

Village of Poplar Grove Minutes of Sept. 14, 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, John Neitzel, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr (joined mtg. @ 8:25pm) Interim Treasurer Maria Forrest and Attorney Charles Sewell. Trustee Robert Fry was absent.

Agenda: A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Stetter to approve the agenda. Motion was carried by voice vote 4-0.

The Cub Scouts led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: Maria gave her report. She reported on the budget and the fact that smaller revenues were coming in. A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Stetter to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$57,086.86. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Zangs to approve payment of \$24,168.38 to R. H. Batterman Engineers. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Campbell to approve previously paid bills in the amount of \$44,188. It had been forgotten to pass a motion at the time. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0. A motion was made by Stetter to purchase restroom signs for directing citizens to the outside restrooms at the Village Hall not to exceed \$300.00. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0. A motion was made by Zangs, 2nd by Stetter to approve \$300.00 to assist in Village beautification. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Zangs to approve the purchase of stripping tape at the cost of \$1,440.00 for taping crosswalks. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Zangs to approve truck repair at the cost of \$868.01 for gas tank and straps. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0.

Water and Sewer Issues: A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Stetter to approve a payment plan for 112 E. Grove St. Motion was carried by voice vote 4-0. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Neitzel to approve a payment plan for 115 Edson Ct. Motion was carried by voice vote 4-0.

Energy Purchase: Chuck Hageman made a presentation for purchasing electric energy on the open market. It could save the Village up to \$22,000 over 3 years. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Campbell to buy electric power on the open market for three years. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0.

Route 173 Speed Limit: A new 40 mph speed limit is in effect on Rt. 173. Mr. Don Ellingson voiced concerns that it was not doing any good, vehicles were still speeding. As the Village did not install the speed limits signs, Mr. Ellingson was directed to contact the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

Ordinance to borrow \$500,000 was reviewed. The interest would be 4.77% over 10 years. This would pay the remainder of the contract price on the south WWTP. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Zangs to approve the ordinance to borrow \$500,000. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Neitzel to pay the retainage amount of \$330,246.76 to Aqua-Tec out of the \$500,000 when it is received. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0.

A motion was made by Zangs, 2nd by Neitzel to go into executive session and include Maria Forrest for the purpose of discussing personnel and possible litigation. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0. Time was 8:29pm.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:21pm. A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Neitzel to fill the position of Interim Public Works Director to advise and control the public works dept. for 6 months at an annual salary of \$50,000. Motion was carried by roll call 4-0

Jeff Reininger gave the Board some estimates on scales to weigh barrels and other items.

A motion was made by Stetter, 2nd by Zangs to adjourn the meeting Motion was carried by voice vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm.