

Village of Annawan

Board Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017

The Annawan Village Board met at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 14, 2017, in the Village Hall.

Present were:

Mayor: Tim Wise

Trustees: Audie Sturtewagen, Kim Goodley, Nathan Stout, and Mitch Heisler

Village Clerk: Julie DeSplinter

Also present (for presentation): Steve Haring, Teresa Welch, and Mark Crosby

Previous Month's Minutes

Sturtewagen, seconded by Heisler, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion passed.

Monthly Bills

Sturtewagen, seconded by Stout, made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion passed. The balance in the General Fund on October 31, 2017 was \$214,872.37.

Police Report

Chief Elliott gave the police report showing 20 calls for service, 4 arrests, 315 Self-Initiated Activates, 36 Traffic Enforcement Activities, and 4 agency assists for the reporting period. Three part-time officers completed online training. Chief Elliott attended a safety meeting with AHS school officials and a Law Enforcement Drill at the school. The full report is in the village office for review. The police dept received a letter from Lieutenant Jason Dickey, of the IL State Police, concerning the traffic stop/manhunt on October 15th. The letter stated: "Your role in our response was important during this incident and very much appreciated".

Recreation Report

The report showed 4 paid and 10 free rentals of the CC since the last report. Halloween contest winners were: Denelle Anderson (front porch), and Jeff Tourville (Halloween); Annawan-Alba Library (Business) and Ashlyn Bertrand (Child) in the pumpkin decorating category. Upcoming events are: Movie Night, Nov. 17th, and Santa Visits the Village, Dec. 20th. The Freezer Meals class was a huge success. The Fitness Center is approaching its 1 Year Anniversary with details to follow. The Fitness Center has 126 active members with a mix of monthly, yearly, family, and single memberships.

Spring MFT Street Maintenance

Steve Haring, of MSA Professionals, was present at the meeting to discuss which streets will be maintained/repared in the spring. No action was taken with three or four possibilities. A final decision will be made in December or January. Haring told board members about a Truck Access Route Program that may be applied for streets like Howes Street, which has heavy truck traffic. More information is needed. MSA will present engineering possibilities with a more aggressive approach rather than chip and oil. There won't be enough MFT money to cover all the maintenance needed but roads deemed in need will be looked at first next year if not maintained this year.

Audit Presentation

Teresa Welch, of Blucker, Kneer and Associates, was present at the meeting to give the village a clean audit for the 16-17 fiscal year. Two recommendations are: More cross-training of employees so that village business can be completed in case of employee absences; Internal control policies regarding the community center need to be implemented to ensure proper accountability of income on village books. Sturtewagen, seconded by Stout, made a motion to accept the audit. Motion passed.

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Wiesbrook Payment

Andy Wiesbrook paid for materials that were stored on the former Millie Loncka property on Patriot Way. The money was deposited into the Community Center account. Board members agreed that the money should stay in that account.

Old CC Center Site

There are still plans to make a memorial park on the site. Mayor Wise found out that TIF monies may not be used to fund the new police department building. This was tabled to a later meeting.

Presentation from Mark Crosby

Crosby was at the meeting to tell board members about maintenance that is needed but money for the maintenance has not been budgeted. The traffic light at Patriot Way/Route 6 was damaged by lightning. Davenport Electric gave a quote for replacing the defective transfer switch, etc., in the amount of \$3,735. The state reimburses the village 67% for any expenses incurred per an intergovernmental agreement signed when the light was put up. Board members advised Crosby to go ahead with the maintenance. The doors to the maintenance shed are in need of replacement. \$1,500 will be spent for new doors. A donation from the Annawan-Alba Woman's Club helped with the replacement of bulbs needed for the village Christmas decorations. Street lights on Route 6 will be changed over to LED bulbs.

Ordinance 377

Due to the failure of an attempt from Henry County municipalities to get a new Enterprise Zone, a new attempt will be made. Sturtewagen, seconded by Goodley, made a motion to pass Ordinance 377-An ordinance establishing an enterprise zone in the cities of Kewanee, Galva, Geneseo, Atkinson, Annawan, Cambridge, Orion, and Woodhull, along with Henry County. Motion passed.

Resolution 70

Stout, seconded by Heisler, made a motion to adopt Resolution 77-a resolution in support of Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations. Motion passed.

Other Discussions

The negotiations with the ethanol plant to amend the TIF bonds failed.

A Christmas party will be planned for village employees and volunteers with more information to follow.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Goodley, seconded by Heisler, made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go to an executive session for the purpose of discussing a land sale and employee Christmas bonuses. Motion passed.

After Executive Session

Heisler, seconded by Sturtewagen, made a motion to allow Mayor Wise to negotiate the sale of 3 acres of village property and the former Loncka property to Jeff VandeVoorde for \$30,000 per acre. Motion passed. The Village originally bought the property from VandeVoorde with the plan of building a new maintenance building on the property. Nothing has been done at the site and VandeVoorde approached Mayor Wise about buying the property back.

Goodley, seconded by Sturtewagen, made a motion to give Christmas bonuses to village employees in the following amounts: \$100 for part-time employees; \$175 for full-time employees; \$250 to full-time employees who are in a supervisory position. Motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Sturtewagen, seconded by Heisler, made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Julie DeSplinter
Village Clerk