

**Village Of Poplar Grove
Board of Trustee Meeting
Minutes of Nov. 8, 2010**

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, Ron Quimby, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr, Attorney Charlotte LeClercq, Secretary Maureen Brzinski and DWP Jeff Strate.

Agenda: A motion was made by Cliff Stetter, 2nd by Kris Campbell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Minutes of Oct. 11, 2010 and Oct. 27, 2010: A motion was made by Judi Zangs, 2nd by Quimby to approve the minutes of Oct. 11 and Oct. 27 of 2010 as presented. Motion was carried by vice vote 6-0.

Public Comment:

Attorney Brian O'Connor gave to the Village Clerk, Petitions of approx. 850 signatures asking the Board to reverse their decision on the training building/tower. These were signatures of citizens living within the Village limits and those outside the village limits but inside Fire Dist. 3.

President Rightnowar stated that he spoke with Chief Worley throughout the controversy. He found the Fire Dept. and Chief to be honest and forthright. The Board did not disagree to the building, knowing that it was important to the training of firefighters, but disagreed to the location of the building. However in view of the signatures brought before the Board, it was not his place to stop the will of the people.

A motion was made by Rightnowar, 2nd by Neitzel to reconsider the special use permit to build a training building/tower next to the fire station.

Trustee Campbell questioned the legality of the motion. Attorney LeClercq stated it can be brought back before the Board as long as the motion is made by someone on the prevailing side. In this case, someone that had voted no before. It will be brought back as the original proposal.

Motion carried by roll call 4-3 with Rightnowar, Quimby, Neitzel and Zangs voting yes, Stetter, Fry and Campbell voting no.

Mr. Ebbert spoke to the Board on a BMX track. He is proceeding with petitions and people are generally positive. He also said that the National Bike League is offering assistance. This would give young people an opportunity to join in a great sport.

At this time President Rightnowar declared a recess until 7:55 pm. Meeting was reconvened at 7:57 pm

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Forrest gave projected surpluses of \$37,000 in water and sewer, \$13,000 in the general fund and \$36,000 in MFT funds. She informed the Board that the annual treasurer's report will be published Nov. 12 in the Belvidere Daily Republican and that the audit is complete. The auditor will be at the next finance committee meeting and Board of Trustees meeting. She and Trustee Stetter are working on selecting a bond counsel. The goal of the Village is to set aside a reserve that would be equal to 3 months of operation for the Village which would be approx. \$240,000.

Finance Committee:

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Neitzel to approve check runs of \$307,719.18, \$2,500.00, \$17,202.95, \$215.00 and \$34,571.43 totaling \$362,208.56. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Water Bond interest payment; The Board has received a request from Sam Diamond for an alternate payment process for the water tower on the south side which is not in use at this time. The tower was built for 1.2 million with a bond by the developers. The Village is not responsible for this bond but oversees the recapture of hook-on fees by residents to the water system. Instead of the developer paying the interest due on Nov. 1st of \$72,000, the bank will issue the Village an irrevocable letter of credit. The Finance Committee has recommended that the formal proposal be submitted to counsel, the terms of which to be negotiated and then presented to the full Board for approval.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to authorize counsel to negotiate terms of the re-structuring of the water tower bond payment schedule. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Neitzel to approve \$1,200 from the Beautification Committee and \$1,800 from the general fund for the transplanting of 60 donated Arborvitaes Trees. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve expenditures of \$19,476 from the Public Works Dept. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Zangs to approve up to \$250.00 for speed signs. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Neitzel to approve a 4-way stop at Hill St. and West Main St. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve cancellation of Forebear Accounts totaling \$10,609.50. Motion was carried b roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Fry, 2nd by Stetter to approve tool re-imbusement for the public works employees when their own tools were broken on the job not to exceed \$25.00 each loss. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

Administration Committee:

Public hearing date for non-conforming use ordinance amending the zoning ordinance will be Dec. 13, 2010 at 7 pm.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Zangs to approve Resolution 2010-02 supporting the establishment of a BMX track on property owned by the Village of Poplar Grove. The group asking for the resolution have been asked to put together a legitimate proposal, reach out to some of the parent organizations that would assist them in preparing the lay out of the course, costs, rules, regulations and the like. They must also be flexible as the track may have to be moved in the future. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Quimby to approve ordinance no. 2010-796 amending the subdivision ordinance concerning plat approval. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Zangs to approve 2010-797 amending the subdivision ordinance section 9-3-5. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Quimby to approve ordinance 2010-798 adding garbage and debris removal amending the nuisance's ordinance. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Zangs to approve ordinance 2010-799 regarding the planting, removal and trimming of trees within the Village. This will amend regulations regarding weeds. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Stetter to approve ordinance 2010-800 amending the code regarding electronic attendance at meetings (inclusion as of right). Motion was carried by roll call 6-0.

The next item was an ordinance allowing parking only on the odd numbered side of the streets in residential areas. It was brought up that some streets are wide enough to park on both sides. Some streets have mail boxes on the odd side and this could create problems with mail delivery.

A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Campbell to refer the ordinance for parking on odd sides in residential areas back to the committee. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0.

Date for interviewing candidates for a Village engineer; tentative date is Dec. 18th, Saturday at 9 am.

Bids have been received to disk, grade and re-seed the property across from the Village Hall where the gardens plots were. They were \$5,675, \$7,400 and 12,800 for approx 2.272 acres. Discussion on why there is such a wide difference in bids. It was agreed to hold this over.

Good of the Village:

Administrative Committee- November 22, 2010 at 630 pm

Finance Committee- December 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Planning and Zoning Commission- December 7, 2010 at 7 pm

Public Hearing for Non-conforming Ordinance – December 13, 2010 at 7 pm

Village Board of Trustees- December 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm

Interview Engineers- December 18, 2010 at 9 am (tentative date)

A motion was made by Neitzel, 2nd by Fry to go into executive session under 5 ILCS 120 2(c)(2) labor negotiations, 5 ILCS 120 2(c)(1) pay scale adjustments and 5 ILCS 120 2(c)(11) possible litigation. Motion was carried by roll call 6-0. Time was 9:05 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 9:58 pm.

Present; President Brad Rightnowar, Trustees Kris Campbell, Robert Fry, John Neitzel, Ron Quimby, Cliff Stetter and Judi Zangs, Clerk Martha Suhr and Attorney Charlotte LeClercq.

A motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Zangs to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by voice vote 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.