

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. ANNE  
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Village Hall, June 13, 2011, 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, Grubbs and Duncan. Treasurer Leveque, Chief Abrassart, Village Engineer Neil Piggush, Auditor Rick Blanchette, Kankakee County Sheriff's Department Community Relations Officer Chad Gessner and village residents Donna Simmons, Amanda Nicholson, Charles Barwegan, Jr., and Julie Schoon were also in attendance. Prospective bowling alley purchaser Jack Schroeder was present as well. Attorney Tebo arrived later. 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

When recognized, Mr. Blanchette said that the total amount to be appropriated in this year's budget ordinance would remain about the same as last year. He then briefly discussed several minor adjustments. President O'Connell reported that he and Mr. Blancheete had gone over the proposed ordinance together. He said that the figures left "plenty of room to maneuver." He thanked Mr. Blanchette for his appearance. It was moved by Trustee Blanchette and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the first reading of the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance be accepted. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. [A copy of the proposed Budget and Appropriations Ordinance follows these minutes].

APPROP. ORD.  
PRESENTED

When recognized, Mr. Gessner reported that 1.35 million dollars had been cut from the Sheriff's budget for the current fiscal year. He said that some officers took an early retirement offer. No one had to be fired. There were to be forty-nine officers instead of sixty-seven. There were to be no changes to response on emergency calls. President O'Connell thanked Mr. Gessner for his information.

REPORT FROM  
SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT

When recognized, Miss Nicholson asked to see the videos from a traffic stop in which she was involved. President O'Connell referred her to Trustee Jennings, Chairman of the Police Committee.

POLICE  
REQUEST

When recognized, Mrs. Simmons said that she was present to report the "filthy conditions" of the rest room facilities at the park. She also said that the pavilion area was trashy. President O'Connell said that the matter would be addressed.

PARK  
COMPLAINT

President O'Connell 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 Sirois and seconded by Trustee Lee that the minutes of the last regular meeting be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and the President declared the motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVED

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

TREASURER'S  
REPORT

declared the motion carried. Treasurer Leveque reported that more was spent from the general fund than was received. However, she said that property taxes would be coming in July. In the Water/sewer fund, she reported a surplus of over \$5,000.

President O'Connell commented on the progress of the beautification project in the business district. He referred to item number one in his written report which provided details on this matter. [A copy of the written report follows these minutes]. Trustee Sirois asked about record keeping as concerned the beautification project. Treasurer Leveque answered that the officials would be given a strict accounting. Mrs. Simmons said that the group raising playground funds would need some help to set up the beer stand area. She mentioned snow fencing to define a beer garden and other items. Trustee Lee said that he would help. He then said that some things needed to be done at the park right away. He listed trimming, pavilion repairs and garbage collection. Trustee Sirois said that the St. Anne Youth Group was supposed to do that. Trustee Jennings said that when he was on the Youth Group, they cleaned up on a daily basis. President O'Connell stated his opinion that the park had to be kept clean. President O'Connell then said that he was going to try to set up a Building And Zoning Committee meeting to discuss code enforcement.

Attorney Tebo then presented a copy of the proposed prevailing wage ordinance for adoption. It was moved by Trustee Grubbs and seconded by Trustee Sirois that the above ordinance be adopted. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

Trustee Jennings then read the monthly Police Department report as follows: 8 traffic citation(s), 11 written warning(s), 1 misdemeanor traffic arrest(s), 0 DUI(s), 0 accident report(s), 0 vehicle(s) towed, 15 general case report(s), 7 miscellaneous report(s), 0 felony arrest(s), 0 misdemeanor arrest(s), 0 arrest(s) on warrant, 2 juvenile detention report(s) and 4 agency assist(s). Officers worked 439 regular hours and no overtime hours. In so doing, they drove 2,626 miles. \$851.90 in fines and \$100. for the vehicle fund were collected from the county. It was reported that Officer Rayburn was back on duty after dealing with some medical problems.

