

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. ANNE
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Village Hall, October 12, 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, Attorney Tebo and village residents Susie Smith and Larry Leveque were also in attendance. Clerk Blum reported the roll, and the President declared a quorum to exist for the transaction of the public business.

When recognized, Mr. Leveque said that he had received a letter asking that a semi-trailer parked next to his Chicago Ave. business building be removed. He said that he didn't understand what was wrong because the property is zoned commercial, and the trailer was being used as a storage unit for his business. Trustee Jennings pointed out that trailers such as the one in question are used by businesses in many village locations. Trustee Sirois pointed out that the letter sent to Mr. Leveque by Officer James Rayburn did not cite any ordinance violation. He said that the village could not take the trailer. Officer Rayburn was called and appeared. Trustee Sirois asked the officer if he had sent letters to all businesses with similar trailers used for storage. The officer answered that he had sent only the two letters which President O'Connell had asked him to send. The other letter had been sent to the owner of Recycled Memories, a Station St. business. Officer Rayburn then expressed his opinion that he did not think the village could touch the trailer because there is no ordinance prohibiting storage trailers. President O'Connell said that the letters were caused by a citizen complaint. He said that he did not know if Mr. Leveque's trailer was road worthy. Trustee Sirois said that the matter should have been brought before the Board of Trustees. President O'Connell said that he did not ask for letters to be sent. He then said that unlicensed trailers needed to be removed. Trustee Sirois said that the ordinance concerning inoperable and/or unlicensed vehicles was meant to deal with "backyard mechanics". The President then said that the trailer in question would need to be licensed and placarded. Trustee Jennings said that it appeared that the village would be penalizing owners of the trailers by requiring licensing when the trailers would never be on the road. Attorney Tebo said that any letters such as the ones in question would have to cite an ordinance violation. The President said that he would take it to committee and that his stance would be that the trailers would have to be licensed or a variance sought. Mr. Leveque was then told that he did not have to do anything yet. Trustee Sirois said that the trailer in question should be marked so fire fighters would know that it may contain oil. Trustee Romein then said that he would do some research to find out if the trailer had to have a certain placard.

The President then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last regular meeting. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve those minutes. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the minutes of the last regular

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

QUORUM

SEMI-TRAILERS
USED FOR
STORAGE?

MINUTES
APPROVED

meeting be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The minutes of the executive session of the above meeting were similarly approved on a motion by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Romein.

The President then asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the September Treasurer's Report. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the report. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Lee that the above report be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S
REPORT
APPROVED

Clerk Blum reported that, although the village had agreed to assume the authority for the Pumpkin Festival, a vote was still needed to authorize the Village President to appoint the standing committee of volunteers who organize the festival. This was a requirement specified by the village's insurance carrier. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Lee that the above stated authority be granted. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

PRESIDENT TO
APPOINT
FESTIVAL
COMMITTEE

President O'Connell said that he was still not getting much information from the politicians concerning the state bond fund grant monies still owed to the village. He said that the village would need to send Phoenix Fabricators, the water tower contractors, another \$5,000. Trustee Sirois said that a borrowing resolution had been adopted in August to borrow the money and pay the contractor. President O'Connell said that it did not have to be done now. Trustee Sirois asked why a borrowing resolution had been passed. The President answered that there had also been a discussion of his negotiating with the contractor. He then said that this is what he had done. President O'Connell also reported that nothing has been heard about the promised \$100,000. from the state. He then said that state licensing of poker machines would be coming in January. He said that he had learned that if municipalities opt out of the machine licensing, they could lose any possible capital funds. He reported that it was the consensus of the Kankakee Mayor's Association members that the county municipalities should be together on this matter. He then thanked all those who worked on the Pumpkin Festival. [A copy of the president's written report follows these minutes].

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Attorney Tebo presented copies of the ordinance which she had been asked to draw up concerning the collection of delinquent utility accounts. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the said ordinance be adopted. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

UTILITY BILL
COLLECTION
ORD. ADOPTED

Trustee Lee then read the monthly Police Department report as follows: 14 traffic citation(s), 1 written warning(s), 2 misdemeanor traffic arrest(s), 0 DUI(s), 0 accident report(s), 0 vehicle(s) towed, 20 general case report(s), 14 miscellaneous report(s), 1 felony arrest(s), 1 misdemeanor arrest(s), 1 arrest(s) on warrant, 2 juvenile detention

POLICE
REPORT

report(s) and 6 agency assist(s). Officers worked 746 regular hours and 8 overtime hours. In so doing, they drove 2,935 miles. \$414.68 in fines and \$60. for the vehicle fund were collected from the county. Trustee Lee then said that it was his committee's recommendation that Officer James Rayburn be named a Sergeant at no increase in pay. Trustee Sirois asked what new responsibilities Officer Rayburn would have. There was no response. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Meier that the above promotion be approved. Upon roll call vote, the trustees voted as follows: Sirois, no; Jennings, yes; Blanchette, no; Lee, yes; Meier, yes and Romein, yes. President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

Trustee Sirois reported that all the bids for the new well project had come in high. The engineers contacted Simon Broomhead of American Environmental, consulting engineers for Mac's Convenience Stores. Mr. Broomhead has asked the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to increase the budget by \$130,000. Trustee Sirois then said that R&R Construction, the lowest bidder on the project, had presented a list of items which could be cut if necessary. On the matter of obtaining a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to provide drainage and repairs for Eastern Illinois St., Trustee Sirois said that he had been attempting to reach a representative of the DCEO but had received no return calls. The trustee then said that the board needed to adopt a resolution provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) so that the village can be given a permit to repair Dixie Highway near Guertin St. The roadway had to be dug up to repair a water main break. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the above resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. As to the matter of repairing a sidewalk at 345 S. Second Ave., Trustee Sirois said that he had a bid, but there is no money for sidewalk repairs at this time. As to the matter of utility rate adjustments, the trustee said that he was preparing to make proposals. Trustee Meier reported that he had talked with Jim Offerman of Kankakee A & J Disposal, the village's garbage contractor, concerning possible ways to reestablish recycling. He had learned that the village could obtain a recycling bin, but experience in other municipalities had been that people often dump trash in them. It would cost the village \$225. each time the bin is emptied. Trustee Sirois said that the board should consider trying it. President O'Connell asked that the matter be reconsidered at the November meeting. Trustee Sirois reported that four water main valves had been inserted so far. There had been some unexpected over runs because of oversized pipes and accidental damage to sewer lines. He reported that the contractor seemed to be doing a good job and could do three valves a day if all things went well.

Trustee Romein reported that nine building permits had been issued during the month of September for \$127,220. in construction with \$796. in permit fees collected. He also reported that \$200. in plumbing inspection fees and \$200. in electrical inspection fees had been collected.

PUBLIC
WORKS
REPORT:

NEW WELL

EASTERN ILL.
ST. REPAIRS?

IDOT
RESOLUTION

RECYCLING?

BUILDING
REPORT

Trustee Meier reported that the bills had been examined and that the committee recommended their approval for payment. It was moved by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Lee that the bills be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The trustee then recommended the adoption of a resolution to extend the two current \$25,000. loans at the National Bank of St. Anne at a rate of five percent (5%) for a period of approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) days. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the above resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. [A copy of this resolution follows these minutes].

FINANCE
REPORT:

BILLS PAID

BORROWING
RESOLUTION
ADOPTED

President O'Connell then asked if there was any further public business to come before the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Lee 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 8:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved by me this _____ day _____
of _____, 2009

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT