

**Village of Annawan
Regular Board Meeting
October 13, 2015**

Attendance

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order with Rico, Goodley, Ashley, Miller, and Heitzler present. Also present at the meeting were Helen DeVrieze and Chris Fronk. Mayor Smith announced that he had received an email from Trustee Amy Barnes stating that she is now with a different firm, working out of Springfield and traveling fairly extensively. Because of that she has to resign from the board.

Previous Month's Minutes

Heitzler, seconded by Goodley, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

After discussion concerning errors in coding, Heitzler, seconded by Miller, made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried.

Police Report

Chief Elliott gave the police report showing 9 citations and 16 warnings, among the list of police activity since the last meeting. Chief Elliott and Officer Halberg attended a medical cannabis class (16 hours). There were no problems at the Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Football Game, or Fall into Annawan activities. They assisted the Annawan Fire/Rescue, the Atkinson P.D, the Henry Co Sheriff's Dept, and the IL State Police (assisted with drug seizure).

Resident Concern

Helen DeVrieze addressed the board about her concern with advertising and letting residents know what is going on in the village as far as special events, garbage pickup, etc. Board members agreed that she has a valid point, but explained that advertising in the newspaper is quite costly, everybody doesn't get a paper, not everyone has access to or uses a computer, and that the village trustees had addressed this concern earlier, knowing that there is presently not a good way to get the word out. A sign by the downtown park is cost-prohibitive at this time, there isn't money in the budget for newspaper advertising, and a way needs to be found so that residents stay in the know. Signs will be posted in the local businesses and all are asked to inform their friends with information.

Community Center Update

Mayor Smith told board members that the AC had stopped working after a power outage. The repair would have to be paid for by the village because it was an act of God, not covered under warranty. Goodley showed concern about the pilot lights on the stove and said that they were a fire hazard and hoped that something could be done. At present the pilot lights are not turned off and on. Smith said that he would inspect things over the weekend and find out what can be done. Lauren Dynes was given approval to have a Halloween Party on October 31st. She will also have a trivia night in January, with proceeds going to the community center fund. Heitzler will talk to OnGuard Security to see about setting up a plan for the community center.

MFT Update

The county came back and finished the south entrance to Howes Park Parking Lot. Several things happened when it came time to stripe the lot. The company doing the job contacted the mayor about coming, but not in time for the mayor to consult with our engineering firm, MSA Professionals. So the number of spaces did not turn out as expected. The dimensions on the drawing they received was not the same as the actual dimensions. There would have been an extra charge if they had to come back so we have a few less parking spots than first thought.

Garage Door at former VFW Building

The new door will be installed soon. Things from the old community center will be stored in the former VFW building. Everyone is reminded that if there are things in the old C/C that belong to organizations they should be called for very soon. An announcement will be made as to sale of the remainder of the items. Betcher Trucking will begin the excavation. Mayor Smith chose their bid after receiving two...Betcher Trucking: \$5,500; VO Excavating: \$9300.

Halloween Hours

Halloween trick or treating hours will be from 5-7 pm on October 31st. The Halloween Party in the new C/C will be that same day, 4:30-7:30.

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New Sidewalks in the Future

Sidewalks are needed from Howes Park parking lot to the park road at the C/C. Also planned are pads for the baseball bleachers.

Thank you, Volunteers

Mayor Smith and the board members thanked Lauren Dynes, Rachel Childs, Lu Coppejans, and the volunteers who helped made Fall into Annawan and the 2015 Canal Ambush so successful. Financial reports for both events will be ready at the next meeting.

Village's Share of Construction Engineering

The village received a bill of \$353,523.58, the village's share of construction engineering for Patriot Way. Research was done by IDOT, Kennard Franks, Mayor Smith, and the village clerk to see if the bill was truly owed. Patriot Way construction was finished years ago. It was found that the bill was correct. Goodley, seconded by Heitzler, made a motion to approve the following repayment schedule: \$20,000 immediately, \$40,000 per year for 8 years (2016-2023), and the balance paid in 2024. Motion carried. The schedule will now go to IDOT for their approval.

Other Requests

Terry Rosebeck, on behalf of the park district baseball leagues, asked for approval of staining the bleachers. Approval was given.

Trustee Ashley asked about trees that were supposed to have been removed. The mayor will ask Mark Crosby to remind Blue Jan Tree Service that we are ready for the removal.

New Village Fund

Board members were told that a new account has been set up at Bank Orion and named the Reserve Fund. The money for this fiscal year that had been transferred to the Police Car Fund was put into the Reserve Fund instead. The Police Car Fund will still be viable. Every so often Henry County sends money for the police car fund. The Reserve Fund allows for use of monies for many more purposes in the Village.

Award for Village Employee

Mayor Smith and the trustees commended employee Mark Crosby for an award he received from the IL Dept of Public Health that officially recognizes and commends Mark for maintaining perfect compliance in 2014 in accordance with the IL Public Water Supply Regulation Act regarding fluoridation. Mark has received the award every year since 1995. The only other water supervisor in Henry County to be recognized for that many years was Orion's. Good job, Mark! We really appreciate all that you do!

Adjourn to Executive Session

Heitzler, seconded by Rico, made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of general discussion of payroll. Motion carried.

After Executive Session

No further action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Heitzler, seconded by Goodley, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Julie DeSplinter
Village Clerk