

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. ANNE
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Village Hall, December 5, 2011, 6:00 P.M.

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Clerk Blum called the roll, and the following trustees answered present: Sirois, Blanchette, Lee, Grubbs and Duncan. Village Engineer Neil Piggush was also present. Trustee Jennings 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

QUORUM

Engineer Piggush presented copies of a spread sheet he had developed to show possible surpluses which he said could be obtained in the water/sewer/garbage fund if moderate increases were adopted. [A copy of his spread sheets follows these minutes]. President O'Connell stated his view that long term needs of the utility infrastructure needed to be addressed. Trustee Sirois expressed his view the balance in the utility fund needed to improve, but he said that the village needed to see if "we can live" without a rate increase. He said that he was against raising the rates during bad economic times. Trustee Duncan said that the new hydrants owned by the village needed to be installed before considering any increase. Trustee Lee said that the village needed to build up enough reserves to fix the water distribution system. Trustee Grubbs stated his belief that a rate increase was not needed. President O'Connell said that the matter should be considered by the Finance Committee.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE UTILITY RATE INCREASES

President O'Connell reported that the first check had been received from the \$100,000. Infrastructure grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The check was in the amount of \$46,931.35. Trustee Sirois said that some of the funds received could be used to pay \$21,931.35 to Double "G" Excavating for their work on the Eastern Illinois St. project. Engineer Piggush reported the contractor had already agreed to refund that amount to the village if grant monies were approved. President O'Connell said that after paying the contractor, the remainder could be used to obtain a larger Community Development Action Program (CDAP) grant. Trustee Sirois said that some of the grant money could be used for a sidewalk and curb cut program. The Engineer said that grant applications had to be in by February. President O'Connell asked the Clerk to put the matter on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

POSSIBLE USES FOR GRANT FUNDS

It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Duncan that Double "G" Excavating be paid \$12,931.35 from monies received from DCEO grant # 11-203277. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

GRANT FUNDS TO PAY DOUBLE "G"

Clerk Blum explained that Chief Abrassart had requested the usual \$300. donation to the county wide shop-with-a-cop program for underprivileged children. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Lee that the above request be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

SHOP-WITH-A-COP DONATION

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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 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 7:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved by me this _____ day _____
of _____, 2011

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT