



Village Board Meeting
Thursday March 12th, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Bill Antti-Village President

Cheri Borowiec-Village Trustee

Eric Boxer-Village Trustee (**Absent**)

Roger Cagann-Village Trustee

Alan Cornue-Village Trustee

Shannon Sperandeo-Village Trustee

Phil Traskaski-Village Trustee (**Absent**)

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance** Meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bill Antti.
2. **Citizen's Comments** Kristine Drettwan Circuit Court Judge for Walworth County visited our Board Meeting and talked to the audience. She is running for Circuit Court Judge in the April 7th Election.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - Approval of payment of Bills**
 - Approval of Clerk/Treasurer's Report**
 - Approval of Minutes: Reg. Mtg. February 12th, 2015**
 - Closed Session Board Mtg. February 12th, 2015**

On a Cagann/Cornue motion to approve consent agenda as listed; carried 5-0.

4. **Unfinished Business:** NONE

5. **New Business:**

- a. **Discussion and possible approval of Business Tax Incentive Program for EMC III, LLC.**

Trustee Cagann explained application request from EMC III. A Cagann/Borowiec motion to approve the request for tax relief per the Business Tax Incentive Program for EMC III, LLC; carried 5-0. Trustee Cornue commented before the motion was carried that though he opposes the program itself he will vote in favor of the request. He feels the program fails the but/for test and is not in the best interest of the village itself.

- b. **Discussion only on repeal of Business Tax Incentive Program.**

Trustee Cagann explained his objection to the program. He feels that if a business can't afford the taxes then maybe they won't stay in business once they are in the village. Trustee Cornue feels that abating the village portion of the personal property tax would make more sense to help businesses, but the village needs the revenue. Trustee Borowiec agrees with Cornue and Cagann. Village President gave an opposing view. There are two ways the village can encourage business; TIF or a Business Tax Incentive Program. He feels that the BTIP encourages businesses to come to the village and does pass the but/for test. A business may opt to come here instead of a different community because we provide this program. The program is going slow because it was started during the time when the economy was down. Also the program is not just for new businesses but also for existing businesses to expand. The program was adopted in 2010 and he feels it's a good program and the village needs to give it a chance to work. It will go for discussion and action next month.

- c. **Discussion only on updates of Chapter 114 Building Construction and Chapter 180 Mobile Homes.**

Trustee Cagann went over possible updates and changes to the code book for chapters 114 and 180. See Attached. Discussion and action will be scheduled for a later date.

- d. **Discussion and possible approval of hire for Full-time Police Department Personnel.**

Trustee Cornue reported that the Safety Committee met and interviewed two candidates on Monday. It is Chief Balog's recommendation to move Officer Brock Bouland from Part-time to Full-time status. On a Cornue/Sperandeo motion to approve the hire of Officer Bouland for a Full-time position in the Police Department; carried 5-0.

6. Ordinance Updates:

a. Discussion and possible action on Sewer Rate Ordinance 03-12-2015 CHAPTER 270 Subsection 270-62 User charge rates (C) SCHEDULE OF RATES.

President Antti reported on the rate increase for sewer only and that it was passed through Finance Committee and this was their recommendation. To meet the budget expenses the village will be doing a percentage increase over the next two years. Motion by Cagann/Cornue to approve Ordinance 03-12-2015 CHAPTER 270 Subsection 270-62 User charge rates (C) SCHEDULE OF RATES; carried 5-0.

7. Attorney Report: Linda Gray No Report

8. Village Hall Committee Report President Antti reported that we will no longer need the committee after tonight's agenda.

9. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. Finance**—Approved monthly bills, approved purchase of software & hardware for PD, Audit is finished. There will be a complete audit of the court funds this summer. Reviewed the sewer rate increase.
- b. Human Resource**—Trustee Sperandeo reported that Employee Surveys will be reviewed by committee soon.
- c. Parks & Recreation**—Trustee Borowiec reported that additional concrete in small pavilion is up for discussion with the Lion's Club. Haley Linninger and butterfly garden update at Memorial Park. President Antti asked about Darling Field and status of use. Cheri stated that it will be a first come first serve basis. No night use, so no lights will be turned on. What is expected of PW Dept? Will need to look into this question further.
- d. Community Relations and Communications**—No Report
- e. Public Safety and Licensing**—Meeting on Monday 03/09 to conduct interviews. Chief recognized his department and gave out commendations to Police Administrator Jennifer Hayes and Officer Sperandeo for a job well done in apprehending a sex offender hiding in the village on a warrant from Illinois. Good Job!
- f. Economic Development and Zoning**—Trustee Cagann reported on BTIP new application.
- g. Public Works**—No report from Trustee Boxer. Superintendent Schiller reported that the PW Garage is moving forward. Street sweeper is out and cleaning up the streets from the winter and getting the sand out of the storm sewers.

10. Village President Report—President Antti reported on a phone call he received from Heather Siegel concerning fireworks tents. She reminded Bill that they wanted to sell arials from their tent several years ago and were turned down by the village. She wanted an update on what the village was going to do with this new request from Cornellier. He also reported on a meeting he had with Collins Engineering concerning Hwy 12 & Cty Road H and a possible roundabout or traffic light at the end of the freeway. He also expressed concerns about South Road and the traffic coming off that road onto Hwy 12/Cty Rd H to Collins. Bill suggested a traffic study be done during peak days in the summer on the weekend.

On a Cagann/Borowiec motion to Adjourn at 7:55 PM; carried 5-0.

Attachments: Chapter 114 and 180 Amendments

William Antti; Village President

Claudia L Jurewicz; Clerk/Treasurer