

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. ANNE  
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Village Hall, May 11, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Clerk Blum called the roll, and the following trustees answered present: Sirois, Jennings, Blanchette, Lee, Meier and Romein. Treasurer Leveque, Chief Abrassart, Engineer Neil Piggush, Attorney Cloonen, media representative Gladys Goreham and village and area residents Mark Beaupre, Tom and Kathy Caise, Laverne and Jean O'Connell, Carol O'Connell, Josh England, Virgil and Doris Foster, Mike Caraway, Casey O'Connell, Susie Smith, and Larry and Bobbi Hinrichs were also in attendance. Clerk Blum reported the roll, and the President declared a quorum to exist for the transaction of the public business.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

QUORUM

President O'Connell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last regular meeting. There were none. It was then moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the minutes be approved as prepared and distributed to village officials. Upon voice vote, all of the trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVED

President O'Connell then asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report as printed and distributed to village officials. There were none. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that the Treasurer's report be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and the President declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT

Clerk Blum asked for authorization to appoint Emily Sifrit as Deputy Village Clerk. Mrs. Sifrit had agreed to accept appointment to the unpaid position. This appointment would allow the President's signature to be attested when the Clerk is out of town. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Lee that the clerk be authorized to appoint a deputy as requested. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The clerk then reported that he was doing the paper work necessary to get the recently acquired lot at the park declared exempt from real estate taxes. He then reported that he had contacted the insurance carrier to have the new president bonded.

CLERK'S  
REPORT

President O'Connell then distributed copies of his list of committee assignments for the new fiscal year. [A copy of this list follows these minutes]. He then explained that each village employee and contractor would be evaluated over the next two months. He said that this would not necessarily lead to any changes. Trustee Sirois asked if the personnel committee would be involved. President O'Connell said that it would. The president then said that he wanted to emphasize planning. He said that he had talked with U.S. Representative Halvorson and was told that monies were available. He said that the village needed a list of projects immediately. He asked all officials come up with goals to accomplish in the next ten years and then work to prioritize the list. He asked for these goals to be presented to him by May 31. He then said that the village needed a website to promote itself. He said that St.

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT:

COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENTS

EMPLOYEE  
EVALUATION

LONG TERM  
PLANNING

WEB SITE

Anne has a lot to offer, and that he knew someone who would do the site for four years for \$200. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Lee that the president be authorized to contract for the above described web site. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The president then said that he wanted a contest to choose a logo for the village. He said that the winner could be announced at the Pumpkin Festival and that local students could get involved. He then reported that he had talked with a group that does Christmas dinners for those who have nowhere to go. They asked if St. Anne might be interested. The group raises the moneys. There would be no cost to the village.

LOGO  
CONTEST

CHRISTMAS  
DINNERS

Trustee Sirois then read the monthly Police Department report as follows: 14 traffic citation(s), 14 written warning(s), 0 misdemeanor traffic arrest(s), 0 DUI(s), 1 accident report(s), 0 vehicle(s) towed, 24 general case report(s), 16 miscellaneous report(s), 1 felony arrest(s), 3 misdemeanor arrest(s), 1 arrest(s) on warrant, 1 juvenile detention report(s) and 10 agency assist(s). Trustee Sirois then reported that Officer Gary Taylor had submitted his resignation on April 21 and that May 5 had been his last work day. He said that Officer Rayburn was still out recovering from surgery. This left all the patrols to Chief Abrassart and part timers, when they were available. He said that the chief was willing to work extra hours but felt that he was due some sort of compensation. Trustee Sirois said that he recommended compensation at the part time rate. The president said that this compensation would have to be done according to the state labor laws. Chief Abrassart said that he could work twelve hour shifts but not seventeen. Trustee Sirois said that police shifts cover seventeen hours, seven days per week. President O'Connell said that this could be discussed further in executive session. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the police report be accepted. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

POLICE  
REPORT:

TAYLOR  
RESIGNATION

EXTRA  
COMPENSATION  
FOR CHIEF?

