

# **Village of Pesotum**

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

### **February 6, 2008**

1. Village President Tim Lecher called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

This was followed by a roll call of Trustees. Those present were: William Lewis, Kristi Turner, Leonard Reinhart, Michael Wise, Robert Russian, Tricia Althaus.

Village officials and appointees present were: Village President Tim Lecher, Village Treasurer Brad Frankovich, Village Attorney Guy Hall.

Also present was Richard Eisenmenger, Village Maintenance Operations.

Motion by Trustee Reinhart, seconded by Trustee Wise to appoint Treasurer Frankovich as Village Clerk Pro-Tem. Motion Passed 6-0.
3. Presentations from the public
  - 3.1. Mr. Dennis Willoughby provided the Trustees an update as to his clean-up efforts of his property adjacent to the dilapidated Lakeside properties. He informed the Trustees that someone has broken into the former gas station, cut a hole into the north wall and removed several structural contents, noting that the structure could well be structurally unsound and may present a danger of collapsing. President Lecher informed Mr. Willoughby that the Village is in the process of obtaining a Brownfield grant in order to test the soil and get any needed clean-up efforts underway.
  - 3.2. New residents Fred and Cheryl Smitley introduced themselves and noted that they would like to start-up a bed & breakfast out of their home located at 300 East Adams Street. Trustee Althaus asked about available parking. Mrs. Smitley responded that they anticipate there will be plenty of parking in the driveway and in the back of the property. Trustee Wise asked about zoning requirements to turn a residential dwelling into a commercial business. President Lecher responded that he believes the property will have to be re-zoned as commercial and noted that Attorney Megli is currently looking into the zoning issues. Trustee Reinhart asked about the possibility that the property may be able to remain zoned as residential and listed as a home occupation since the Smitley's will be treating the property as their personal residence. President Lecher noted that Attorney Megli is also looking into that possibility.
4. Routine Matters
  - 4.1. There was a motion by Trustee Reinhart and second by Trustee Althaus to approve the January 2, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 6-0.
  - 4.2. Village Treasurer Frankovich noted that check #8954 in the amount of \$1,437.56, paid to Progressive Chemical, Inc. for the purchase of Ice Attack ice melt was written out of the General Fund and President Lecher had since noted

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that it should have been paid from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund. Trustee Frankovich indicated that he would write a check from the MFT Fund to reimburse the General Fund and expense the purchase through the MFT Fund.

There was a motion from Trustee Reinhart and a second by Trustee Russian to reimburse the General Fund from the MFT Fund for the purchase of Ice Attack from Progressive Chemical, Inc. in the amount of \$1,437.56. Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion by Trustee Reinhart and a second by Trustee Althaus to approve the January 31, 2008 Treasure's Report as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

#### 4.3. The monthly bills were presented for payment.

4.3.1. There was a motion by Trustee Reinhart and a second by Trustee Turner to approve the January 31, 2008 monthly bills as presented for payment. Motion passed 6-0.

4.3.2. There was motion by Trustee Althaus and a second by Trustee Lewis to approve for payment the following routine monthly bills presented at the meeting:

- Ameren CILCO billing dated 02/01/08 in the amount of \$207.13
- Ameren CILCO billing dated 02/01/08 in the amount of \$203.43
- Ameren CILCO billing dated 02/01/08 in the amount of \$126.27

Motion passed 6-0.

#### 5. Reports

5.1. President Lecher noted that Village Clerk Henry has handed in her resignation and therefore, there is an opening for the Village Clerk position.

5.2. President Lecher noted that new trees for the Village have been picked out and he has provided Moore Trees with a copy of the Village's tax exemption certificate.

President Lecher mentioned that the Village is in need of new shoes for the snowplow and the flashing safety light on the Village truck doesn't appear to be working.

Mr. Eisenmenger mentioned that the Village will be needing a portable water tank this year so he has the ability to keep the new trees watered.

President Lecher noted that Mr. Eisenmenger has been spending quite a bit of time cleaning and organizing the maintenance shop and it's looking well worth the effort.

5.3. President Lecher stated that has had a conversation with the manager of the Route 45 Wayside Tavern concerning their construction of an addition to the

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tavern without a building permit. He has also spoken to another resident within the Village limits concerning a shed they are building without a building permit.

#### 6. Old Business

6.1. President Lecher noted that he spoke to Chris Hausman last night and Chris indicated that that easements have been completed and the information is expected to be going to the judge for approval soon.

6.2. Attorney Hall noted that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the Lakeside property owner, Mr. Viseli. At this time, Mr. Viseli has not been located.

Attorney Hall indicated that Rapps Engineering has submitted a preliminary contract for legal review. He is hoping to have a contract to submit for approval at the March Regular Village Board meeting.

6.3. Mr. Lecher noted that, based on the Village resident's overall negative response to a possible change to the burning ordinance during the January 2008 Special Meeting, it is the consensus of the Board not to amend the ordinance at this time. However, Trustee Reinhart suggested that the residence use common sense and kind consideration of others when burning leaves.

#### 7. New Business

7.1. No certificates of deposit are up for renewal at this time.

7.2. The topic of the opening for the Village Clerk position was mentioned at item 5.1.

7.3. Trustee Wise had nothing to report regarding Village sidewalks at this time. Trustee Wise asked Trustee Reinhart what he would like to receive as a proposed 2008 budget recommendation for the anticipated cost of Village sidewalk repairs since the work for 2007 was not completed.

7.4. Trustee Russian was asked to look into contracting a different tree trimming company for 2008.

7.5. President Lecher proposed that the Village purchase a new chainsaw for the Village use. He provided cost information for the research he recently performed. Upon further discussion, it was decided that Trustee Althaus will get additional prices on chainsaws and pole saws to be presented at the next regular Board meeting.

#### 8. Presentation/ Comments from the Board

8.1. President Lecher presented a diagram from Illinois American Water showing the location of the proposed 8 inch main extension to be put in place on Elm Street and noted that a representative from Illinois American Water is planning on being present at the next study session to answer any questions.

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8.2. President Lecher presented a letter from the News Gazette requesting information from the Village under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS140/1, et seq.

8.3. President Lecher explained to the Trustees the incident that recently occurred regarding the ice forming in the immediate area of the Village water tower. He explained that, as a result of the power outage on that particular, the PRV valve at the station north of town froze open. Once power was restored, the frozen valve allowed the tank to over flow and with the high winds and freezing temperatures, the water froze on the side of the tower and within the immediate area east of the tower.

8.4. Attorney Hall noted that Lyle Reed is still complaining about the location of the Village sign on the north end of the Village. He is still claiming that the sign is located on his property and he is requesting that the Village pay him rental fees because of it. President Lecher stated that Attorney Megli is in communication with Mr. Reed's attorney and they are working on a mutual agreement to resolve the issue.

8.5. Trustee Russian asked about the status of updated ordinance books. Attorney Hall responded that the project is underway and is expected to be completed shortly.

8.6. Trustee Althaus placed a request for a listing of recent Village improvements so she can submit the information to the County Star for publication.

9. Adjournment

There was a motion by Trustee Lewis and a second by Trustee Althaus to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.