

Village of Annawan

Board Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2016

The Annawan Village Board met at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Village Hall.

Present:

Mayor Tim Wise

Trustees: Audie Sturtewagen, John Rico, Kim Goodley, Kelly Ashley, Doreen Miller, and Brent Heitzler.

Village Clerk: Julie DeSplinter

Also Present: Carolyn Miller, Denise Bulat (for presentation), Melissa Watkins and supporter (for presentation), and Eric Shallert (for MFT Update)

Board Motions:

To approve the minutes of the previous three meetings after amendment. (Heitzler/Rico) Motion passed. Miller pointed out that Rico was absent at the February 9th meeting, while Goodley was present at that meeting. She also pointed out dates that didn't match for the February 13th meeting.

To pay the monthly bills. (Heitzler/Sturtewagen) Motion passed. The balance in the General Fund on February 29, 2016 was \$134,870.90.

To spend up to \$3000 to MSA Professionals for preliminary work to update the various sewer and water facilities...Scada System Study. (Ashley, Sturtewagen). Motion passed. MSA will visit our facilities, collect information, and prepare a report indicating the types and costs of the various equipment so that the systems can be updated over time as funding allows. We currently have a balance of \$10,000 in the existing General Engineering and Miscellaneous Contract.

To allow the use of the community center fitness room at no charge for employees and board members. (Sturtewagen/Heitzler). Motion passed. This does not include families.

To adopt Resolution 65 (People's National Bank Authorization). (Heitzler/Goodley) Motion passed.

To sell the irrigator purchased in 2013 to Alton Irrigation for \$3500. (Rico, Goodley) Motion passed. There was no longer any reason to keep the irrigator.

To purchase a 72" lawn mower from Birkey's at a cost of \$5679 after trade-in. (Sturtewagen, Heitzler). Motion passed. Birkey's had the lowest of three bids.

There being no further business, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (Heitzler, Goodley). Motion passed.

Police Report

Chief Elliott gave the police report. There were 4 citations, 10 written warnings, and 1 DUI arrest since the last report. They assisted the: Annawan Fire/Rescue, Atkinson PD, Henry Co Sheriff's Dept, and the IL State Police. Chief Elliott attended Freedom House training (Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services). Chief Elliott, Officers Halberg and Whipple attended Racial Profiling training.

Henry County Coroner Election Presentation

Melissa Watkins talked to board members about the reasons she is running for coroner, her qualifications, and asked everyone to remember to vote.

Bi-State Regional Commission Presentation

Denise Bulat shared with board members the programs and services offered to members of the Bi-State Commission- some provided to members free of charge and some with an extra fee. Discussion was held. No action was taken. Denise will send more information so that a decision about the Village becoming a member can be held at the April meeting.

Plans for Old Community Center Site

We will know more at the April meeting about the cost of seeding the area. That is the only plan for that area as of right now. No action was taken.

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MSA Professionals Update

Eric Shallert reported that the following projects may be performed by them, at the board's discretion: 2016 MFT, Drainage on Second Street, Community Center Parking lot, Sanitary Sewer I & I Analysis, and Smoke Testing/Manhole Evaluation. Schallert will give an estimate of the cost of a Main Street Planning Study with visual aids for our downtown TIF area at a later date.

Meeting with Henry County Highway

Mayor Wise reported that the county suggested getting base down (for the Community Center Parking Lot) this year along with geo fabric and letting it settle this year to find spongy spots. The parking lot could possibly be asphalted next year. VanOpdorp Trucking will be contacted about the use of millings for the base. It was suggested that we hire Henry County to fill in cracks in the asphalt around town. They would supply two workers and Annawan would supply two workers for traffic control. No action was taken to decide on which streets would be repaired in the spring.

Care of Alleys

Ashley questioned the policy about who takes care of maintaining the alleys in the village. The policy is that if the garbage truck uses the alley, then the village will take care of maintenance. If not, then the homeowners are responsible for maintenance.

Update on New Community Center

Several minor repairs have been completed by village employees. Mayor Wise, Mark Crosby, and Key Builders will do a final walkthrough on March 14th. That should clear up the concern about who is responsible for work done---Key Builders or the Village. Much of the work was donated by employees and residents to keep the cost of the building down. Phones will be installed on March 10th in the kitchen and in the fitness room (935-6742 for either place).

Landscaping at Community Center

Plans have been received from Steve's Nursery. They will be discussed at the Community Center meeting on April 5, 2016 and then presented to the board at the April board meeting.

2016 Operating Budget

Mayor Wise suggested that running any kind of financial institution without a budget was not a good idea. We have not had an operating budget for several years. After Wise tweaks the committee list, the work will begin toward a budget and hopefully the budget will be voted on in May.

Cell Phones

The plan will remain as is. No monthly phone stipend will be offered to employees toward their own phone plan. 5 employees are included in the village plan. (Mayor, Police Dept, Water/Sewer, and 2 Garbage employees).

Summer Recreation Program

Rylie Smith and Meghan Curran will once again be responsible for the summer rec program, with a third person to be decided on at a later date. The salary will be \$800 each.

Street Light on Second Street

Miller questioned if anything new had been done toward getting a street light near Paxton's Corner Coop, if Ameren has been notified of the request. The Village Clerk said that no one had officially told her to do that. More work will be done toward this project and reported to the board at a later date.

Curb Maintenance at Old Community Center Site

Miller asked when Specht Construction was going to fix the curb. It was on their list of things to do and had been approved. After discussion it was decided to tell Paul to wait until a final decision is made about what to do with that area.

Congratulations, Mark Crosby

Mark Crosby, water superintendent, once again received a Perfect Compliance Commendation ((2015) from the IL Dept of Public Health. Mark has received the award each year since 1995. Way to go, Mark, and thanks for all you do for our village.

Julie DeSplinter
Village Clerk