

John Zouski, Village President called to order the October 1, 2013 Village Board Meeting at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Dan Reid, Angela Wiese, Wayne Cummings, Amanda Gear and Jeffrey Reabe. Dorothy Caves was absent.

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

Motion by Wiese, second by Zouski to approve the minutes from September 3, 2013. Motion carried.

Guests: Jon Trautman, CPA with Schenck SC; Dave Barker, Ed Makaryk, Alva Gear, Dan Miller, Jim Morgan, Lyle Gear, Kevin Fenske and Jacqueline Werner from the Argus.

Trautman came to give a presentation from his company for doing our Village audit. He said their firm has been doing governmental audits for 40 years. He said they complete them in a timely fashion and show the board where they could be doing things more efficiently. When the financial statements are done they give a preliminary draft to the board members and go over it with them. They are on site for approx. 4 days to gather information for the general fund, water fund and the sewer fund. The quote that the Village received is what the audit will be.

Barker came to get an update on his neighbor's (Zarate's) progress with the moving of the sheds. Wiese explained that the sheds have been moved off the property line as of Sept. 30th. Barker said that there are still some other items that were supposed to be moved off his property line as well, such as a trailer, lawnmower, etc. Wiese said she will be stopping in to talk to the Zarate's regarding the other items.

Motion by Reid, second by Wiese to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports;

Reid asked each department to start working on their budgets. He said the preliminary budget for the general fund had been done.

Wiese said she will be stopping down to the Zarate's and inquiring about the items that were not moved along with the sheds from Barker's property line. Wiese also reported on the cemetery committee meeting that was held last month. She said there had been some damage to a headstone at the cemetery. It was discovered this spring by Matt Chase. It had been broken off of it's base. She said that there is no written policy or rules replacing damaged stones. The committee offered to help the family pay for the damage to the headstone. Wiese said a sign will be posted in the cemetery that reads, "the cemetery committee accepts no responsibility for damage to the headstones caused by any vendors that are hired or contracted out by the cemetery committee."

Cummings said that he had a Roads and Streets Committee meeting to discuss road repairs to Hamilton Street and Market Street. He said the committee met with our engineer Brad Stuczynski from MSA Prof. Services to try and come up with a plan to repair the roads next year. Makaryk said he had received a bid from the County Highway Dept. for doing some of the road repairs, but they could not do them until next

spring.

Items For Discussion:

The Splash Pad resolution has been drafted by Attorney Bickford. Some revisions were put in from board member Reabe before the board meeting. Zouski asked the board members if they had any other concerns regarding the resolution. Wiese questioned the safety issue with the splash pad. She explained that even though the insurance company has told us that there are few, if any, incidents of injury with splash pads, Wiese is not convinced this is a good idea to go forward. She also had a concern about the Village paying half of the water hookup for the splash pad. She was under the assumption that the splash pad would not cost the Village any money except after it is handed over to us when it is completed. Reabe explained that at the parks committee meeting it was discussed for the Village to pay half. After a voice vote taken by Zouski, it was recommended to take this out of the resolution and change the wording saying the Lions Club would pay the full hookup price of \$4,000.00. Gear had a concern on the water useage for the season. She said the figure of \$1,800.00 per season seems quite expensive for upkeep. She explained that we have other parks that we have to take care of for the summer season as well. She questioned where this money was going to come from to pay for this. Reid said it would not be added to the parks budget. It would be paid out of the savings account from donations the Village receives for it's parks. Zouski said one area he was concerned with (on the resolution) was the wording in the final paragraph. It was agreed by the board to remove the entire paragraph from the resolution. These revisions will be put in the resolution and it will then be on for approval for November 5th board meeting.

Items To Be Acted Upon:

Motion by Wiese, second by Gear to approve building permits for Betty Like (325 S. Beach St.) new garage; Dave Barker Rental (219 Poplar St.) roof replacement. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Fire Contract Meeting w/Townships, Wed., October 16th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Mun. Bldg.
Trick or Treat Hours, Thursday, October 31st from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Zouski, second by Gear to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. Motion carried.

Brenda Black
Village Clerk