
VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

Regular Board Meeting

Village Hall

August 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Bob Jennings.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ARRIVAL TIME AFTER MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>
Rachelle Bowers	X		
Mitch Leverenz	X		
Tom Cook	X		
Bob Parr	X		
Doit Roberts	X		
Andy Schulte	X		

Others present were: Josh Bennett, Chief of Police; Janet Hambright, Treasurer; Terry Hume, Emergency Rescue Chief; Steve Miller, Attorney, Steve Wendell

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Bob Jennings presented the board with the minutes from the regular meeting on July 8, 2013.

Doit Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2013 with a second by Andy Schulte.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

Bob Jennings presented the board with the minutes from the special meeting on July 29, 2013.

Andy Schulte made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 29, 2013 with a second by Rachelle Bowers.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

Bob Jennings presented the board with the minutes from the special executive meeting on July 29, 2013.

Doit Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the special executive meeting of July 29, 2013 with a second by Tom Cook.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Julie Leverenz submitted a letter thanking the village board and employees for all of their support through the illness and death in her family. The family donated memorial money to the Oakwood Rescue Service.

LIAISON REPORTS

Emergency Rescue – Andy Schulte reported there have been some repairs needed on a couple of the ambulances.

Streets/Alleys – Rachelle Bowers had nothing to report.

Finance/Insurance – Tom Cook had nothing to report.

Police – Doit Roberts had nothing to report.

Park – Mitch Leverenz had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer – Steve Wendell reported his department pulled apart a fiber optic line while running lines out to Pierce’s. He is not sure who is responsible at this point but this area was cleared twice where it was found.

Liquor Commission – Bob Jennings had nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed the following bills:

<u>GENERAL</u> - \$40,138.55	<u>ER</u> - \$12,686.26	<u>WATER</u> - \$12,440.17
<u>SEWER</u> - \$6,362.25	<u>POLICE</u> - \$877.10	<u>NON HOME RULE</u> - \$1742.41
<u>MOTOR FUEL</u> - \$547.96	<u>TIF</u> - \$7,275.00	

Rachelle Bowers made a motion to approve to pay the bills as presented with a second by Andy Schulte.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Park Rental Policy – Mitch Leverenz received two responses from the board members. One of the recommendations proposed charging baseball/softball and the football leagues a fee for each participant. Mitch said he would prefer to finalize the pavilion rental fee at this time and leave the leagues out of the proposal.

Doit Roberts made a motion to charge the following listed below starting immediately with the exception of the following non-for-profit (library, school, 4 local churches) as the rental fee for the Oakwood Park with a second by Andy Schulte.

	\$100 refundable deposit once key is returned and inspected	
	Residents	Non-Residents
Entire Park Facility	\$75	\$150
Pavilion without restrooms	\$30	\$75
Pavilion with restrooms	\$50	\$100

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

Code, Title 8 "Health & Safety" Chapters 8.04.01 – 8.04.05 – Bob Jennings explained there have been some concerns with clogging gutters. If there is a safety issue we can deal with it. Blocked ducts create safety issue due to grass clippings. Catch basins collect sticks, litter, grass, leaves. From the last month's meeting this was the reason for bringing this up again and there was discussion that this is not a good policy and ordinance. Jennings told the board to submit ideas on what parts need to be re-written or eliminated and he will bring these suggestions to the next meeting.

Obenland Request for TIF 2 Assistance – Bob Jennings provided a copy of the letter for Ehlers and Associates in regards to the request for TIF 2 assistance. The letter identified that there is \$46,000 in tax increment funding assistance available for the proposed ice cream shop. These funds could be used in demolition cost, site work and infrastructure costs but cannot be used in any part of new construction. The board voiced a provision in the agreement that if the business closes or is sold within 10 years all the TIF funds must be repaid to the village.

Mayor Jennings asked the board permission to work with Obenland in coming up with an agreement with the stipulation if the business closes down in 5 years the fund would need to be paid back. Tom Cook and the Mayor will work with Obenland and bring back for final approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Street Closing – Andy Schulte requested to have the end of Seymour blocked off for a block party on September 14th.

Doit Roberts made a motion to approve the request to have the end of Seymour closed off on September 14th for the neighborhood block party with a second by Rachelle Bowers.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts,

Nays -

Abstain - Schulte

Absent -

Motion Passed

Agreement for Good Energy to supply electrical services to Village properties – Jerod McMorris, representative for Good Energy presented to the board an agreement with Good Energy LLC to approve a new contract to provide electricity for the village's 10 different electricity accounts. The current contract with Integrys expires in December. The 12 month contract would take effect immediately in January and he can also lock in today's rate for electricity. By approving this the village could save up to \$3,600 per year in electricity costs

Doit Roberts made a motion to approve the contract with Good Energy as providing electrical services to Village properties with a second by Bob Parr.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

Extension of Sales Tax agreement with IGA – Bob Jennings reported the village approved a sales tax rebate for a 10 year period. Wes Burriss made an agreement with the store in granting of this rebate. The village needs to wait for all of the required signatures for the reassignment with the store and Jennings will bring this back to the board next month.

Approval of Policies Regarding Drug Free, Equal Employment and Sexual Harassment – Bob Jennings explained that according to the auditors if the Village received grants from the State of Illinois the following needs to be approved by the board.

Approval of Drug-Free Workplace Policy

Bob Parr made a motion to approve the Drug-Free Workplace Policy as presented with a second by Rachelle Bowers.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

Approval of Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Bob Parr made a motion to approve the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy as presented with a second by Rachelle Bowers.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

Approval of Sexual Harassment Policy

Doit Roberts made a motion to approve the Sexual Harassment Policy as presented with a second by Andy Schulte.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

Approval Electrical Work at Village Hall – Bob Jennings reported the office has been dealing with performance issues of the computers. An electrician came in with an estimate to help solve the problem for \$400. A new line will need to be run for the computers itself. This was already in the budget but he wanted to make the board aware of the situation.

Pilot Proceeds for a Local Project – Pilot contacted Julie Leverenz telling her that the company would like to donate a portion of the proceeds to a local charity for the grand opening. After discussion it was agreed to have the donation to go to the food pantry.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 p.m. Doit Roberts made a motion to adjourn with a second by Rachelle Bowers.

Yeas - Bowers, Cook, Leverenz, Parr, Roberts, Schulte

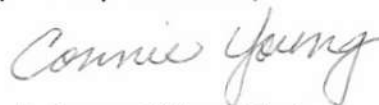
Nays -

Abstain -

Absent -

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Young, Village Clerk

Approved 9/9/13