

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

**Held November 4, 2015 at 6:00 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 6:00 pm by Village President Emil Maslanka.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent:

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Staff present at the meeting were: Allen May - Village Administrator, Stephen Mullen – Director of Water and Sanitary Sewer, 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 Kathy Cornish to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2015, Village Board meeting. Dick Stone seconded, all ayes motion was carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

A. Lions Club Annual Christmas Basket Donation – Larry Holland, Vice President of the Coal Valley Lions Club asked for a donation for their annual Christmas basket that helps children in the area. Penny Woods stated that the Village gave the Lions Club \$250.00 last year for the basket. Bruce Crowe made a motion to approve a donation of \$250.00 for the Lions Club Christmas basket. Kathy Cornish seconded, roll call: Keppy; aye, Stone; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye, motion passed.

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

A. President – Mayor Maslanka stated that he sent the Trustees a performance evaluation for the Village Administrator, Allen May, and will be finalizing it.

B. Trustees – Dale Keppy asked what the situation was with Don Dyer’s property. Penny Woods stated that the Court will be going after Mr. Dyer to get reimbursed for the asbestos removal. No lien can be placed on the Coal Valley property because it

was gifted to Mr. Dyer's son. Mrs. Woods explained that a lien will be placed on Mr. Dyer's personal property and his rental properties in Iowa.

Mr. Keppy asked what the nature of the meeting was about with the company who completed the market study. Mr. May explained that it was to go over the survey that was sent out. Mr. May said that initially there were only 88 surveys complete, but after the survey was sent out in an email and on the website that 251 were complete. So far the results show that 33% of residents would like to have a pharmacy, 52% would like a grocery store, 87% would like a farmers market and 38% would like more single family homes. Mr. May stated that the survey's will still be accepted for the next couple weeks.

- C. Staff – Allen May stated that he has received the applications for the Chief of Police position and will interview six applicants.

Interim Chief Jack Chick stated that there was a great turn out for Halloween and the new squad car was delivered and looks great.

Stephen Mullen stated that Hoerr Construction will start sewer relining on Monday.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Update/Changes Regarding No Parking Signs with Recommendations from CV Fire Chief Dunham – Chief Dunham was unable to be present, so this will be moved to the next meeting. Dave Timmons made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. Bruce Crowe seconded, all ayes. Motion carried.

- B. 2016 Tax Levy –

Allen May stated that he presented all information to the trustees and wanted to convey that the money is not needed for any shortfall that the Village has. It is simply identified from a financial and development standpoint as well as a fiscal responsibility standpoint. Mr. May stated that raising the taxes is a resource that will help the budget. The tax increase would be estimated at \$1.00 - \$2.00 for a \$4,000 tax statement. Mr. May said that according to the 2014-2015 treasurer's report Coal Valley's tax rate is the third lowest in Rock Island County and there are only two other locations that are less than that, which are Oak Grove and Reynolds, Illinois. Mr. May asked the trustee's to support increasing the tax levy by 4.99%.

Dick Stone stated that when increasing taxes the residents need to be considered, and he's concerned with the water rates increasing yearly that the Village will be asking too much from the residents and is not going to support an increase in the tax levy. Dale Keppy stated that he supports the levy increase because he's concerned that the Village could start a backward trend with the EAV dropping. Kathy Cornish stated that she agrees with Mr. Keppy and that there are continued discrepancies with the bills from Moline and not finding the infiltration problems and doesn't want to fall behind. Mayor Maslanka stated that you have to think of all the rates that will be increased and all possibilities have to be taken into consideration for the tax payer. Mike Bartels stated that he does not support the tax increase and wants to know if it is possible to give up the trustee's compensation of approximately \$9,500 per year to offset the tax increase. Bruce Crowe stated that he thinks the Village can forego this

year and look at it again next year. Mike Bartels asked that giving up the trustee's compensation be put on the next agenda. Dick Stone made a motion to freeze the tax levy at the current rate. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; nay, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; nay, motion passed.

8. New Business

A. Pay Estimate #1 for Miller Trucking & Excavating for 8th Ave Drainage Project–

Mr. May stated that this is for the work on the 8th Ave drainage project and a change order for that. The first pay estimate is \$70,307.13. Dick Stone made a motion to approve the \$70,307.13 for the first pay estimate to pay Miller Trucking. Dale Keppy seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion carried.

B. Pay Estimate #2 & Final Request for Approval Change of Plans for Final Quantities

Dick Stone made a motion to approve the second and final pay request. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion carried.

C. Police Garage Gutter Bids

Allen May stated that there were three bids for gutters for the Police Garage. The bids were from Quad City Seamless Gutters (\$1034.50), L&L Guttering Service Inc. (\$980.00) and Dan Hanell Construction Inc. (\$1020.00). Mr. May stated that the staff review was to request to award the bid to Dan Hanell Construction Inc. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve Dan Hanell Construction Inc. bid of \$1,020.00. Kathy Cornish seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish: aye. Motion carried.

D. 1st Reading Changing Fiscal Year to Calendar Year Ordinance

Allen May took a look at this and stated other communities around us have changed their fiscal year to calendar year and would like to do the same. Changing the fiscal year to calendar year was approved through legal and the budget would have to run for 21 months, which is May of 2016 through December 2017, so the new calendar year would start January 2018. Dick Stone would rather do a nine month budget and start the new calendar year January 2017. Mr. May stated that staff could not efficiently get the budget and audits completed in a timely manner with only a nine month budget. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve the 21 month budget and change to the calendar year. Bruce Crowe, seconded, roll call; Stone; nay, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish aye. Motion carried.

E. 1st Reading Amending Sign Ordinance

Mr. May met with the Planning and Zoning and identified changes within the sign ordinance. Some of the changes are that flags cannot be higher than (5) feet above a building in the zoning district and must be separated from any other flag by (50) feet. An allowance was made for temporary signs (i.e. real estate signs, election signs, and private property signs). A subdivision sign has been incorporated but will need to be removed when (80) percent of the lots are sold. A message type sign with animated illumination has been added with regulations on the illumination between sun rise and sunset. Kathy Cornish asked if section G is prohibiting welcome home signs or school support signs. Mr. May stated that those types of signs are allowed on private property. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve amending the sign ordinance and wave the second reading. Dick Stone seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish aye. Motion carried.

F. Police Report

Interim Chief Jack Chick explained that a change at Munices will take place with the way that ordinance violation fines are written.

G. Public Works Report

Stephen Mullen stated that he was not able to add any more pipe for the job with Hoerr Construction due to some other costs that came up while doing the sewer relining.

H. Payment of Bills

Dale Keppy asked what the payment arrangement was for Development Strategies. Mr. May stated that this would be the second payment with the total being \$12,252.55 and it has to be paid within 30 days. Bruce Crowe made a motion to accept the payment of the bills. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone, aye; Keppy; aye, Bartels, aye; Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion passed

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

Mary Wilson stated that there was a man that sat behind her in the meeting and could not hear anything that was being said and left. A recommendation was made to install an audio visual system. Mike Bartels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Cornish seconded, all ayes, motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Dennis
Village Clerk