

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. ANNE
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Village Hall, September 14, 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: Jennings, Blanchette, Lee, Meier and Romein. Treasurer Leveque, Chief Abrassart, Attorney Cloonen, Auditor Rick Blanchette, Pumpkin Festival truck pull committee members Clarence Clement and Dan Dandurand and village residents Susie Smith, Mark Beaupre, Andrew Pristach, Don, Jr. and Michell Cote, Carol O'Connell, Tom and Kathy Caise, Duane Meier, Leo Demers and Earl Voss were also in attendance. Trustee Sirois was absent. 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

Copies of the proposed tax levy ordinance were distributed to all officials. Mr. Blanchette then went over the various categories. He also explained that he always wrote the ordinance to increase by five percent even though the variables will not allow quite that much. He pointed out a couple of mistakes that had found their way into the document. He said that he would provide corrected copies to Clerk Blum. Mr. Blanchette then went over the various funds in the annual audit. He commented that the village had managed to pay all its bills and that the general fund would have been all right had it not had to loan so much to the water fund. He commented that utility rates needed to be raised.

PRESENTATION
OF TAX LEVY
& AUDIT

President O'Connell then asked if there was any public comment. Mrs. Cote said that the sidewalk at 345 S. Second Ave. had been pushed up by a tree and that the walk was dangerous. She presented an estimate to repair the walk. The President asked that the Clerk give the estimate to Trustee Sirois for his committee's review and recommendation. When asked, most of the others said that they were present because of their concern for the water supply.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

President O'Connell 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 the minutes as printed and distributed to village officials. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Romein that the above minutes be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The President then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2009 special meeting. It was moved by Trustee Jennings and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that the minutes of the above special meeting be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

MINUTES
APPROVED

President O'Connell then asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed and distributed to village officials. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Meier that the Treasurer's report be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

President O'Connell asked if there was progress on collecting past due water bills. Treasurer Leveque said that nearly all had been making payments and that she was sending letters.

The President then explained that he, Clerk Blum and Trustee Meier had met to discuss some areas where there needed to be an understanding between the volunteer committee that runs the Pumpkin Festival and the village. Each official was then provided a copy of the proposed list of requirements for the village to take over the general administration of the Festival and provide insurance coverage. [A copy of this statement of understanding follows these minutes]. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Lee that the village assume general administration of the annual Pumpkin Festival and provide insurance if the volunteer committee met the requirements as stated in the list of understandings and met any other requirements which may be made by the village's insurance carrier. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The President then talked about each of the items in his written President's Report. [A copy of this report follows these minutes]. President O'Connell reported that Aqua of Illinois had approached him to see if there is any level of interest in selling the village's water system to them. He said that he had told them that the village board would be willing to look at their proposal. He said that the previous year, the village spent \$40,000. more on the system than it took in. He said that he had talked to the mayors of several towns as to their reasons for getting out of the water business. He said that he had not decided if he was for selling or not for selling. He then said that the village could not continue to charge the same rates. He said that something needed to be done about replacing some water mains. He said that he would need to see the numbers before he could decide if he favors selling. Attorney Cloonen asked if selling the system was permitted under the grant agreements. The President said that it might have to be a long term lease. He said that Aqua has to go to the Illinois Commerce Commission to seek rate increased and that St. Anne customers would be charged the same as other customers. Trustee Jennings said that the village water system has never been run like a business and that rates needed to be raised. Trustee Meier said that meters needed to be read and replaced if they aren't functioning. President O'Connell said that there needed to be a comprehensive plan. Trustee Jennings said that the village needed to look at what can be done. The President said that the officials needed to be open minded and look at what Aqua can offer.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT:

VILLAGE ASSUMES
AUTHORITY OVER
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

SELLING OF
WATER SYSTEM
DISCUSSED

Attorney Cloonen said that she was asked to look at ordinances about delinquent utility bills. Some individuals have water accounts but are not on village sewers. She said that there had been discussion about registering landlords. She asked if there was a required deposit to open a water account. Clerk Blum said that the current amount was \$75. She asked if there were customers without meters. Several responded that there were some without functioning meters. She said that the liability could be put on the landlords. Clerk Blum asked the attorney to send him the ordinances and that he would get copies to the

ATTORNEY'S
REPORT

officials. President O'Connell said that Trustee Sirois could look at the ordinances with his committee and present a recommendation at the next meeting.

Trustee Lee then read the monthly Police Department report as follows: 13 traffic citation(s), 11 written warning(s), 1 misdemeanor traffic arrest(s), 0 DUI(s), 1 accident report(s), 1 vehicle(s) towed, 21 general case report(s), 13 miscellaneous report(s), 0 felony arrest(s), 0 misdemeanor arrest(s), 1 arrest(s) on warrant, 1 juvenile detention report(s) and 5 agency assist(s). Officers worked 464 regular hours and four overtime hours and drove 3,265 miles. \$535.50 in fines and \$20. for the vehicle fund were collected from the county.

POLICE
REPORT

President O'Connell asked if the water tower needed a red beacon on top. Trustee Jennings said that one was not required since the tower was not near an air port.

PUBLIC
WORKS

Trustee Romein reported that four building permits had been issued for the month of August for \$5,550. in improvements. \$132. in permit fees were collected.

BUILDING
REPORT

Trustee Meier reported that the finance committee had reviewed the bills, had found them to be in order and recommended their approval for payment. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the bills be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. It was then moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Meier that the tax levy, as amended, be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

FINANCE
REPORT:

BILLS
PAID

TAX LEVY
ADOPTED

Trustee Lee asked the President if he had talked to Com Ed concerning the much discussed street light at the south end of Elm Ave. The President said that he had forgotten. Several suggested that Com Ed be called to set a pole on village property. Trustee Lee said that he would talk to them. Trustee Jennings said that he had had calls about sidewalk replacement. President O'Connell said that there might be funds for sidewalk matching grants if the village did receive the \$100,000. it has been promised. Trustee Lee said that he had looked at the intersections by the grade school, and he felt that the current configuration worked well. He said that there should probably be signs reading "traffic from left does not stop" posted on the stop signs where St. Louis Ave. and Sixth Ave. meet Sheffield St. President O'Connell asked Trustee Lee to meet with Trustee Sirois on this matter. Trustee Lee then asked if the village should keep the old Ford squad car. Trustee Jennings assured him that it would not sell for much. The President asked Trustee Jennings to determine a value. Trustee Jennings said that the 2003 model might bring \$1,500. Trustee Lee then reported that Officer Rayburn had asked for a rank designation. He then said that Mr. Rayburn was not looking for a raise. Several agreed that Mr. Rayburn could be given a rank designation. The President asked Trustee Lee to come up with a recommendation. Trustee Meier said that he is

NEW &
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

SIDEWALK
REPLACEMENT?

INTERSECTIONS
BY GRADE SCH.

SALE OF SQUAD?

RANK FOR
OFFICER
RAYBURN?

hearing from people who really think the village should have recycling. He asked if the village could get a container from the garbage contractor and give it a try. The President said that he would like to do something. Trustee Meier said that he would call the contractor. He then said that he would like to look into renewable energy and wondered if the village would waive building permit fees. The President said that further study should be done.

RECYCLING?

The President then asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Romein that the meeting enter executive session for the above 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 then moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Romein 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

The President then asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Trustee Jennings 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 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved by me this _____ day

of _____, 2009

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT