

Village of Annawan
Board Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2016

The Annawan Village Board met at 5:30 pm on Thursday, October 13th, at the Village Hall.

Present:

Mayor Tim Wise

Trustees: John Rico, Kim Goodley, Kelly Ashley, and Doreen Miller.

Village Clerk: Julie DeSplinter

Events Coordinator: Lauren Dynes

Present for Resident Concerns: Fran VanHyfte

Present for Presentation: Kevin Wills, First Midstate, Inc. and Mark Crosby, Village Water Superintendent

Previous Month's Minutes

Miller, seconded by Rico, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

Monthly Bills

Miller, seconded by Rico, made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion passed. The balance in the General Fund on September 30, 2016, was \$270,246.23. Miller questioned the bill to Someone's in the Kitchen for a window sill problem in the CC. The problem has been fixed and Key Builders will reimburse the village for the amount of the bill.

Police Report

Chief Elliott gave the police report showing 19 traffic stops, 13 written warnings and 8 citations. Agency Assists included: Atkinson Police Dept-1, Henry Co Sheriff's Dept-1, and the IL State Police-1. There were 4 arrests and 5 citizen assists for the reporting period.

Recreation Report

Lauren Dynes gave the report showing 4 paid and 12 free CC rentals for October. Upcoming Events: Halloween Movie Night-Oct 21st; Halloween Party-Oct 30th; Sip and Paint-Nov 12th; Girls Night Out-Dec 2nd; and Boarded Up! Paint Night-Dec 16th. For more information about events please call her at 935-6264. Donations to the CC totaled \$1,050 this month. Henry Co Telephone will install Wi-Fi in the CC. Progress in being made to the door locks in hopes of getting the fitness room open soon. Dynes is hoping to serve a senior citizen's lunch once a month and will now be publishing a newsletter for residents.

Resident's Concern

Fran VanHyfte was present at the meeting to discuss drainage issues in her yard at 309 S. Henry St. Several plans were discussed but no action was taken at this time. Our engineers will look things over to come up with the best plan possible.

Presentation

Kevin Wills, of First Midstate, Inc., gave board members materials concerning a municipality taking out bonds. There are four options to consider, with each option having its own pros and cons. No action toward taking out bonds is planned for the village. Mayor Wise just wanted everyone to get a start on understanding the process if and when bonds are needed.

Domestic Violence Proclamation

Mayor Wise signed a proclamation showing that the Mayor and City Council of the Village of Annawan proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness about the societal problem of domestic violence throughout our village and its devastating effects on families and to urge all victims to seek help by calling Freedom House at 1-800-474-3031.

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Hotel Tax Ordinance Number 369

The agreement between Henry County and the Village concerning the collection of and sharing of tax monies for the hotel expired in July, 2016. The agreement showed that a 5% tax would be collected by the county, the county keeping 2.5% and sending 2.5% to the village. Mayor Wise felt that it was time for a change and suggested that the village take over the entire process so that all of the money would stay in the village. He spoke with county officials and with Cathy Foes, Henry County Tourism Director, was offered the old agreement to be re-signed, told that there would be no Tourism Board without our money, and was advised that the hotel would no longer be advertised on the State Tourism website or the Henry County Tourism website if that happened. Board members agreed to the change and agreed that the hotel probably gets more business from the advertising done on their own website. It would continue to get advertisement from the village website. Ashley, seconded by Goodley, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 369, an ordinance showing that the Village of Annawan will now collect any and all hotel taxes. The tax levied is 5% of the rent charged for the privilege of renting and use of a hotel or motel room within the village for each 24-hour period. This makes the agreement with Henry County concerning hotel taxes null and void. Motion passed unanimously.

Changes to Employee Handbook

After discussion it was decided to change the employee handbook to show the following: “In order to be eligible for sick leave an employee must notify their supervisor of absence two hours before scheduled work time , keep his/her supervisor informed of his/her condition in any absence of more than three days duration”. Also, “Full-time waterworks, sewer, and garbage employees are expected to wear “uniforms” that meet OSHA standards. The village will pay for coveralls, safety vests, jackets, gloves, and boots necessary to meet those standards. Payment must be authorized by the Supervisor or Mayor”.

CC Generator

Rico, seconded by Goodley, made a motion to finalize the purchase a 2014 GI 30LG2 generator for the community center at a cost of \$31,499.00. Half of the money will come from the general fund, half will come from the reserve fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Well Rehabilitation

Mark Crosby presented board members with the findings of tests completed by Brotcke Well and Pump. The “unknown factors” make it virtually impossible to identify a specific price and scope of work needed. The budget estimate for tasks/procedures necessary is \$40,000 with the village having input throughout the entire process. Miller, seconded by Ashley, made a motion that although the work is necessary we not proceed with the project until after our TIF attorney has been contacted to see if TIF monies can be used for payment and IDOT is contacted to see about our changing the time of our yearly payment. If Mayor Wise finds that we can use TIF money for the project, and send in our IDOT payment later in the year, he will give the go-ahead to Crosby. Motion passed unanimously.

Snowmobile Route Ordinance

This will be on the agenda for the November meeting.

Oslad Grant

The Oslad Grant was officially cancelled by October 3rd. There wasn't enough money to pay for the village's half of the grant at this time. A penalty for cancelling the grant is still under discussion.

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Drainage Ditch Tube

The request from Annawan Township (paying for a new tube for the Annawan ditch) was discussed but no motion was made.

Election Petitions for the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election

Petitions for the election are available in the Village Office and may be circulated now. They are to be turned in from December 12th -19th. Seats to be voted on are: Mayor (4-year term)-, three Trustees (4-year term), and two Trustees (2-year term). Currently holding those seats are Wise, Heitzler, Miller, Ashley, Sturtewagen, and Goodley.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Ashley, seconded by Rico, made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Motion carried.

After Executive Session

Goodley, seconded by Ashley, made a motion to allow Mayor Wise to negotiate with owners of the Family Medical Associates LTD concerning the purchase of their building for village purposes, but taking no further action without approval of the board. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ashley, seconded by Miller, made a motion to adjourn Motion passed unanimously.

Julie DeSplinter
Village Clerk