

VILLAGE OF PIPER CITY

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

7:00 PM August 1, 2018

Purpose of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Roll Call:

Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Treasures Report:

Bills and Payroll:

Public Comments:

Old Business:

- 1. Code enforcement update**
- 2. Sesquicentennial update, Not-for-Profit Corporation**
- 3. Report on water tower inspection**

New Business:

- 1. Proposal to increase garbage rates**
- 2. Review of water rates**
- 3. Proposed Merchant Agreement with GovPayNet to enable payment of water bills & fines by credit card**
- 4. Revisions to peddler permit ordinance**
- 5. Review and Revision of ordinance prohibiting the raising of chickens in the village**
- 6. Approval of IDOT permit to repair highway damaged by water main breaks**

Reports of Committees and Trustees:

MINUTES
Of a Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 1, 2018

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Piper City was brought to order at the Village Hall on August 1, 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 July 5, 2018 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mogged and seconded by Berry. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

The financial report showing a balance on hand in all funds of \$679,441.73 as of July 31, 2018 was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion was made by Fuoss and seconded by Cotter to approve the financial report. On a voice 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 Houck, 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, Kathy Stamm inquired as to the status of ordinance violations in her neighborhood.

Under old business, Mayor Orr provided an update on code enforcement, stating that town-wide code inspections will be conducted in August. Violators will be issued warning letters. Repeat offenders will be issued tickets to abate the nuisance. If necessary, the village will file a notice to appear before the court in Ford County.

Mayor Orr reported that a demolition complaint has been filed against the property owner of 116 W. Oak Street. The village attorney advises that it will take at least 90 days to get an order for demolition. Heirs of the deceased property owner of 28 W. Cross Street have been unreachable by certified mail so this file has been sent to the village attorney.

Mayor Orr informed the board that the Piper City Sesquicentennial Committee has filed Articles of Incorporation to be known as "Piper Pride NFP" (a not-for-profit corporation).

The trustees received copies of the report on the inspection of the water tower by the Farnsworth Group. The water tower is in good condition with only minor maintenance items needed at this time, most of which have already been completed by Superintendent of Public Works Dick Hitchens. The water tower is not expected to need significant attention for another

5-10 years. However, for budgeting purposes the Village should be prepared for a \$200,000+ expense in the year 2028 or so for painting and repairs. An inspection should be scheduled in 3-5 years, coupled with on-going, regular monitoring of its condition.

Under new business, the board discussed the possibility of raising garbage rates. Currently, the village is incurring a cost of \$53,000-\$55,000 yearly for garbage disposal. Income from residents' garbage rate is \$50,000-\$51,000 annually. An increase of \$1 per month on the garbage bill to begin in January of 2019 was discussed. Also included in the discussion was an increase in water rates. No action was taken at this time and the item will be on the September agenda.

Mayor Orr reported that he and Hitchens had met with an agent from GovPayNet to discuss a proposed merchant agreement that would enable the village to collect water payments and fines through credit cards. The board agreed to meet with the agent at the September board meeting.

Mayor Orr suggested that in view of continuing problems of solicitors in the village without permits, the board should review and possibly revise the Peddler Permit Ordinance. He will review and bring recommendations before the board at the September meeting.

Mayor Orr presented an amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance that prohibits the raising of chickens and other livestock within the village of Piper City. Upon review of the amendment by the board members, Fuoss made a motion to approve the amendment. Bertrand seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the amendment was approved as Ordinance #2018-06. Five members of the board voted aye, Houck abstained.

Mayor Orr presented a resolution for the approval of an IDOT permit to repair the highway damaged by a recent water main break at Vine St. and Rte 115. Cotter made a motion to approve the resolution and Houck seconded the motion. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

Mayor Orr and the trustees thanked fellow trustee Cotter for his help in hauling rock to repair the recent water main break.

Mayor Orr reported that a portable generator was purchased for use by the Water Department. He also noted that the Illinois State Archives Office has microfilmed old village minutes up to the year 1974. The old minute books will be returned to the village along with a digital copy on computer disc. Documents from 1974 to present are on site at the village hall.

MCS Technologies met with Orr, Hitchens, and McCoy to review the current operating/back-up systems for the village computer system. The representative made some suggestions of

upgrades and products that the village may find useful. A quote will be sent to the village for review.

Mayor Orr reminded the trustees of the upcoming street dance, Fire Department cook-out, and Piper Pride cook-out and ticket raffle to be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018.

