September 19, 2015 block party. Mrs. Cornish stated that she is hosting a neighborhood party and is expecting 80-90 guests. She asking for the Board to approve her request to block the street off from 4pm-9pm. The chief stated that he sees no problem with this as emergency vehicles can easily get around this area. All ayes motion passed.

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

Mayor Maslanka stated that he is preparing a draft performance evaluation for Allen May. Mayor Maslanka will bring it to the Board for their input as well.

Dave Timmons asked that the Pledge of Allegiance be said at the beginning of every board meeting. All members thought that this would be a good idea. Mayor Maslanka stated that it will be added to the next agenda.

Dick Stone asked how many residents received a mailed letter regarding the sump pump ordinance. Mr. May explained that two dozen were mailed out and they were selective to the ones that had a hose directly leading to the road or sidewalk. Mayor Maslanka stated that the newsletter will also include the information.

Mike Bartels thanked the Police Department especially Officer Whitenak who helped the resident who had a house fire last month. He explained his gratitude to all Village Staff as well.

Allen May stated that he received a tentative notice from Rock Island County of the assessed valuation that is \$64,912,758.00. The valuation has gone down &68,691 from last year.

Mr. May also created a proposed policy on change orders and included it in the packet. The policy would allow the Mayor and Administrator the authority to accept change orders in the middle of a project without consulting the Board for an approval if it happens between board meetings. Mr. May stated that it would keep the contractor on the job site and save money by not pulling the crew and equipment off the job to wait on Board approval. Mr. Stone asked if there should be a monetary or percentage as a limitation. Mr. May stated that there is always unknown conditions and would be hesitant to make a percentage. Mayor Maslanka stated that an option could be that the change order could not surpass the budgeted amount of the project that was passed by the Board.

Mr. May stated that Confluence who is working on the market study will be here in the next couple weeks so that we can move forward.

Penny Woods stated that the asbestos removal from the church and parsonage house that had been paid by the Village and owner Don Dyer was supposed to reimburse did not happen. The Payment that Mr. Dyer supplied the Village with came back as non-sufficient funds. Mrs. Woods then contacted the Village Attorney Bill Phares who will be going to court to collect. Mrs. Woods put a non-work order on the house as well. The total amount was \$6,900 that was in default.

Stephen Mullen stated that the Stanley Engstrom park sign is up.

## VII. Unfinished Business

### Approve Long Term Capital Improvement Project List –

Dave Timmons made a motion to approve the Long Term Capital Improvement Project list. Dale Keppy seconded, all ayes motion was passed.

## VIII. New Business

### Approve Amending the Prevailing Wage Ordinance–

Dick Stone made a motion to wave the second reading and vote since it is state mandated. Dave Timmons seconded, all trustees were in favor motion passed.

Approve Change Order on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Drainage Project for \$7,300 –

Bruce Crowe made a motion to accept the change order on the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project for \$7,300. Kathy Cornish seconded, roll call: Dick Stone, aye; Dale Keppy, nay; Mike Bartels, aye; Dave Timmons, aye; Bruce Crowe, aye; Kathy Cornish, aye. One nay, five ayes motion passed.

Approve Various Street Project Bids –

Bruce Crowe asked what the engineers bid was for the street project. Mr. May stated that it was \$85,000. Bruce Crowe made a motion to accept the bid from TriCity Blacktop for \$64,843.50. 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

Mayor Maslanka asked how the Board would like to address change orders. Bruce Crowe stated that he did not want to do anything with a change order at this time. Dave Timmons would like to see what other towns are doing with this circumstance.

Discuss No Parking on Side of Street with Fire Hydrants–

Bruce Crowe stated that Mr. May will come back with a map to show all changes. Mr. Timmons stated that he can make a better decision seeing a map.

Approve Premium Only Plan –

Mike Bartels made a motion to approve the Premium Only Plan for \$125.00. Dave Timmons 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 of the Bills

Dick Stone asked about the purchase of a new computer. Mrs. Woods stated that it was for Tony Fairchild because his computer would not support any of the software needed to look up ordinances, word, excel, etc. Dale Keppy asked what was paid for the market study, Mr. May explained that they sent an invoice for specific hours and times for staff members. Dale Keppy made a motion to accept the payment of 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. All ayes motion passed

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

Don Pearson expressed his sympathies to Mike Bartels on the loss of his grandfather.

Kathy Cornish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dick Stone seconded, all ayes motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Dennis  
Village Clerk