Trustee Jennings reported that the siren has been reinstalled on the water tower. Engineer Piggush reported that he was waiting on the title work in order to complete the purchase of the property for the new well and that it will take about forty-five days to get the permit. He said that the project could go out for bids during the wait for the permit. The Engineer then reported that Phoenix Fabricators, the contractor for the new water tower, would be coming in June to do the first annual inspection of the tower. Trustee Jennings explained that an ordinance needed to be adopted to prohibit the drilling of wells for potable water near the Shell gas station at 300 S. Dixie Highway. [A copy of the ordinance follows these minutes]. It was moved by Trustee Jennings and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that the ordinance be adopted. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. Trustee Jennings reported that the stop signs requested and approved at the April meeting had been installed shortly thereafter. President O'Connell said that white lines needed to be painted at the new stop signs by the grade school. Trustee Jennings said that the village had received a letter that said the village would receive a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

PUBLIC  
WORKS  
REPORT:

NEW WELL

ADOPTION OF  
ORDINANCE  
PROHIBITING  
CERTAIN WELLS

grant in the amount of \$100,000. to install zoning valves in the village water system. Trustee Jennings announced that hydrants would be flushed and that the schedule could be put on the sign by Dixie Highway. The Fire Chief could provide a schedule. Trustee Meier thought that the flushing could be delayed a week so that residents could be notified. President O'Connell asked if the list of zones could be put in the newspapers. Trustee Sirois said that this would be done. Trustee Meier asked why the siren wasn't put higher on the water tower. Trustee Sirois said that the choice had been twenty-five feet or sixty feet.

VALVE  
GRANT

HYDRANT  
FLUSHING

Trustee Lee reported that he had received two bids to rebuild the Grant St. pump house roof. Frankie Williams bid \$3,480., and Greg Hiser had bid \$4,400. Trustee Lee recommended the lower bid. Treasurer Leveque asked if the project could be delayed until July when county taxes are received. There was general agreement to wait. Trustee Lee said he would ask Mr. Williams if he could hold that bid until July. Trustee Lee then said that he was still waiting on P & D Antenna Service to provide a lift for the inspection of the field lights at the ball park. The trustee then said that the roof at the civic center had been repaired, but the contractor had reported that the roof is really in bad shape. Trustee Lee then said that he had purchased some lumber and paint to fix the picnic tables at the park.

PARK & BLDG.  
MAINT. REPORT:

PUMP HOUSE  
ROOF REPAIR  
POSTPONED

Trustee Meier reported that a new mower would cost about \$20,000. There was general agreement that such an expense was not possible at the current time. The item was tabled.

EQUIPMENT  
REPORT

Trustee Blanchette reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the monthly bills, had found them to be correct and had recommended their approval for payment. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Lee that the payment of the bills be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

BILLS  
PAID

President O'Connell asked for an executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Romein that the meeting enter executive session for the above stated purpose. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. [Minutes of executive sessions are secured separately as required by state statute]. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Lee that the meeting again enter open session. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Trustee Romein reported that when the owner of the new house on Circle Drive had his property surveyed, he discovered a neighbor had built a fence on his property. The building inspector had told the neighbor to move the fence, but the neighbor moved without doing so. Attorney Cloonen said that the situation is a civil matter, and the village cannot take any action. Trustee Romein reported that the owner of the bowling alley wanted to build an outdoor beer garden. If it were to be attached to the building, a building permit would be required. He handed out drawings of the plans for the beer garden. The trustee said

NEW &  
UNFINISHED

that there would have to be a door to the building. Trustee Lee agreed that the entry to the beer garden should be only through the building. President O'Connell said that more detail was needed to be certain that the project was done right. Trustee Romein said that he would meet with the owner. The trustee also said that he had met with the building inspector and had looked at the rear entrances to some of the downtown buildings. He said that the building inspector was to contact the owners of a couple of businesses where there were problems. President O'Connell said that the branches on the ground at the apartments across from the Shell gas station needed to be picked up even though they are not on property within the village. Trustee Meier said that he had been approached by a couple asking to have more than two garage sales per year. Trustee Lee again asked about the repair of the street light at the south end of Elm Ave. Trustee Jennings said that the repair would cost about \$1,500. to \$2,000. He said that the damage had been caused by the gas company cutting the line. The president said that he would contact the gas company.

President O'Connell asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. Hearing none, the president asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that the meeting be adjourned. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The President then adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day

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VILLAGE CLERK

of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT