

Village of Bull Valley
Board of Trustees - Minutes
April 30, 2018
Stickney House – 1904 Cherry Valley Rd., Bull Valley, IL. 60098

President Berendt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. On roll call those Trustees present were Bailey, Ellinghausen Helms, Kleinschmidt and O'Brien. Trustee Kantecki was present by video conferencing. Village Administrator Vance and Road Supervisor Koch were also present.

Approval of Attendance by Audio Conferencing

There was a quorum present at the meeting. Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Kleinschmidt, moved to approve the participation of Trustee Kantecki by audio conferencing. The motion passed.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee O'Brien, moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting as corrected. The motion passed.

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Helms, moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2018 special meeting as presented. The motion passed.

Acceptance of Resignation of Peter Helms as Trustee

President Berendt accepted the resignation of Peter Helms. Mr. Helms will be moving out of the area. He was presented with a plaque honoring his many years of service to the Village as Zoning Board member and Chairman, Plan Commission Chairman and Trustee, and for his many hours of volunteer work helping with Village and Stickney House fundraisers and events.

Introduction of Trustee Candidate – Peter Skovoritz

Mr. Skovoritz was not able to be present this morning. He has met with President Berendt and is interested in joining the Board. He is aware and in support of the current philosophy of the Village.

Action List from Last Month

The resolution voted on last month was finalized and sent to the County. The nuisance ordinance will be addressed later. The Trustee decided to not pursue the issue of burning with the County.

Consent Agenda

Hannah was asked to discuss and explain Square to the Trustees. The Village is now able to take credit cards anywhere for payment to Fifth/Third bank with the Square app. Administrator Vance discussed the "No Refusal" DUI Policy instituted by many Police Departments in McHenry County. Refusing is done to ensure that breathalyzer results cannot be used in a subsequent criminal prosecution. With the new policy a warrant will be issued, and the suspect taken to a nearby emergency room where his/her blood will be drawn and tested for blood alcohol concentration levels. The warrant is created by the officer on line and sent to a judge to review electronically. The Trustees want to wait a month or two to see how this is going in the County.

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee O'Brien, moved to approve the following documents that were on the consent agenda:

- Village President's Report
- Village Administrator's Report
- Village Clerk's Report
- Admin Assistants Report

The motion passed.

Liaison Reports

Finance

Accounts Payable/ Financial Statements

Trustee Kleinschmidt, seconded by Trustee Bailey, moved to approve the accounts payables as of April 30, 2018, with the addition of \$638 for the paint from Sherwin Williams, and contingent on Trustee Ellinghausen approving the Baxter & Woodman bill, bringing the total amount to \$38,932.33. On roll call vote those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen, Helms, Kantecki, Kleinschmidt and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the motion passed.

The Trustees reviewed the financial statements with Trustee Kleinschmidt and discussed a few problems which will need to be corrected. Mr. Vance noted \$1,300 has been donated to the Village for Road and Police Department uniforms.

2018-19 Budget Presentation and Possible Approval

The health insurance for administration is increasing and Mr. Kleinschmidt made the necessary adjustment to the propose budget. Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee O'Brien, moved to approve the amended budget as discussed. On roll call those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen, Helms, Kantecki, Kleinschmidt and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the motion passed.

Roads

Cherry Valley Road Culvert

Trustee Ellinghausen stated he met with Nunda township to see if they would be able to help with the work on Cherry Valley Road. Unfortunately, their culvert crew has too much work this year to help. Mr. Ellinghausen approached Dwayne Schale construction for an estimate of the work needed. He is waiting for a reply.

Possible Road Repairs this Year

The Trustees discussed and prioritized various roads in the Village in order of the current conditions of the road and the overall usage of each road. This is an ongoing discussion in preparation of going out for bid in June or July.

Parks and Grounds

Stickney Barn Painting

The paint has been purchased for this project and it is scheduled for the first weekend in June with a rain date for the 3rd weekend in June.

Dog Park

Trustee Bailey met with a few members of the dog park who would be willing to help with fundraising efforts. During the meeting they discussed what issues they feel are a priority at the park. Number one on their list is shade followed by water and a small dog area separate from the regular dog park. They were not in favor of sectioning off a portion of the existing dog park for a small dog area, feeling it would be better to separate the areas. There is also a problem with the existing cistern in the park. Dogs and children are climbing on it. Mr. Koch was asked to see what it would cost to remove it. There seems to be a problem with members bringing children into the dog park. A letter will be sent to the members reminding them of the rules, especially concerning children in the park.

Planning and Zoning

There was no meeting this month. A new date for the cell tower hearing has not been set.

Stickney House Foundation

The office move scheduled for Saturday May 5th has been postponed allowing more time to finalize the arrangement of the new police office, and to get updated quotes for the work to be done.

Community Development / Annexations

Trustee Kantecki held a focus group with a number of village residents to discuss among other things the direction in which the Village is going, major challenges facing the Village and the initial impressions of the Village.

They felt the initial negative impressions of the village included it is a speed trap with most of the revenue from tickets, bad roads with pot holes, lawsuits from developers, and it is a wealthy arrogant community. On the positive side it is seen as a nice, scenic quiet area. The challenges facing the village were identified as revenue, image, roads, access to technology and lack of annexation to fill in the “holes” in the village. Opportunities for the Village discussed were cell towers for revenue, barn weddings for revenue, nature parks to attract visitors and home and garden tours to increase socialization. Ideas to improve the Village image were nature parks, public events, promoting nature and ecological landscapes, social media, and having a defined plan & design to reflect the Village objectives. They discussed sending a survey out to the Village residents. It has been a few years since the last one.

Executive Session

No executive session was needed,

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Helms moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Action List from Meeting:

On June agenda – no refusal DUI policy

Financial statements corrected with comments added

Research county dispatch costs

Research mechanic for truck repairs

Letter sent to dog park members reminding them of rules in particular children in the park