

**Village of Poplar Grove
Board of Trustees
Minutes of August 8, 2011**

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

President Rightnowar led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and prayer.

Present: President Brad Rightnowar, Trustees Robert Fry, Jeff Goings, John Neitzel, Ron Quimby, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr, Attorney James Stevens, Secretary Maureen Brzinski and DPW Jeff Strate.

Agenda: A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Quimby to approve an amended agenda, adding under Administration "BMX raffle application". Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Minutes of July 11, 2011: A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Zangs to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Public Comment: Russ Kuhlen spoke to the Board about disconnecting from the Belvidere Park District. He wanted to know how to go about it and would the Board support his effort. He stated that residents south of Orth Rd. are very concerned as more property tax money is collected for the Belvidere Park District than is collected for the Village of Poplar Grove and nothing is done for the parks in Poplar Grove that are in the Belvidere Township. Discussion was held on how to accomplish the disconnection.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Forrest forecast a \$106,000 surplus at the end of the fiscal year. She is also looking into what is required for a non-home rule sales tax. She felt that this could benefit the Village.

Finance: A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Quimby to approve the accounts payable invoices for August, totaling \$78,527.44. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve targeting of enforcement of lawn mowing and to purchase speed signs for Burlwood Woods. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve the purchase of a Ford Ranger truck from the State of Illinois for \$15,085.00. Delivery will be around Nov. 1st. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Quimby to approve the purchase of a back-up pump for the primary pump for the SWWTP lift station not to exceed \$9,000. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Neitzel to approve the 2011 MFT Maintenance Phase 2 resolution 2011-R10. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to approve a water only rate for vandalism of an outside spigot at 416 Ironwood. A police report was filed and the homeowner is willing to pay for the water on a water only rate. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Quimby to approve a memorial bench for John Maitland, a former Village employee, baseball coach and an avid fan. Possibly placed to overlook one of the baseball diamonds. Cost not to exceed \$800.00. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Goings to approve clarifying policy that if there is more than one resident or business on one meter that each resident or business will be charged the base fee plus a share of any consumption over the 4000 gallon minimum. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve the quote for drainage maintenance for the park at Bel-Air. Cost is not to exceed \$3,400.

A motion to amend the motion to bill the Belvidere Park District for ½ of the bill as the park is in within the Belvidere Park District. Amendment was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Amended motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Request from the Village Clerk for funds to attend the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute in Springfield in Oct. and dues for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks were discussed. It was stated that professional education not only for the Clerk but the President and Trustees would also benefit from attending classes. It was also stated that education for the staff was one thing but elected officials should not use taxpayer's money to attend classes. The IML conference was mentioned which is put on for all municipal officials to attend and classes are pertinent as to what is happening in the State. It was suggested that the Clerk appear at the next Finance Committee Meeting to explain her memberships in Municipal Clerks organizations and the seminars and meetings she attends.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Goings to approve a school zone flashing lights at N. State and Ray Street. The cost will be \$4,970.00. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Administration:

A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Stetter to approve the BMX raffle application. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Good of the Village:

Administration Committee -	August 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm
Administration Committee -	September 26, 2011 at 6:30 pm
Finance Committee -	September 6, 2011 at 6:30 pm
Planning and Zoning Commission -	September 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm
Village Board of Trustees -	September 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm

A motion was made by Quimby, 2nd by Stetter to go into executive session under personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Motion was carried by roll call 6-0. Time was 8:25 pm.

Board meeting was reconvened at 9:11 pm.

Present: President Brad Rightnowar, Trustees Robert Fry, Jeff Goings, John Neitzel, Ron Quimby, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr and Attorney James Stevens.

A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Fry to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.