Mayor Orr reported that pursuant to the Board's decision at the June 6 meeting to sell the lots generally known as 119 and 123 W. Cross Street as surplus property, the Village will receive sealed bids for said lots with the bids to be opened at the regular meeting of the Board on September 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Orr informed the board the Gibson Area Hospital has given notice to terminate the village's contract for ambulance service effective October 31. GAH sent a proposed one year contract to house a "fly" car with one EMT at the ambulance bay in the town shed to provide first responder and EMT care while an ambulance is dispatched. The cost to the village would be \$13,000 per year, with additional funds contributed by Brenton and Pella townships. Mayor Orr proposed the formation of a task force composed of village trustees, fire protection district trustees, and township trustees to examine options for ambulance service for the area, including the possibility of forming an ambulance district. Fuoss made a motion to approve the formation of a task force and Bertrand seconded. On a voice vote all trustees voted aye and the motion was carried.

Mayor Orr would like to form a committee to review the village's finances. Trustees were in favor of this and informed him to proceed.

Trustee Houck stated that residents had inquired into the status of some of the properties in the village that are in violation of village ordinances.

Trustee Bertrand stated that she felt the board should proceed with removal of unusable playground equipment in preparation for the purchase of new equipment. Fuoss requested that the area of the park around the tennis courts be cleaned up.

Treasurer Johnson inquired into the possibility of moving board meeting dates that fall on the 1st of the month. She does not receive monthly printouts until the day of the meeting and therefore has limited time in which to prepare her statements for the board meeting.

Motion for adjournment was made by Fuoss, seconded by Bertrand. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.


Rhonda McCoy, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF PIPER CITY

STATE OF ILLINOIS, FORD COUNTY

August 1, 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
18-228	Richard D. Hitchens	salary	S & A	\$ 1449.08
18-229	Jason Kemnetz	salary	S & A	680.55
18-230	Richard D. Hitchens	salary	Water	1510.30
18-231	Jason Kemnetz	salary	S & A	807.21
18-232	Al Smith	salary	Water	104.64
18-233	Frontier Communications	phone/internet	Utility	196.68
18-234	Ameren	town shed/village hall	General	263.78
18-235	Law Enforcement Systems, INC	ordinance violation tickets	General	256.00
		Door hangers, ticket book holder		
18-236	Dollar General Corp.	water/cleaning supplies	General	26.96
18-237	Ameren	village owned lighting	Str Light	86.11
18-238	Angel Pest Control LLC	pest control Comm Bldg, City Hall	General	60.00
18-239	Hitchens Plb. Htg. A/C	sub sump pump for water tower	Water	337.54
		Update shop sink for water testing		
18-240	Ameren	Community Bldg	CommBldg	136.12
18-241	Martensen, Niemann And Sorensen	Estate of Jerry Ford-nuisance/ prosecution -57 W Main & 28 W Cross	General	200.01
18-242	Vermilion Valley Bank	TOTAL-credit card charges		164.69
		Intuit-payroll program	69.00 General	
		USPS-water samples	25.41 Water	
		USPS-water samples	29.55 Water	
		USPS-water samples	Water	
		Nussbaum Ace Hardware- Garbage cans	40.73 General	
18-243	Boomgarden Trash Hauling	Garbage contract	Garbage	4650.00
18-244	IRS	TOTAL	---	1475.70
		SS, Medicare (employer ½)	658.29 S & A	
		Payroll taxes (employer ½)	369.58 Water	
		"	477.83 Soc Sec	
18-245	Ill. Dept. of Revenue	TOTAL	---	284.73
		state payroll taxes	190.42 S & A	
		"	94.31 Water	


18-246 Read Brothers Trucking LLC	rock fill for water main break at Vine St. and Rt 115	Water	1415.81
18-247 Gutwein Quality Doors	repair Ambulance shed door	General	943.00
18-248 Big R Store-Watseka	paint and accessories	Water	464.18
18-249 The News-Gazette, Inc.	public notice Treasurer's Report	General	288.92
	Public notice Prevailing Wages		
18-250 Fuoss Fabrication & Repair	Battery for the pickup truck	S & A	166.95
18-251 Aftershock Decals&Designs	7 Boil Order Signs	140.00 Water	200.00
	1 set of magnets	60.00 General	
18-252 Pflingsten Mowing Services	mosquito spraying 7/2/18 & 7/19/18	General	1000.00
18-253 Piper City Fire Protect. Dist.	Reimburse 1/2 of purchase of Hydrant Flow and Pressure Testing Kit	Water	243.44
18-254 Auto Repairs Unlimited	Disk lot after demolition 312 E Market	General	150.00

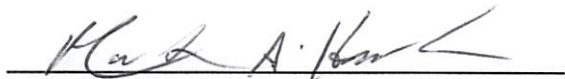
Passed by the Village Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on August 1, 2018.

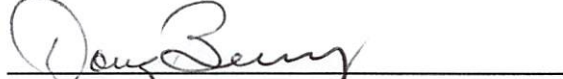

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