

Regular Meeting of the Pecatonica Board of Trustees

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Village Hall 405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL

1. **Call to Order:** Village President Dan Barber called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at the Village Hall.
2. **Silent moment observed**
3. **The Pledge to the American Flag was led by the Arrow of Light Cub Scout Pack 391. Village President Barber commended the Troop for all the wonderful things that they do.**
4. **Roll call was taken.** Trustees Zach Foster and Bill Determan were present. Trustees Tricia Metz, Bill Smull and Paula Hachmeister were absent

Others Present: Village Clerk Gwenn Shirley, Attorney Doug Henry, Village Treasurer Nola Markel, Police Chief Bob Smith, Public Works Director Mark Rust and Anthony Fortin, Curtis Cook are both from Chastain & Associates.

Meeting recessed at 6:02 p.m. until a quorum was present.

Meeting resumed at 6:16 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Trustees Zach Foster, Bill Determan and Paula Hachmeister were present. Trustees Tricia Metz and Bill Smull were absent.

5. **A quorum was established.**
6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Village President Barber requested that the approval of the September 20, 2016 minutes be scratched until the next meeting. There are some changes that need to be made before they are presented for approval.
7. **Call to the Public:** None
8. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:** Under Village President Items add – 1. Ashley Hoffman 723 Division, under J. 1 Totals for the Warrant List – Treasurers General W/S \$0 and Clerk's General and W/S \$61,233.34 and under D. 1 Brief Summary in regards to Attorney Henry's email about 317 W. 5th.
9. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Foster/Determan All Trustees present voted. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 1. Motion approved.

Agenda Items

A. Village President's Items (President Barber)

1. Ashley Hoffman 723 Division - Spoke in regards to the high water bill that was received in September 2016. She stated only two people live in the home and this bill is extremely high and even in the months when plants are being watered it has not been this high.

Village President Barber outlined the procedure that is in place to deal with issues of this nature.

Trustee's asked Ms. Hoffman some various questions in regards to usage. Village President Barber suggested that we can either wait another month or take the meter out and have it tested just to make sure that it is in compliance.

At this time if Mrs. Hoffman wants we can pull the meter to have it tested. If Mrs. Hoffman wants the meter tested she will need to contact the Clerk to request so.

B. Unfinished Business – None

C. New Business – None

D. Legal (Attorney Doug Henry)

1. Attorney Henry spoke in regards to the email that he sent to the Trustees about a previous request from prospective homeowners of 317 W. 5th regarding housing pet ducks at the property. The zoning code was reviewed and nothing was found to prohibit the homeowners from having two male ducks at the property. The property is totally fenced in and the ducks will be in the back yard. They brought in pictures of a modified dog house to house the ducks. Nothing was found in the Zoning or Village code that would prohibit it. They can have the ducks there. Village President Barber asked the Trustees if they had any questions and no questions were asked. He then requested the Village Clerk to inform the prospective property owners that they are good to go.

E. Finance Committee (Liaison Foster)

1. Liaison Report – Nothing to report

F. Planning Commission/Zoning Board – Village President Barber stated that nothing is scheduled at this time and a request will be going out to them that a meeting will be needed.

G. Public Works (Liaison Smull) (not present)

1. Liaison Report – Village President Barber report that he has been in contact with the Public Works Director more than he cares to be in the past two weeks. We have had a rash of equipment breaking down and Mark has been very good about calling me about them. He has tried to call the Liaison for Public Works to make him aware. Unfortunately, some of these repairs are very important to our operations and we cannot ignore them. At this time I will give the floor to Mark to explain the Seepax pump repair.

2. Approval of Additional Seepax Pump Repairs – At a previous meeting we approved \$1600.00 for Seepax pump repairs. That was just for the gaskets, seals and O-rings that were needed. Once they got it down there and tore it apart they found internal damage to some of the metal parts inside which increase the bill to another \$4,000.00. Unfortunately, it is torn apart and needs to be fixed. You have the updated bill in front of you in the amount of \$5,980.50 and would like to get approval so that the pump can be repaired. The part is not on the shelf it will take 7-8 weeks to get.

