

by Quimby to waive the three tickets. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0. President Rightnowar asked the Finance committee to consider amending ordinance to have even/odd parking during snow removal times.

Administration:

Shafala barber shop request: The request had been posted for the Jan 11, 2010 meeting. However under new Village policy the request must go to the Administration Committee for further review. A motion was made by Zangs, 2nd by Campbell to continue the request to the Administration Committee meeting on Jan. 25th and then to the Feb. 8th, 2010 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Schumacher Pre-annexation agreement: President Rightnowar met with Mayor Breteton to discuss the boundary agreement and EPA issues. These issues need to be addressed before moving forward with the pre-annexation. A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Stetter to continue consideration of the agreement to the Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 8, 2010. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Class A Liquor Licenses: Ordinance 778 amends the ordinance regulating the sale of alcoholic liquor, section 2-2-7 by adding the following sections, 2-2-7-H and 2-2-7-I concerning the number of persons allowed in the establishment and the fines for exceeding the occupancy number allowed by the Fire Protection District 3. A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Stetter to approve Ordinance 778. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Planting of trees on Hill Street: Trustee Stetter showed the Board where on Hill Street that the Beautification Committee wanted to plant trees. Some clarification is needed to identify ownership of the property on the south side of Hill Street where it curves northwest. The committee has 23 trees available for planting, Maples, Oaks and Linden. A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Zangs to authorize the planting of the trees at the discretion of the committee. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Good of the Village:

Administration Committee Meeting – January 25, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

Labor Relations Committee – January 18, 2010, @ 5:00 pm

Finance Committee Meeting – February 1, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

Village Board of Trustees – February 8 2010 @ 7:30 pm

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Fry to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Neitzel to approve the audit adjusting entries report that is recommended to correct totals. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to approve check runs for a total of \$49,144.21. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Finance:

Sam Diamond spoke on monies being held for the water tower and water system for the NIPG project. Monies were to be held in different funds. He asked that the Village have Attorneys and Bond Counsel check procedures so that monies were being used properly.

Boone County Sheriff's Dept Contract: The contract costs the Village approx. \$160,000 per year and also states that the Village needs to purchase a new squad car and equipment in 2010 and also in 2011. President Rightnowar read into the record a letter to Sheriff Wirth stating the Village was giving notice of termination of the contract also stating that the Village will then want to renegotiate the contract. County Board members spoke on tough times for all government bodies and the County finance problems and the need for police protection.

A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Stetter to have the letter sent to Sheriff Wirth. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Ms. Forrest spoke on additional revenue sources. Public hearings were suggested to inform the public and receive impute from the residents. Hearings will be Jan. 23rd and Jan 30th. Times to be set later.

Public Works Director Jeff Strate asked that a second employee be allowed to attend an IRWA Conference. To maintain their licenses, they must accrue a certain number of education points every three years. Approval for one employee to attend had already been given.

A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Stetter to approve \$125.00 to allow the second employee to attend the conference. Motion was carried by roll call.

Reduction of Trustees and Presidents salaries: Discussion was held on hard economic times and Trustees felt that they should help by reducing the pay they receive. Clerk Suhr reported that she had checked with Attorney Stuart Diamond to see if this was possible. As Salaries are set for elected officials 180 days before election, the amount paid to officials cannot be changed. However after receiving their pay from the Village, the Trustees can write a check back to the Village donating a part of their wages.

A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Stetter to pass a resolution encouraging the Trustees, on a voluntary basis, reimburse the Village 50% of their wages, a like dollar amount from the Village President, until such time as the Village has a balanced budget. Motion carried by roll call 6-0.

Amend Ordinance no. 742: A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Fry to approve ordinance no. 777 amending Ordinance 742. Ordinance 742 dealt with water and sewer fees and building fees, when passed three sentences had been omitted from section 6-2-5. Ordinance 777 replaces the three sentences. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Parking tickets: Numerous tickets had been issued around the holidays. Our ordinance states no parking on the street after three inches of snow. Three residents have asked for the tickets to be waived. There was no place but the street to park but the street while families were gathered. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd

**Village of Poplar Grove
Board of Trustees
Minutes of January 11, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Rightnowar at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

President Brad Rightnowar, Trustees Kris Campbell, Robert Fry, John Neitzel, Ron Quimby, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr, Treasurer Maria Forrest, Attorney Charles Sewell and Exec. Asst. Maureen Brzinski.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Quimby to approve the agenda withdrawing the executive session. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Minutes of Dec. 14, 2009:

A motion was made by Zangs, 2nd by Stetter to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Public Comment:

Cynthia Zeller spoke to the Board concerning a benefit for Austin Berg, who was a victim of a violet crime. The benefit is at The Grove on Jan. 16th, 2010 until 11pm. Our ordinance states no minors after 9pm. She asked for an exception be made to this ordinance stating the following precautions that would be taken. Signs would be posted keeping the bar off limits to minors. A Sheriffs Deputy would be present in uniform from 9pm to 11pm. All adults would have wristbands placed on their wrists after being I.D. and all minors would be asked to leave by 11pm. The owners of the Grove told the Board that there has been no need for police action since they have taken ownership of the establishment.

A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Stetter to allow the event to take place subject to the terms and conditions stated in the letter submitted by Cynthia Zeller. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Carl Johnson, Danny Anderson and Anthony Dini, County Board members voice concerns about the possible termination of the Village's contract with the County Sheriff's Dept.

Robert Roll from the Census Bureau spoke on recruiting and training of census workers and the need for a complete count for the census. Population totals are the basis of tax monies that are disbursed to the municipalities. There will testing for census workers at the Village Hall on Thurs Jan. 14th and Tues. Jan 19th at 10am and 2pm. Persons applying will need to show a passport or social security card and a driver's license. Wages for these part-time temporary positions is \$15.25 per hour.

Treasurers Report:

Ms. Forrest gave the Trustees an Adjusting Journal Entries Report to review. In previous years totals in various funds were not tracked properly and these adjusting entries would bring totals to where they should be. It was reported that the audit for 2008-2009 fiscal year has been completed and sent to the State. Year end short falls were reported to be \$140,000 in the water and sewer and \$140,000 in the general fund. Revenues received from the State are down. Unemployment is a big factor. Ms. Forrest reported that a telecommunication tax could bring in approx. \$80,000 to \$85,000 per year and gas and electric utilities tax could bring on approx. \$140,000 per year. When asked if there would be a shortfall in the next fiscal year, she stated that growth was not occurring that was needed to bring in enough revenue to balance the budget.