

MINUTES
Of a Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 7, 2018

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Piper City was brought to order at the Village Hall on March 7, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Orr presiding. Trustees Fuoss, Houck, Bertrand, Cotter, Berry, and Mogged responded to roll call.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on February 7, 2018 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Cotter and seconded by Berry. On a roll call vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

The financial report showing a balance on hand in all funds of \$707,043.00 as of February 28, 2018 was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion was made by Mogged and seconded by Houck to approve the financial report. On a roll call vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

A list of payroll and bills were presented to the Board for their consideration. Motion by Fuoss and seconded by Bertrand that the bills be approved and that the village clerk issue warrants on the village treasurer to named claimants. On a roll call vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried. The list of payroll and bills is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference.

Under public comments, Krisha Shoemaker, a candidate for Ford County Treasurer, spoke briefly to introduce herself and left her resume. Kasi Schwarz, another candidate for Ford County Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting but had mailed her resume which was made available to those at the meeting as well.

Mary Weakman presented a quilt that she was asked to make in 2009 for the Ford County Sesquicentennial. The board thanked her for her generous gift. Mary also asked the board if something could be done about the persistent drainage problem in the rear of her yard, near the alley. The board will investigate the issue.

Tri-Point High School student Jackie Houck addressed the board on behalf of the Tri-Point National Honor Society to request a donation in support of their upcoming 5K run on April 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The board agreed to issue a \$100 check payable to local business Piper City Convenient Store which the Society could use to buy bottled water or other supplies for the event.

Ford County State's Attorney Andrew Killian was present to answer any questions regarding problems with the recent property tax re-assessments.

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Engineers Joe Russo and Taylor O'Connor of the Farnsworth Group introduced themselves and discussed in general terms plans for street maintenance for the upcoming fiscal year.

Under old business, the board discussed the request of Piper City Convenient Store, Inc. for a "combined" liquor license. Mayor Orr reported that Dave Melosi, agent for the gaming company, called to clarify that on-premises consumption of alcohol must be allowed by the local liquor license if the store is to qualify for a video gaming license. Berry made a motion to have the village attorney draft an ordinance to allow for a "combined" license that permits the sale of package liquor and limited on-premises consumption of beer and wine. Cotter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

The board has submitted to Price's Tree Service a list of trees to be trimmed or removed.

Mayor Orr appointed the following individuals to the Piper City Plan Commission: Mark Houck, Paul Mogged, Doug Berry, Bob Cotter, Charlie Kinkade (Zoning Commissioner), and Jeff Orr (Mayor is member ex officio). Mayor Orr re-appointed the Village Board of Trustees and the Village President to serve as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Orr reported that Ford County Judge Matthew Fitton has issued an Order for Demolition for 312 E. Market Street. Mayor Orr will contact Lee Farms Excavating for an estimate of the cost of demolition.

Under new business, the board discussed a proposal from Hitchens Plumbing & Heating to replace two furnaces and one central air unit at City Hall with new 80% efficiency units. The existing units are more than 35 years old. The work would be done in the spring. The proposal will be added to the agenda for the regular meeting on April 4, 2018.

The board discussed mosquito spraying for the upcoming season. Trustee Berry will get an updated price for spraying from Pfingsten Mowing Service.

Mayor Orr presented a proposal from Joe Mickelucky of the Farnsworth Group to have the water tower inspected and the exterior washed. The Farnsworth Group would perform the inspection of the water tower and would oversee the washing of the exterior. The Lodi Company will wash the exterior and apply a treatment to retard the growth of mold and mildew. The cost for this work will be approximately \$6400.00. Berry moved to approve the proposal and Fuoss seconded the motion. A motion was made by Berry to approve the proposal and seconded by Fuoss. On a roll call vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

Superintendent of Public Works Richard Hitchens presented the current procedure for water bill collection. The board was informed that currently residents have 3 months to pay outstanding water bills before service is shut off. Hitchens said he plans to start shutting off

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overdue accounts 45 days after billing. The board expressed agreement. Many of the outstanding accounts belong to rental property tenants. The board discussed the possibility amending the village code to require that landlords be billed directly for water service to their rental property.

Mayor Orr proposed that the volunteer committee for the Sesquicentennial be organized into an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. This would allow the group to get their own insurance which would assist the group in fundraising activities. Fuoss moved that \$2000 of seed money be made available to help cover the cost of incorporation and insurance. Village Attorney Ross Sorenson will provide legal assistance in forming the corporation. Houck seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

Mayor Orr reported that he had contacted Attorney Sorensen in regards to the sale of surplus property. Mr. Sorensen said that there were two options the village could take for the sale of the property. The village can take bids on the property or place the property up for auction. The consensus of the trustees was to take bids on the surplus property.

Trustee Cotter suggested the board consider adding some type of covering to the band stand on Peoria Street, especially if it will be used extensively during the sesquicentennial celebration.

