

**Village of Poplar Grove
Minutes of August 10, 2009**

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

Present: President Brad Rightnowar, Trustees Kris Campbell, Robert Fry, John Neitzel, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr, Attorney Charles Sewell and interim Treasurer Maria Forrest.

Agenda: A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Fry to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0.

Minutes of July 13, 2009: A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0.

Public Comment: Keith Mitchell representing Tony Savino, stated that the Maranatha Baptist Church would like to start building on the property that they own on Rt. 173 just west of Simerl's land. Rhonda of 326 W. Main spoke on the problem of her sump pump running 24/7 and water in her basement. She stated that the house was built on wetlands and should not have been built there and that recommendations by the Boone County Soil and Water District were not implemented. She wants the Village to fix this problem. President Rightnowar asked her to attend the Administration Committee meeting to start a dialogue to determine a solution. Rhonda then asked why the water bills are so high; she never lived anywhere else where they were so high. She did not want to be paying for infrastructure to build other subdivisions. She also stated that there are many grants available to municipalities for this kind of construction. Mary Clark of 330 W. Main St. read a letter from her husband concerning water problems in their basement. Since 2005 after purchasing home they have had to replace the sump pump 5 times. The pump runs continuously from Nov. or Dec. until June or July. Another resident asked how would the Village get information to the residents, would like to see a newsletter put out. Maria Diaz wants a neighborhood watch started. There are problems with speeders and excess noise. President Rightnowar asked that a date be set up to meet with Lt. Beu from the County Sheriff's Dept and the residents who want to set up the watch program in the Village Hall. Carl Johnson spoke on needed speed limit, children playing and stop signs. A complaint was voiced that there is only a police presence noted after a Board meeting when there have been complaints. Lt. Beu spoke on manpower problems, speed trailers and what residents can do when observing violations of the law.

A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Stetter to approve the purchase of 12 stop signs not exceed \$1,300.00 in cost. Eight signs will be placed in Sherman Oaks and four in West Grove. Motion was carried by roll call 5-0.

Treasurer's report: A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Neitzel to appoint President Rightnowar as the authorized agent for IMRF. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0. Maria Forrest passed out the treasurer's report to Board members and answered questions.

Finance: Chairman Trustee Fowler unable to attend Aug. 10th meeting due to hospitalization of wife. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Fry to approve the purchase of a bar screen for the WWTP not to exceed \$3,000. Motion was carried by roll call 5-0. A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to approve the purchase of a Stenner pump for the WWTP for \$385. Motion was carried by Roll call 5-0. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Neitzel to approve the purchase of Water and Sewer chemicals for a total of \$6,355.60. Motion was carried by roll call 5-0. A motion was made by Zangs, 2nd by Fry to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$30,573.00. Motion was carried by roll call 5-0. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Zangs to approve the bid of \$2,830.00 from B and K Concrete to replace the sidewalk and step at Moscato's, 101 S. State St. The Village will pay ½ of this bill, which will be \$1415.00. Motion was carried by roll call 5-0.

A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Neitzel to approve the purchase of 4 pumps at \$7,000 each for a total of \$28,000 for the WWTP. Motion was carried by roll call 5-0.

A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Stetter to approve payment of \$80.00 to Erin Pearson (temporary secretary-independent contractor). Motion was carried by roll call 5-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to approve the payment of \$425.00 as payment in full for the water and sewer bill for 389 W. Park St. This is removing the late charges of the bill. Motion was carried by roll call 5-0.

Administration: A representative from RAMP spoke to the Board on the RAMP program and answered questions. A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Zangs to approve a resolution supporting a grant application to the state of Illinois community development assistance program. After discussion the motion was withdrawn. A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Zangs to approve the Village taking the prerequisite steps needed to obtain a grant for persons with physical disabilities and to partner with RAMP. Motion was passed by voice vote 5-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Stetter to approve a resolution partnering with the Census Bureau for the 2010 census for an accurate count. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Stetter to approve the sanctioning of the sesquicentennial Celebration of Poplar Grove and to appoint Trustee John Neitzel and Clerk Martha Suhr as co-chairman of the celebration. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Neitzel to approve a resolution to partner with the Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois to assist in the beautification of Village property. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0.

A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Zangs to approve the appointment of a temporary committee of Trustee Zangs as Chairman and Trustees Neitzel and Fry as members as a Committee on Labor Relations. The committee will be disbanded when union labor negotiations are completed. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve implementation and disbursement of the Employee Handbook for non collective-bargaining employees. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0.

New Business:

There will be a meeting of Prairie Green residents meeting on Sept. 15th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall to form a Homeowners Assoc.

Catering liquor license: Amend code under 2-2-4-D to read holding a valid state and a local license A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to amend code as stated. Motion was carried by voice vote 4-1 with Trustee Campbell voting no,

Trustee Stetter reported on computers for the Village. How many would be needed and the software needed. As his computer crashed he only had two of the four bids he acquired available. He asked the Board to pass a motion to allow purchase of equipment not to exceed \$2,450.00. It was felt that the Board needed to see all the bids. Poll of the Board members showed that they would probably go with the low bid.

Trustee Stetter stated he would e-mail Board Members ideas that he had to increase revenues for the Village.

Past due water and sewer bills were discussed. Attorney Sewell stated that the shut off notice letters must say that residents are entitled to a hearing if they want one.

A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Campbell to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation and to have Jeff Strate attend the session. Motion was carried by roll call 5-0. Time was 10:07pm.

Regular meeting reconvened at 11:06pm. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Neitzel to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by voice vote 5-0.