

John Zouski, Village President called to order the January 5, 2016 Village Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Amanda Gear, Jeffrey Reabe, Randy Zettelmeier, John Roesener, Cathy Jo Boyd and Jerry Lauer.

Motion by Zettelmeier, second by Gear to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Reabe, second by Lauer to approve the minutes from December 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Guests: Russ Kempka, Ed Makaryk, Tommy Hedglin, John D. Zouski, Dean Wiese, Charyn Schultz, Kevin Fenske, Alva Gear, David Bacon (Bacon Construction)

Kempka thanked the Personnel Committee for allowing him to sit in on the interviewing process for the Superintendent position.

Wiese showed the board a picture of a couple of our Fire Trucks that were taken at a recent wedding. He asked if the picture could be put up in the Senior Center the board agreed it would be a great idea.

Motion by Gear, second by Zouski to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Reabe said the Fire and Police Department came in under budget for 2015.

Roesener gave an update on the tree removal in Veteran's Memorial Park. He asked Dave Bacon who was at the meeting to go over the proposal for the park for the removal of the trees and brush. Bacon said cleanup would consist of taking the tops of many of the red pines to the east of the park. Thin the north side back about 30 feet to make room for more parking for events. Harvesting would be done on the north and east side of the park and Bacon Construction will clear on the west and southern areas. The revenue from the harvesting would be approx. \$8,000.00-\$10,000.00 and this money would then be given to David Bacon to do his clearing of the brush and trees and possibly some gravel brought in as well.

Zouski said he would be stepping aside when Item C. "under items to be acted upon" is addressed and trustee Gear would handle this item. He said he contacted the league regarding the interpretation of "immediate family" and they said that this is a spouse or family member that contributes 50% household income or that receives 50% of household income.

Items For Discussion:

Zouski said that there is approx. \$288,000.00 in our Sewer CD and he had asked our Village Attorney if we could use some of this money to pay off our loan for our Fire Truck. Attorney Bickford said that because we have our sewer loan with Rural Development we can not do this as per our grant agreement. He said he will be contacting Portage County Bank in July and see what kind of interest rates they can offer to help us re-finance the Fire Truck Loan.

Items To Be Acted Upon:

Motion by Gear, second by Zettelmeier to approve building permit for Richie Hirst (523 W. Mill St.), new drywall and replace flooring; Thomas Moor (225 E. South St.) new roof, windows, siding, deck and flooring. Motion carried.

Motion by Roesener, second by Lauer to approve Trent Guerts and Rose Schultz as new Fire Dept. Members. Motion carried.

Motion by Roesener, second by Lauer to approve hiring John D. Zouski as new superintendent effective January 11, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Reabe, second by Zettelmeier to approve Contract with Commission on Aging for Mealsite for 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Roesener, second by Gear to approve election inspectors for 2 years: Patricia Harrington, Ruth Tubbs, Linda Billman, Laurie Rothermel, Wayne Cummings, Danielle Eastling and Charyn Schultz. Motion carried.

Motion by Zouski, second by Reabe to approve operator's license for Jamie Free for Royal Supermarket. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Zouski contacted the league regarding the number of committees a Village may have and they said that there is no set number. Zouski will recommend to the full board in February to split the personnel and finance committee into two separate committees with the new personnel committee consisting of chairman, John Roesener and trustees Amanda Gear and Jerry Lauer. Most smaller communities have these committees separate. Zouski said in doing it this way he could still remain on the Finance/Budget committee, but would have no say in wages for Village employees.

Motion by Gear, second by Zettelmeier to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Brenda Black, Village Clerk