Trustee Bertrand announced that the winner of the Harford Scholarship for 2018 was Elijah McDonald. She also informed the trustees that the old LED village sign would be accepted at the Tri-Point National Honor Society Electronics Recycling Day in April. Fuoss moved that the village give a \$100 donation to the T-P NHS. Bertrand seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

Trustee Berry will meet with Jim Boomgarden of Boomgarden Trash Hauling to discuss renewal of the village garbage disposal contract for the next fiscal year. Berry will report to the board at the April 4 meeting.

Mayor Orr reported that he is working with McMillan Insurance Agency to investigate general liability and work comp insurance coverage for volunteers performing court mandated community service. Mayor Orr also proposed the village acquire some trail cameras for the park. The board of trustees agreed to purchase cameras and surveillance signs.

Motion for adjournment was made by Fuoss, seconded by Bertrand. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Rhonda McCoy, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF PIPER CITY

STATE OF ILLINOIS, FORD COUNTY

March 7, 2018

VILLAGE WARRANT

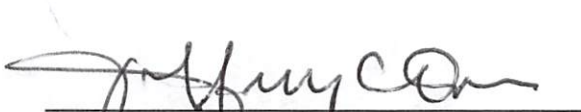
TO THE TREASURER OF SAID VILLAGE, PAY TO THE ORDER OF THE CLAIMANTS NAMED BELOW THE SUMS INDICATED OUT OF THE TREASURY APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUNDS DESIGNATED BELOW.

#	CLAIMANT		FUND	AMOUNT
18-052	Richard D. Hitchens	salary	Water	\$ 1449.09
18-053	Richard D. Hitchens	salary	S & A	1714.34
18-054	Haley Brothers	Replace water service 3 ⁴ VINE Market St	Water	1009.52
18-055	McMillan Insurance Services	surety bonds-Mogged, Fuoss, Berry, Bertrand, Houck, Johnson	Insurance	300.00
18-056	Al Smith	Salary	Water	83.71
18-057	Ameren	Street lighting	Str Light	151.11
18-058	Frontier Communications	phone/internet	Utility	195.39
18-059	Ameren	Community Building	Utility	84.16
18-060	Addis Auto Parts, Inc.	2 wiper blades for ¾ ton truck	S & A	51.98
18-061	Martensen, Nieman & Sorensen	Correspondence on 206 W. Vine, review gaming/liquor license, Property maintenance code	General	385.00
18-062	Nicor Gas	water pump backup	Utility	71.76
18-063	IMCO Utility Supply	Couplings	Water	294.50
18-064	Creative Office Systems	Bulletin boards for Village Hall	General	682.10
18-065	Dollar General	cleaning/office supplies	General	49.44
18-066	Angel Pest Control LLC	pest control Comm Bldg, City Hall	General	60.00
18-067	Martensen, Niemann, & Sorensen	312 E. Market St. Demolish Unsafe Structure Documentation		862.92
18-068	Fuoss Fabrication	Tire disposal fee (4)	General	20.00
18-069	Nicor Gas	heating gas	Utility	103.98
18-070	Ameren	Lighting	Utility	571.26
18-071	Nicor Gas	town shed	Utility	197.77
18-072	MasterCard	TOTAL	---	265.45
		Office Depot-map tubes, USB	152.91 General	
		Office Depot-mailing labels	12.49 General	
		Hobby Lobby-frames	5.98 General	
		Intuit-Payroll program	51.00 General	
		USPS-water sample postage	25.41 Water	
		Office Depot- office supplies	144.44 General	
		USA BlueBook-face shield(4)	54.24 Water	
		Office Depot-office supplies	76.92 General	

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18-073 Nicor Gas	Comm Bldg	Utility	105.26
18-074 Boomgarden Trash Hauling	Garbage contract	Garbage	4650.00
18-076 IRS	TOTAL	---	1180.22
	SS, Medicare (employer ½)	329.46 Soc Sec	
	Payroll taxes (employee ½)	482.05 S & A	
	"	368.71 Water	
18-077 Ill. Dept. of Revenue	state payroll taxes	General	208.69
18-078 Getz Fire Equipment Co.	10 fire extinguishers	General	820.60
18-079 Kinkade Konstruction	Material & Labor for Bulletin Board And Water bill drop box	General	107.92
18-080 Jeffrey Orr	Mileage for Farnsworth Grant Seminar	General	64.31
18-081 PIPER CONVENIENCE STORE	TRI POINT NAT. HONOR SOCIETY RUN WALK DONATION	GENERAL	100.00
18-082 TRI POINT NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	ELECTRONICS RECYCLE DONATION DISPOSE OF OLD TOWN SIGN.	GENERAL	100.00

Passed by the Village Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on March 7, 2018.



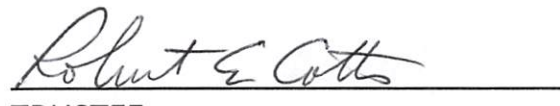
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