Trustee Sirois reported that the low bidder for the Eastern Illinois St. drainage and rebuilding project was Double "G" Excavating of Manteno. Their bid was \$102,545.10. He then said it was his committee's recommendation that the low bid be approved. It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the above bid be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. [A copy of the bid sheets follows these minutes]. Engineer Piggush said that the village would still have to come up with about \$25,000. to cover the cost above the amount of the grant. He added that Double "G" had a good reputation and that construction should begin in about four to six weeks. Trustee Sirois asked about the new well house project. The engineer reported that the project managers had gone out for bids to drill a another well.

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT:

BEAUTIFICATION  
PROJECT

JULY 4  
CELEBRATION

PARK  
MAINTENANCE

ATTORNEY'S  
REPORT:

PREV. WAGE ORD.

POLICE  
REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT:

EASTERN ILL.  
ST. BID  
APPROVED

ANOTHER  
WELL TO  
BE DRILLED

Trustee Duncan reported that three building permits had been issued during May for \$20,952.52 in improvements with \$192. in fees collected. He then recommended that the St. Anne Knights of Columbus be granted a special events license to use their liquor license at the park for the July 2 fund raising event. It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded by Trustee Lee that the above recommendation be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The trustee then reported that Bernie Pommier had met all of the requirements to annex his property (PIN # 11-26-04-304-029) to the village. The ordinance of annexation was then presented. It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded by Trustee Lee that the ordinance of annexation be adopted. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. On the matter of a liquor license for a new owner to operate the bowling alley, Clerk Blum explained that the closing date for the sale of the property had not been set but was expected to be soon. Also, Jack Schroeder, the person who was trying to buy the business, intended to incorporate the business as Dixie Lanes, Inc. However, the date of incorporation was also unknown. Therefore, the clerk suggested that the issuance of the license be approved for either a sole proprietor or the corporation. The issuance of the license would also be contingent upon the meeting of all requirements to hold a liquor license (application, manager's statement, fee, bond, proof of insurance and background check). It was moved by Trustee Sirois and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that that the license for the new owner of the bowling alley be approved as described above. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The clerk also asked that Deborah Cotton, current owner of the bowling alley, be granted a monthly liquor license pending the sale of the business. It was moved by Trustee Jennings and seconded by Trustee Lee that the monthly renewal be granted. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

BLDG. & ZONING/  
LIC. & HEALTH  
REPORT

SPECIAL EVENT  
LIQ. LIC.

POMMIER  
PROPERTY  
ANNEXED

BOWLING  
ALLEY LIQ.  
LICENSES  
APPROVED

Trustee Lee and Trustee Blanchette reported that the park ponds had again been treated for weeds. Trustee Lee commented that the park playground fund raising group was doing a good job. Trustee Sirois said that the group needed to be given some recognition.

PARK  
REPORT

Trustee Blanchette reported that the dump truck was being repaired. The hitch had been damaged.

EQUIPMENT  
REPORT

Trustee Grubbs reported that the finance committee had examined the bills, found them to be correct and recommended their approval for payment. It was moved by Trustee Grubbs and seconded by Trustee Sirois that the bills be authorized for payment. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. Trustee Grubbs then asked that the meeting enter executive session to discuss employee wages and benefits. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that the meeting enter executive session for the above stated reason. 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 Sirois and

FINANCE &  
PERSONNEL  
REPORT:

BILLS PAID

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

seconded by Trustee Lee that the meeting return to open session. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. Trustee Grubbs then asked the president to appoint a special committee consisting of the chairmen of the Finance and Personnel, Public Works and Police Committees. The purpose of this special committee was to meet with village employees and attempt to obtain affordable health insurance for them. President O'Connell agreed to the request. It was moved by Trustee Grubbs and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that the above described special committee be created. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. Trustee Grubbs then recommended that the village not pay the current proposed increase for health insurance carried by the Illinois Local Government Health Plan and that the above special committee be granted authority to negotiate with village employees on the matter of insurance. It was moved by Trustee Grubbs and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that recommendation be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL  
COMMITTEE  
ON WAGES &  
BENEFITS  
CREATED

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 Duncan 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT