

**Village of Poplar Grove  
Minutes of April 12, 2010  
Approved**

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

**Present:** President Rightnowar, Trustees Kris Campbell, Robert Fry, John Neitzel, Ron Quimby, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr, Attorney James Stevens, Treasurer Maria Forrest and Exec. Asst. Maureen Brzinski.

**Agenda:** A motion was made by Zangs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quimby to approve an amended agenda, removing closed session and adding under finance, explanation of budget procedure. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

**Minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** A motion was made by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quimby to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

**Public Comment:** None was offered.

**Finance:**

A motion was made by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neitzel to approve check runs of \$46,542.81, \$70,407.66 and \$205.53 totaling \$117,156.00. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Budget: Trustee Fry explained the budget problems to the audience and how the Village was trying to cope with the deficiencies. He explained the new telecommunication and utility taxes. These would bring in approx. \$205,000 in the next fiscal year. An increase of 10% in water and sewer rates would bring in around \$100,000. The board has eliminated \$195,000 in expenses from the budget. Trustee Fry then reviewed the budget page by page for the audience, stating that in some instances account headings had been changed for better accounting practices. The new budget allows for one not two new generators to upgrade lift stations to prevent back-ups into homes. Also trying to fix cul-d- sac's that need to be fixed. Questions about the police contract were answered.

Attorney Stevens explained the procedure for passing the budget. First an appropriation ordinance will be available on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. The budget as presented is a working guideline will also be available for public review. A motion was made by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell to publish the appropriation ordinance for review and to have a public hearing at 6pm on April 26<sup>th</sup> and a special Board Meeting at 6:15pm on April 26<sup>th</sup> to make any changes and pass the appropriation ordinance. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quimby to approve the purchase of necessary safety supplies for use at the sewer plants in the amount of \$943.13. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Telecommunication and utility Tax Rebate: The Board had previously indicated a desire to provide for a tax rebates for 65 plus and low income. State statue only allows for 65 plus that are low income for the telecommunication tax and only schools and other municipal bodies for the utility tax. A motion was made by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quimby to table the tax rebate ordinances until the May 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to allow for additional committee review. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

General Obligation Note: A motion was made by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stetter to authorize the Village to borrow \$150,000 from the Poplar Grove State Bank. The Bank requires for collateral an ordinance creating a tax anticipation warrant be passed to secure the loan. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Gilbank Electric: A motion was made by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stetter to approve the expenditure of \$24,864.85 for work on the water tower. These are funds that were previously committed and are set aside for the water tower. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Handicap Children at Play signs: A motion by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zangs to approve the purchase of Handicap children at play signs at a cost of \$232.00 to be put on Park and Edson St. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

State of Illinois Intersection Improvement on Route 76 and Orth Road: The State when planning improvements did not send preliminary plans to the Village not knowing that the Village limits were that far out. A forced sewer line main is located in the State's right of way, which the Village had permission to do. In order for the State to complete their plans to revamp the intersection with turn lanes, the sewer line must be moved. The cost will be \$18,000 to \$25,000. IDOT will work with the Village to procure MFT funds to do the necessary work.

A motion was made by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neitzel to approve plans and specifications as proposed by the State of Illinois Dept. of Transportation, for the improvement of the IL. Rt. 76 and Orth Rd. intersection. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Growth Dimensions 2011 Membership: The Village has received from Growth Dimensions a request for a donation of \$3,000 for 2011 membership. Much discussion followed on what Growth Dimensions does for the Village to support receiving a donation. A motion was made by Fry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zangs to approve \$3,000 to Growth Dimensions. Motion was carried by roll call 5-1 with Trustee Campbell voting no. This will be an item for the next fiscal year.

**Administration:**

Ethics Statements: These are required to be filed before May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. These will be on file at the County Clerk's office.

Tax anticipation Ordinance: A motion was made by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stetter to approve the tax anticipation ordinance no. 2010-881. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Tax Anticipation Warrant: A motion was made by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stetter to approve the tax anticipation warrant. Motion was passed by roll call 6-0.

**Good of the Village:**

Public Hearing for Appropriation Ordinance – April 26, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Special Board Meeting for Appropriation Ordinance – April 26, 2010 at 6:15 pm

Regular Administration Committee – April 26, 2-010 at 6:30 pm

Labor Committee – April 19, 2010 at 6:00 pm and May 3, 2010 at 4:30 pm (both closed sessions)

Finance Committee – May 3, 2010 at 6:3 pm

Village Board of Trustees – May 10, 2010 at 7:30 pm

Attorney Sam Diamond has brought a check for tap-on fees. The Village will cash the check and write a check to the Home State Bank. This is our obligation under the current agreement.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neitzel to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.