A motion was made and seconded for the approval to not exceed \$5,981.00 to A-L-L Equipment for the repair of the Seepax pump. Foster/Hachmeister

Discussion

Roll call vote was taken. All Trustees present voted. Yes 3, No 0, Absent 2. Village President Barber voted yes. Motion approved

3. Approval of Bay Valley Wastewater Sampler – Village President Barber provided some background information as to what the Sampler does. The Sampler is eight years old and the repairs are almost as expensive as buying a new one.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the quote from Hach for model AS950 Sampler not to exceed \$5,400.00 Foster/Determan

Roll call vote was taken. All Trustees present voted. Yes 3, No 0, Absent 2. Village President Barber voted yes. Motion approved.

4. Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator – Village President Barber reported when the annual inspection was conducted on the generator it was found that it was seven quarts low on antifreeze and there were no puddles around the generator.

Mark Rust reported that there is a block heater on the generator and they feel that the thermostat is stuck. They took a sample of the oil for further testing. Then the issue about the thermostat will be addressed. There are no numbers available at this time, this is informational only.

Village President stated he would like to get a straw poll being that the generator is very

important to us. If it is causing damage it is an emergency repair. I or Mark will do a call around when we do get a price to get it back to running condition.

5. Engineer's Report – Anthony Fortin updated the Board on current projects. Curtis Cook reported that Pecatonica was not selected for the ITEP Grant there were 241 applications and will be meeting with IDOT officials to review the application and see what we can do better for the next submittal.

Anthony reported should have the Dollar general review done by the end of the week.

Village President Barber asked if the meeting took place with Mr. Fowler from the School District and they are not sure at this time.

Village President Barber stated that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency keeps kicking back the construction permit for Dollar General stating that we do not have the correct signatures on the application even though it has been submitted three times over the last two years and one was just recently. I will have Gwenn call them and if we still are not able to resolve, we might need you to contact them.

Also if possible please attend the School Board meeting on 10/24/16. Aaron Szeto will be there along with Maureen Berry to help answer questions.

Village President Barber stated that he had a conversation with Mr. George Gaulrapp, ComEd Representative today and it looks like the parking lot down by the Pec Playhouse we will be getting a new lease for our Attorney to review which will be at no fee for the parking lot portion. They have not yet decided about the shelter part of it. Some pictures have been taken and sent to them. Hopefully, I will be able to call and state that we got half of it done

H. **Public Safety**

1. Liaison Report – Nothing to Report

2. The module went out in the Crown Victoria and would entertain suggestions. The cost will be about \$561.00.

The speed sign was repaired and posted on Jackson.

I. **Economic Development Committee (Chairman Determan)**

1. Next Meeting: Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Trustee Hachmeister reported that all of the spraying that has killed all of the plants on the Prairie Path. She went to the Prairie Path meeting and they said that Winnebago takes care of their portion that is in Winnebago. However, we

have the Township, Park District and the Village that encompasses the Prairie Path. What I am proposing is that instead of having volunteers destroying the Path we get all of the entities together and work together to take care of the Prairie Path instead of all of the volunteers which is what I spoke to the Township today about. I have spoken to the Park District and they are on board. What they have done this year is spray and killed the natural plants and grasses. I think we need to step up and take care of it.

Village President Barber stated that they are proposing that each of the entities provide a representative that they get together to meet and elect a chairperson and before something is needed or something is assigned all the Boards will be made aware and if they disagree then it will not be done.

Trustee Hachmeister stated that the next meeting will be on December 9th and it was stated that if you can get people to work together they will forgo the volunteers. The Prairie Path consists of Freeport Park District, Winnebago County Forest Preserve. The Freeport Stephenson County area does not do anything. The Township would take care of their portion, the Village would take care of our portion and the Park District would take care of their portion. This way it would be maintained consistently. There are funds available they currently have \$51,000.00 in the account.

J. Treasurer (Nola Markel)

1. Warrant Lists (attachment)

Treasurers General and W/S	\$0
Clerks General and W/S	\$61,233.34

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Warrant list as presented Clerks at \$61,233.34 Foster/Determan

Discussion

Roll call vote was taken. All Trustees present voted Yes 3, No 0, Absent 2 Village President Barber voted yes. Motion approved.

K. Clerk's Items (Gwenn Shirley) – Nothing

L. Executive Session –

Enter into closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony of a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session. Foster/Determan

Roll call vote was taken. All Trustees present voted. Yes 3, No 0, Absent 2. Village President Barber voted yes.

Went into Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

Came out of Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

Roll call taken. Trustees Zach Foster, Bill Determan and Paula Hachmeister present. Trustees Tricia Metz and Bill Smull were absent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. Determan/Foster

Next Village Board meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm Village Hall