

Village of Annawan

Board Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2017

The Annawan Village Board met at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 12, 2017, in the Village Hall.

Present were:

Mayor: Tim Wise

Trustees: Audie Sturtewagen, Brent Heitzler, Kim Goodley, Nathan Stout, John Rico, and Mitch Heisler

Village Clerk: Julie DeSplinter

Also present: Mark Crosby

Previous Month's Minutes

After amending November's minutes to show that "Mayor Wise found out that TIF monies may not be used to fund the police dept building, instead of the Memorial Park", Sturtewagen, seconded by Goodley made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

Monthly Bills

Sturtewagen, seconded by Heisler, made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion passed. The balance in the General Fund on November 30, 2017 was \$169,065.10.

Police Report

Chief Elliott gave the police report showing 22 calls for service, 309 Self-Initiated Activates, 36 Traffic Enforcement Activities, and 7 agency assists for the reporting period. Heitzler pointed out that the police dept should be commended for their high visibility while doing school checks, etc. Mayor Wise said we appreciate their high visibility at school functions. Part-time officers continue to complete online training. The full report is in the village office for review.

Recreation Report

The report showed 1 paid and 5 free rentals of the CC since the last report. Upcoming events include: Fitness Center 1 Year Anniversary, December 13th; Santa Visits the Village, December 20th from 4:30 until 6:30 @ the Library. Many compliments to Sue Ann Wells and Jamie Specht for all of their hard work planning the Christmas Festival. There are 140 Fitness Center members with a mix of single and family, monthly and yearly. Brenda Gilbraith (Atkinson) donated 2 Christmas trees. One will be placed at the Community Center and the other will be shared with the Annawan-Alba Library.

Spring MFT Street Maintenance

Henry Co will lay asphalt for \$64/ton, much cheaper than hiring a private contractor. Streets under consideration are: South Main Street; a portion of W. South Ave, continuing onto a small portion of Pleasant View Drive; Howes Street.

S. Main Street will require no pre-construction.

W. South Ave may be in need of something prior to asphaltting in the area where sewer lines cross underneath.

The village is still waiting for information from MSA Professionals about TARP funding before a decision can be made about Howes Street. With the semi traffic that use that street, a more-than-average maintenance would have to be done. It is doubtful that there would be enough MFT money to cover that street at this time.

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Water Rates

Heisler presented board members with information about water and sewer rates in Henry County. He said that the majority of our customers would be in the 5,000-10,000 gallon range. According to the chart, the village has one of the cheapest rates. Water rates in the village have not been raised since 2007. No decision was made, but discussion included raising the rates according to the cost of living each year instead of waiting so long; adding a “capital improvement” charge to cover the maintenance of the water and sewer systems, etc. A decision will be made before the budget for the 2108-2019 fiscal year is finalized.

Also discussed was the water shut-off policy.

Residential Dumpster Rates

Due to the increase in tipping fees the amount charged to residents for dumpster rent is not sufficient to cover costs. New dumpster rates will be on the agenda for the January meeting.

Memorial Park

Stout, seconded by Sturtewagen, made a motion to use TIF funds to pay MSA Professional engineers to design a memorial park for the old community center site. Heitzler reminded board members that we want to have the money for construction of the park before the actual construction takes place. Board members agreed.

TIF Bonds

The village will be receiving money from TIF bonds due to paying an extra year on the bonds. It is estimated that the amount will be \$158,000.

New Construction Incentives

Mayor Wise gave board members his ideas for incentives to encourage new home construction in the village with the goal of increasing school enrollment. Board members added more incentives. No action was taken.

Tax Levy

Stout, seconded by Rico, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 788, the tax levy ordinance for the 2017 tax year. Motion passed unanimously. The total taxes levied are \$129,437, based on an EAV of \$13,443,816. The levy is an increase of \$2,373 over last year. If a homeowner’s assessment stays the same the village portion of their taxes will not increase.

Dewey Subdivision still in Equity

The only update on the construction in the Dewey Subdivision is that the lawyer says the transaction is still in equity.

Village Christmas Party

Village employees, volunteers, and their guests will enjoy a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7th, at the Front Street Tap, beginning at 4:00.

Adjournment

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

Julie DeSplinter
Village Clerk