

**Village of Annawan
Regular Board Meeting
December 8, 2015**

Attendance

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order with Rico, Goodley, Ashley, Miller, and Heitzler present. Also present at the meeting were Lauren Dynes and Chris Fronk.

Month's Minutes

Heitzler, seconded by Rico, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting after amending to show that the Payment Schedule for the Village Share of Patriot Way Construction should be: \$20,000 has been sent to IDOT, \$40,000 will be sent in November of each year (2016-2023) and the balance will be paid in 2024 or sooner if possible. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

After discussion of bills, Heitzler, seconded by Rico, made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried. The balance in the General Fund on November 30, 2015 was \$193,882.08.

Police Report

Chief Elliott gave the police report showing 5 citations and 12 warnings since the last report. They assisted the Annawan Fire/Rescue; Atkinson P.D.; Henry Co Sheriff's Dept; and the IL State Police. Mayor Smith will attend the Annawan Township Meeting with the intention of entering into an agreement with them for our P.D. to police in their boundaries as well as the village boundaries. Presently the county polices the township boundaries. The boundary lines are very confusing so this agreement would aid in that respect. No action has yet been taken to write or sign the agreement. Alba Township will also be contacted.

MSA Professional Updates, Etc.

Eric Schallert of MSA Professional Services was present to report to board members the answers to several questions that had been posed.

#1 Parking on Second Street

The asphalt work is estimated at \$23,000. The other option (installing a storm sewer drain) is estimated at \$37,000. Schallert discussed the pros and cons of each option and presented bid totals. No action was taken.

#2 Community Center Survey and Parking

Schallert presented five options with an estimated cost between \$11,400 and \$67,700. Each option was discussed. No action was taken. The drawings are in the village office for review.

#3 Grants

Schallert presented a packet of grant possibilities available for a potential storm water retention pond north of Howes Park. MSA has people available to write the grants. No action was taken.

#4 Sanitary Sewer I and I Analysis

MSA can prepare a scope of services and estimate of cost for performing an analysis concerning inflow and infiltration of ground water and rain water into the sanitary sewer system, which was a concern shown by board members a number of years ago. No action was taken.

Board members were reminded to think of ideas for the greenspace on Front Street.

Update on Old Community Center

The Village will offer items for sealed bids to be opened before the board meeting in January. For "as is" sale are: GE Electric Stove, US Range Gas Stove, 11 tables and 25 chairs. Items may be seen at the former VFW Building by calling 935-6226 and making an appointment. Now that the building is down it was decided to take down the old playground equipment due to liability and safety concerns.

Update on New Community Center

Topics discussed: Pest Control-Key Builders have been contacted; television has been installed (donated by Johnson Oil Company (Shell)); light control; donations are still welcome; the deadline to purchase fitness equipment from a man in Kewanee has come and gone, but the village is still interested; decision of having a fitness center has not been officially decided; type of carpet needed in the fitness center; a "no-parking on the sidewalk" sign has been purchased; only not-for-profit organizations will be given free rent; Annawan Township will be given a rental rate of \$50 for the small room, \$125 for the big room if they choose to rent the C/C for their meetings.

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Ongoing Concrete Projects

Specht Construction is currently doing work on several projects: Sidewalk on the north side of the Howes Park Shelter House; sidewalk by the Community Center; a spot on Patriot Way and a problem on North Meadow Lane. They hope to be finished before winter weather sets in.

2014-2015 Audit

Miller, seconded by Ashley, made a motion to accept the audit completed by Blucker, Kneer and Associates. Motion carried.

Resident Request

Chris Fronk asked board members if something could be done to install a street light in the 300 block of S. Main Street. The pole is there, but there is no light and it would be helpful for the residents in that area to have one. The village clerk will call Ameren to find out the cost, etc. No other action was taken.

Ordinance 365

Heitzler, seconded by Miller, made a motion to adopt the 2016 Tax Levy, payable in 2015. Motion carried unanimously. Total taxes levied are \$121,562.00. The Ordinance may be viewed at the Village Hall. The village part of taxes on a home will be the same as last year unless their EAV goes up.

Ordinance 366

Heitzler, seconded by Goodley, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 366, the annual tax abatement ordinance abating the taxes levied to pay for the principal and interest on \$505,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds for the Village.

Internet, Security Cameras at the Community Center

On December 21, at 5:00 there will be training for the security cameras. OnGuard Security Fire Alarm Protection will also be discussed. Wireless internet may be provided by Geneseo Telephone Co. (they haven't decided yet.) If so, Heitzler will get a router and create the network, etc. to avoid a \$45 monthly internet charge.

Tif Application

A request from Hillsdale Elevator has been received. It will be put on the list for decision-making at the February 2016 board meeting.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Heitzler, seconded by Goodley, made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Motion carried.

After Executive Session

Goodley, seconded by Heitzler, made a motion to set the payroll for Lauren Dynes as follows:

Salary of \$10 per hour will be raised to \$13 per hour, with a maximum of 1250 hours per year, beginning January 1, 2016. Lauren should report on a monthly basis as to how her hours were worked. A job description will be written to show duties of accounting backup, scheduling rental of community center, cleaning the community center, scheduling rental of Howes Park Shelter, scheduling baseball for Howes Park with hopes of having 4 tournaments during the year and other tasks assigned by the mayor/board. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Julie DeSplinter
Village Clerk