

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY October 21, 2015**

**Held October 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm, in the Board Chambers in Village Hall,
Coal Valley, Illinois**

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President Emil Maslanka.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dick Stone, Mike Bartels, Dave Timmons, Bruce Crowe, Kathy Cornish

Absent: Dale Keppy

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Staff present at the meeting were: Allen May - Village Administrator, Ryan Hamerlinck – Director of Streets and Parks, Penny Woods – Assistant Village Administrator, Amber Dennis – Village Clerk and Jack Chick - Interim Chief of Police.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Dick Stone to approve the minutes for the October 7, 2015, Village Board meeting. Mike Bartels seconded, all ayes motion was carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

A. Scott Parsons – Requesting Permission to have a neighborhood Halloween Party on Saturday October 31, 2015 – Mr. Parsons approached the board and asked for permission to block the road off between his house and his neighbors to make a Halloween display. The hours that the road would be blocked off would be 3:00pm – 11:00pm. All trustees were in agreement to allow Mr. Parsons to block the road off between the 2100-2200 block of East 6th Street.

B. Presentation of 5 Year Service Award to Penny Woods – Allen May presented Penny Woods with a plaque and thanked her for her hard work and quality service she has provided to the Village of Coal Valley.

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

A. President – Mayor Maslanka thanked Mike Bartels for filling in for him at the past meeting while he was on vacation.

B. Trustees – No comment

C. Staff – Allen May stated that the market study survey is on the website and encouraged everyone to go and take it. The results of the market survey will be reviewed in one week. The church parsonage was moved and block work was complete. There is a court date set for November 6, 2015 regarding the litigation between The Village of Coal Valley and Don Dyer. The total amount due to the

Village is \$6,099 and with legal costs it comes to \$9,632. The church property was donated to Don Dyer's son Greg Dyer, therefore no lien can be put on the property.

Penny Woods stated that the new website is up and running. Dick Stone asked if a search option can be incorporated. Mr. May will ask if that option can be added.

Mrs. Woods stated that there has been a lot of activity on the Payment Services Network website. Residents are taking advantage of the electronic payment option.

Ryan Hamerlinck stated that he has been working on patching two street holes in Oak View Estates. The engineering cost is \$6900 and the Village will have another cost of approximately \$2500. Mr. Hamerlinck said that the salt bin road is complete and they will be moving salt in the next week or so. The existing salt will be split 50/50 between the Village and the Township, and any salt ordered in the future will be purchased separately.

Interim Chief Jack Chick stated that the new squad car was delivered again today, but he sent it back due to damages he noticed to the rear bumper area. The car was sent back to the dealer, Curry Motors, and Interim Chief Jack Chick will be in contact with them this week.

7. Unfinished Business

A. 2014-2015 Final Audit –

Bill Gablemann with Galblemann and Associates handed out the final audit information booklet. Mr. Gablemann explained that on page one the 1 and 42 were the only pages that had substantial changes. Mr. Gablemann stated that there were 5 pages of journal entries that need to be entered into the accounting system. He said that representation letters were signed. Mr. Gablemann will get the TIF audit next week, along with the Treasurer's report. The final step is the county reporting and then Gablemann and Associates will get it submitted to the county. Dick stone made a motion to accept the audit as finalized. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish aye. Motion carried.

B. 2016 Tax Levy –

Allen May stated that he would like to table the tax levy until the next meeting to get additional information from other cities to bring forth to the board. Mr. Stone gave the Mayor an additional sheet with his thoughts on the tax levy. Dick Stone made a motion to table the 2016 tax levy until the next meeting. Dave Timmons seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

8. New Business

A. Update of Police Garage Expenditures–

Allen May apologized for any confusion regarding the garage expenditures, and explained that the first estimate identified only building materials from the previous year

for the Police garage. The original estimate did not include removal of the old concrete slab, the footings that were from an old building that was previously on that land, the electrical, plumbing and the increased cost of building materials. The staff has learned a lesson in this process, as all ideas need to be incorporated into the estimate. Dick Stone is concerned with two heaters and a water heater being installed and stated that the garage is being “gold plated”. Tony Fairchild stated that he went to Connor Company and they recommended putting two 45,000 BTU heaters in the garage because it would be more efficient than one single heater that would be over worked and burn-up faster. Mr. Fairchild wanted to clarify that the garage is not a car wash facility, it is only planned to use the water heater to wash the squad cars off after snow and ice have built up on them in the winter time. Ryan Hamerlinck stated that the heater alone will not get the ice and snow off the squad cars when the officers are changing shifts, they will need to use the hot water to de-ice the cars. Mr. Fairchild stated that the water heater cost is \$497.00. Mr. Fairchild stated that when construction started on the garage they found several footings in the ground that was an oversight, and at that point you have to keep going forward. The final cost for the garage will be \$82,407.11. Bruce Crowe stated that the communication was lost in the process and take that as the lesson to learn from going forward. Mayor Maslanka asked what the board’s pleasure is for the vote. Kathy Cornish made a motion to approve the garage expenditures of \$82,407.11. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone, abstain; Bartels, aye; Timmons, aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion passed

9. Review and Approval of the Bills

Dick Stone asked if a couple line items were for sewage costs. Penny woods stated that the line items were for sewer services. Mike Bartels made a motion to accept the payment of the bills. Dick Stone seconded, roll call: Stone, aye; Bartels, aye; Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion passed

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

Kathy Cornish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dick Stone seconded, all ayes, motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Dennis
Village Clerk