

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. ANNE
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Village Hall, November 2, 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 and Meier. Deputy Clerk Sifrit and Trustee Romein were 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

President O'Connell said that other public boards of officials often have regularly scheduled meetings of the various standing committees. He said that he would propose a plan to do that. Trustee Jennings said that such meetings could be at different times on the same evenings.

SCHEDULED
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS?

President O'Connell asked if the village should have regular inspections of commercial buildings. He cited his concern that St. Anne should not have a building collapse such as the recent one in Momence. Trustee Blanchette said that most businesses have insurance inspections. Trustee Sirois said that he could see a need for having safety inspections of building where apartments are rented to tenants. Trustee Meier said that the fire district does do walk throughs of commercial properties to determine if flammable materials are present. Clerk Blum pointed out that the building inspector is not a code enforcement officer. Trustee Sirois said that none of St. Anne's buildings could meet the 2009 commercial code requirements. Trustee Sirois responded that the police are responsible for enforcing all codes. President O'Connell asked if it would make sense to have Officer Rayburn do needed inspections. Trustee Sirois said that it should be determined if there is some kind of training available. The question was assigned to the police committee.

INSPECTION
OF COMMERCIAL
BUILDINGS?

President O'Connell pointed out that the water and sewer fund had taken in \$40,000. less that it spent during the last fiscal year. Trustee Sirois said that the first year after a new water tower might be expected to have more water line breaks. He said that the village is owed about \$23,000. on utility accounts and that he has a new list of delinquent accounts. Seventeen chronic ones have made payments. About \$7,000. has been collected on the old list. Four services have been scheduled for shut-off orders. Several agreed that shut-offs were needed and that there was a general belief that the village would not follow through on such cases.

DELINQUENT
UTILITY
ACCOUNTS

Trustee Sirois said that not getting meters read is a big problem. He said that some meters cannot be read at all and that others cannot be read in the winter because they are in outdoor meter pits. It was suggested that a hundred could be read each month. President O'Connell asked how many were not readable. Trustee Jennings said that he believed about 25% could not be read. Trustee Sirois said that the surcharge could be increased but would have to be called something else. He added that Aqua Illinois, a private water company, charges other fees such as a meter fee and a hydrant fee. Trustee Sirois said that some kind of fund needed to be established to maintain hydrants. He said

METER
READING &
BILLING
DISCUSSED

that nineteen out of sixty needed some kind of maintenance. Since not all can be addressed at the same time, he said that the areas which have multiple problems should be addressed first. President O'Connell said that he was all for not selling the system if reasonable rates could be established and the system maintained. Trustee Sirois then said that the meters had to be read. He suggested that the first one hundred meters could be read twice. The second hundred could then be read twice. If this were done, a base rate could be established. Trustee Sirois said that if the meters are read, there will be an increase in billable amounts. President O'Connell said that the board of trustees needed information to know what it was doing. Trustee Sirois said that the meters would be read.

President O'Connell then asked if there was any further public business to come before the board. Hearing none, he declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved by me this _____ day

of _____, 2009

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT