

MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2012

Maureen Roach, Mary Goveia, Mike James, Mike Sumner, Mike Freimann and Paul Myszka all present

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Mike Sumner

Second by Mike James

Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment

Living Hope Church will be submitting the required documents to the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider annexing property into the Village that will be used for a multipurpose facility. Once the Zoning Board has approved the request it will be brought before the Village Board for approval.

The church will not be requesting water or sewer be supplied to the facility by the Village.

BNWRD will also have to approve the annexation into the village.

Garbage pickup changes should have a better notice in the flyer

It's available on the Website

Engineer Report

Water plant

Control system at the water plant went out Farnsworth was contacted to look into the problem and have the PLC unit replaced. Then well 3 quit, pipe dropped off, this pipe was installed in 2009. Kickapoo drilling has provided a proposal to fix the issue.

Would recommend the well be cleaned as proposed and pipe replaced with stainless steel that will last longer. This is the second time there has been problems with the pipe.

It can be cleaned and put back or the whole thing replaced.

The least expensive option is cleaning it, getting a new pump and replacing only the section that broke, the other sections looks OK

Should clean it replace the pipe and rebuild the pump \$6,000 approximately

Sewer

Not much with construction

Fischer did some punch list items

Want to make sure all the milestone dates are out there. Fischer claims the substantial completion date is October but we used November

The substantial completion is not a final acceptance of the job

Motion to approving substantial completion certificate for Fischer by Mike James

Second by Mike Sumner

Motion Carried unanimously

Final televising to be done in Mallard Point

Received letters from IDOT that the permits are set to expire, requesting an extension to be able to do seed in the spring

Motion to approve the Sewer connection letter format as amended for the Village homeowners by Mike Sumner

Second by Mike Freimann

Motion carried unanimously

Chapter 20

The figures have been inserted as a worse case scenario. This can be revised annually if the fees need to change.

Some of the fees will not be certain until the system has been in place and there is 100 % connection.

Chapter 20, if passed, will go into effect tonight. The new billing will go into effect when the letter is sent out giving people a heads up of the increase.

Letter goes out in February start charging in March for both the base rate and the OMR

This should be in the next 2 newsletter

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-01 approve Chapter 20-Wasterwater Service charges as amended by Paul Myszka

Second by Mike Sumner

Motion Carried unanimously

Water ordinance issues

Want to enhance our ability to collect the delinquent water bills.

The notices need to be sent to the property owner, not the renter, even if the tenant is responsible for the payment. There needs to be an enforcement mechanism, the homeowner can be given an option to pay in installments, but if they do not comply it will be shut off

The ordinance says that both the renter and the property owner are jointly liable.

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-02 a Pre-Annexation Agreement with BNWRD by Mike James

Second by Mike Sumner

Same as what we saw last meeting just needed approval from BNWRD

We need to adopt and then they will approve

Motion carried unanimously

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-03 ratifying the Intergovernmental Agreement with BNWRD by

Maureen Roach

Second by Mike Sumner

Motion Carried unanimously

Motion to approve cost sharing of mediator for mediation on 2/7/2012 by Mike Sumner

Second by Maureen Roach

Motion carried unanimously

Money would have to come out of Sewer- need to find out if it's eligible for sewer fund

The mediator is from Cook County so we want him to come to us and split the expense with Fischer. The project is here so the mediator agreed it should be done here. Could cost around \$3,000.00 but it varies. Its pretty fact intensive so the cost could be higher. We have no ability to not participate. If it does not get resolved we can go to directly to litigation.

We have counter claims against Fischer because of additional expenses that have incurred

Water

Second pump is installed and the electrical work is complete will be up and running soon

Motion to move into closed session for minute review by Mike Freimann

Second by Maureen Roach

Motion carried unanimously

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-04 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between McLean County and the Village of Downs for the Improvement of County Highway 36 and Jurisdictional Transfer from McLean County to the Village of Downs by Mike James

Second by Paul Myszka

Motion carried unanimously

Need to remember the fiber optic

They will be adding a sidewalk from Seminary to 150 at the County expense.
Any water main breaks in the construction phase will be at the Counties expense.
The Village will not be able to review the design ahead of time-

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-05 authorizing an installment agreement to purchase a new Holland T4.100 tractor over a period of time not to exceed 60 months by Mike Sumner

Second by Mike James

Motion carried unanimously

The money that went back from general to SAS is earmarked for the purchase of a tractor.

This will be a lease to own at the end we pay \$1.00 and it's ours or turn it back in

Can be used year round

Asking general fund to pay for the mowing deck.

It will be stored at the Township shed.

There is a warranty, but not sure how long.

Used tractors were priced and good ones are very expensive

Look into the lease information just received and come back next month

It can be approved then look into what financing is the best.

Then next month we can do a resolution to sign the documents if needed for secure a loan.

Can hold off on the mowing deck till later.

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-06 authorizing the Village Clerk to destroy executive session audio tapes over eighteen months old and to keep sealed specific executive session minutes by Mike Sumner

Second by Mike James

Motion carried unanimously

Motion authorizing Mayor to seek up to 5 certified persons to act on a rotation to serve as Village Sewer Connection Inspectors by Mike Sumner

Second by Paul Myszka

Motion Carried unanimously

This way we do not have to do the bidding process and it can be done on a rotation basis. They will get paid a portion of the inspection fee

Has to be a certified plumber who can inspect all the required areas.

Payment will be on a per home basis

The property owners will call the hall and have the inspector sent out.

There needs to be documentation of the inspection request and what needs to be done.

This will be an independent contractor

This is just an attempt to find people that might be interested

The people should know the Illinois plumbing code

This is just the connection

They should all be required to meet with Bob so he can tell them exactly what needs to be done. The

inspectors will sign off on all properties

Motion to approve bids for fence located at the pump station by Mike James

Second by Paul Myszka

Motion carried unanimously

Need this to avoid vandalism

This just allows us to get bids and find out what it will cost

Motion to approve the use of Tri-Valley CUSD#3 phone notification system by Maureen Roach

Second by Paul Myszka

Motion carried unanimously

Want to put something in the flyer to opt in to the school system

Good way to get important information out, boil order, road closure things of that nature.

Motion to approve moving the 2/2/2012 meeting to 2/9/2012 and pay bills prior to 2/9/2012 as needed by Mike Freimann
Second by Mike James
Motion Carried unanimously

Mayor's report

Open meeting act certification has to be done by everyone

Building

None

Water/ sewer

Several repairs at the water plant
New chlorine injectors and a new panel
Have talked to 2 candidates for the water superintendent position
Will be bringing a candidate to the board for their exception
Want everyone to meet them and then go into executive to discuss the candidate.
Would like to see again how much more it's going to cost us.
Don't think some of the figures presented are the same
The inspections were not in the final calculation

Police /Garbage

Met with court services that have people who need to do public service. Asked to be on a list to contact to send people out to perform community services
Working on add for garbage
Need to have the bids and ready to approve by the April meeting

Streets

Put up signs have to be in compliance with the new 2012 regulations. Weight limit signs are up the speed limit signs will be going up. Don't want to put any speed limit signs until it went out in the flyer that the speed limit is reducing to 25 speed limit
Snow plow- did a test run and made some changes
Practicing snow removal and salting

Park/ Youth center

None

Finance

None

Treasurer Report

A meeting will be set with Bob and Shawn to set the fee
The inspection fee should be on the letter that is sent but the inspection form it should be blank

Motion to pay the bills by Mike Sumner
Second by Maureen Roach
Motion carried unanimously

Motion to adjourn by Maureen
Second by Mike Sumner
Motion carried unanimously

