

Village of Bull Valley  
Board of Trustees - Minutes  
January 22, 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, Kantecki, and O'Brien. Trustees Kleinschmidt was absent. 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 Ellinghausen, moved to approve the participation of Trustee Kantecki by audio conferencing. The motion passed.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments made.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Trustee Helms, seconded by Trustee Bailey, moved to approve the minutes of the November 2017 meeting as corrected to add Trustee O'Brien to a vote and correct the spelling of Candi Gay. The motion passed with Trustee Ellinghausen abstaining.

**Consent Agenda**

Trustee Helms, seconded by Trustee Ellinghausen, 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.

**Review of Action List from November**

The boundary agreement has been forwarded to the Attorney's office. The audit is complete. 5/3<sup>rd</sup> bank is listed on the balance sheet. The June and July minutes still need to be approved. Rich, Kurt and Dan still need to meet to discuss the engineering bills.

**Resolution Adopting Anti-Harassment Policy**

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Helms, moved to approve a Resolution Adopting an Anti-Harassment Policy for the Village. The motion passed.

**Resolution regarding Greenest Region Compact 2**

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Helms, moved to approve a Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors' Greenest Region Compact 2. The motion passed.

**Honorary Adopt-A-Road Designation for Shadowood Homeowners**

President Berendt stated the residents in Shadowood subdivision periodically do road side clean up in and around their subdivision. She would like to present them with an Adopt-A-Road sign for their efforts. The sign would cost \$60.00. Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee O'Brien, moved to approve the expenditure of not to exceed \$60.00 for an Adopt-A-Road sign for Shadowood Subdivision. On roll call those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen, Helms, Kantecki and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the motion passed.

**Report from 1/18/18 McHenry County Council of Mayors Meeting**

President Berendt attended the meeting and reported the process has changed for approval of STP funding. It will be 2020 before there will be another call for projects. There will now be a regional fund and each Mayors Council in the state will form a sub-committee to research regional projects. President Berendt stated she would consider being on the sub-committee.

**Liaison Reports**

**Financial – Trustee Kleinschmidt**

The Trustees reviewed both the November and December financial statements. Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Helms, moved to ratify the payment of the accounts payable from December 20, 2017 in the amount of \$91,152.73. On roll call vote those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen, Helms, Kantecki and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the motion passed.

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee O'Brien, moved to approve the accounts payables as of January 22, 2018 in the amount of \$327,398.14, contingent upon approval by Trustee Kleinschmidt to transfer the money out of the reserve fund for the payment to the State of Illinois. On roll call vote those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen, Helms, Kantecki and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the motion passed.

President Berendt stated the village has recently received an audit management letter for this year from GRA and will discuss it with Trustee Kleinschmidt before signing.

President Berendt stated she would like to increase the police hours to provide better coverage for the village. It would add an additional 2 to 3 thousand dollars per year. The Board approved.

**Roads – Trustee Ellinghausen**

Supervisor Koch stated that approximately 600 tons of salt have been used this winter for ice and snow control.

**Parks and Grounds – Trustee Bailey**

Trustee Bailey reported on what she found out from the City of Riverwoods on their roadside beautification program. Riverwoods has a matching funds program for their residents. Currently the Village is not in the position to start such a program. She stated Lorna Gladstone has volunteered to run another workshop for the residents. There was a discussion of lowering the out of district fee for the dog park. This was referred to the parks committee for review.

President Berendt discussed the proposed "Monster Hill Challenge." It is not certain if this will take place this year. The village will need volunteers and donations for the race. This will be discussed further with Veterans' R&R another charitable group in the village.

**Planning and Zoning- Trustee O'Brien**

Trustee O'Brien stated the hearing for the proposed cell tower was not held. The petitioner has not filed all the necessary paperwork or fees. The members are continuing to work on the review of the Comprehensive Plan. There is some interest in solar energy in the Village and the PlanComm/ZBA was asked to discuss solar energy and all/or any regulations needed for the installation of solar panels.

**Public Safety**

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Helms, moved to approve the raise in fines to \$500.00 each, for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. The motion passed.

**Executive Session**

No executive session was held.

**Hiring of new Police Officer**

Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Helms, moved to hire Frank Beatty as a part-time police officer to start in February. On roll call vote those Trustees voting aye were Bailey, Ellinghausen, Helms, Kantecki and O'Brien. There were no nay votes and the motion passed.

**Trustee Comments, Future Topics and Announcements**

**Memorial for Fiske Family**

President Berendt discussed the idea of a memorial for Ken & Darlene Fiske, at the Still farm. The Fiske's were involved in the formation of the village and contributed to the village for many years both financially and thru volunteer work. It was decided to erect a bird house in their name at the Still Farm.

**Street Light**

The President also discussed the street light at the corner of Crystal Springs and Springbrook roads. Mr. Koch will be working with Dean Breuer from ComEd to see what can be done with the light.

**Village Logo**

The Village needs a logo for inclusion in the Conservation Congress. The Trustees picked a logo which consist of the Village name and the original sketch of the tree done by former Village clerk Barb Brodie.

**1001 Cherry Valley Road**

Administrator Vance stated the Village covered its responsibility to protect the property given the restrictions on access to the property. He also reported the investigation into the recent suicide in the village has been concluded and the fatal accident investigation is ongoing.

**Motion to Adjourn**

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

**Action List from Meeting:**

Audit Letter signed and sent  
Baxter & Woodman review of cell tower  
Zoning & Planning solar panel discussion  
Executive Session minutes for review