

VILLAGE OF PESOTUM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2009

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pesotum, Illinois was held at the Community Building, 103 E. Lincoln Street, Pesotum, Illinois this being the principal office of the Village of Pesotum, on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. of that date.

1. The meeting was called to order by Village President Timothy Schultz at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a roll call was taken of the Trustees in attendance.

The Trustees present were: Joyce Ragle, Cheryl Smitley, Tricia Althaus, Josh Eisenmenger, Kyle Logsdon and Lora Tempel. Village officials and appointees present were: Village President Timothy Schultz, Village Clerk Anna Kalk, Village Treasurer Brad Frankovich and Village Attorney Elizabeth Megli.

3. Presentation/Comments from the General Public: A proposal was made to the board to have a haunted house in the old Catholic Church building during the month of October. An inquiry was made in reference to licensing, etc. The board was advised there would be no alcohol. Cheryl Smitley and Joyce Ragle checked and only found that a proof of insurance would be needed. Village Attorney Elizabeth Megli will check further.
4. Routine Matters:
  - 4.1 The Regular Board Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2009 were approved at the special meeting on August 18.
  - 4.2 Curtis Liles, CPA from Bray, Drake, Liles and Richardson LLP was in attendance discussing the Preliminary Audit Report for the Village of Pesotum. There were no problems this year. He advised Village Treasurer Brad Frankovich has done a great job. Their only area for improvement would be to spread the treasurer's duties out to other office holders to give a check and balance. Mr. Liles advised this is a common problem with small villages since there is only one person handling the Village Treasurer's responsibilities.

A question was asked in reference to a \$651 payment to Birkeys. Village Maintenance did not have work done at Birkeys during the month. The bill was dated 07/30/09. Fred Smitley will contact Birkeys and see what the bill is for before payment is made. Two bills from Ameren were received for the street lights. One was dated August 5 and the other August 11. Brad Frankovich will follow up to make sure we were not charged twice for the same thing before sending payment.

A special meeting will be held to approve rolling or reinvesting the CD maturing on September 11. There is a 10 day grace period so a special meeting on September 15 along with the study session will be fine.

Village President Tim Schultz will investigate time frames and interest rates for the CD prior to the special meeting.

A motion was made by Cheryl Smitley and seconded by Kyle Logsdon to approve the treasurer's report with the holding of the 2 checks and the changing of the dates on the CD's. The motion was passed 6-0.

#### 4.3 Bill Payment:

4.3.1 A motion was made by Tricia Althaus and seconded by Lora Tempel to pay the monthly bills with the exception of \$651.81 to Birkeys and \$513.59 to Ameren pending further investigation. The motion was passed 6-0.

4.3.2 A motion was made by Joyce Ragle and seconded by Kyle Logsdon to approve payment to Bray, Drake, Liles and Richardson for \$3900 for audit fees, \$40.99 to Ameren Cilco for the water building, \$36.71 to Ameren Cilco for 103 S Chestnut and \$35.28 to Ameren Cilco for 103 E Lincoln which were received after the Treasurer's Report was prepared. The motion was passed 6-0.

#### 5. Reports:

5.1 Village Clerk Report – A notice was received by Illinois American Water reference to upcoming public forums sponsored by the Illinois Commerce Commission concerning the general increase in water rates proposed by Illinois American Water. This will be discussed further at the study session.

## 5.2 Maintenance Report:

As of Sept. 1, 2009 all street lights were repaired.

An inventory of road salt has been received to prepare for winter.

More round-up has been sprayed which is on-going.

Village entrance signs were cleaned and touched up with paint.

The water plant has been cleaned out and Xmas decorations were moved there for storage.

A bid was received from Birkeys on the tractor repair. Two doors need glass repair.

The drain across from Tricia Althaus' residence is still not draining.

The tree hanging over the old Catholic Church on the SE corner is still there.

## 6. Old Business:

- 6.1 Westside Drainage Project – Village Attorney Elizabeth Megli spoke with the attorney from the drainage district. She advised they do have a new bid in for the project for \$106,000. If this is accepted there is a process to go through giving opportunity to all the other bidders to drop their bid. In the event the drainage district accepts the bid the contracts are in a good spot to proceed. The project would not start until the crops are out of the field. Elizabeth is recommending the village not give money because it appears the bid will come in under the \$120,000 amount.

Don Wauthier from Berns and Clancy Engineering firm was in attendance. The board members discussed with him about obtaining stimulus or grant money to help with the cost of the drainage project. A history of the project was discussed. In the last nine years rules and amounts have changed reference to all the programs for funding storm water management projects. These projects tend to be on the lowest priority of eligibility regarding grant money. A probable projection of costs was provided to the board with today's prices on the village project for west side drainage. A probable project cost total for the entire project given was \$430,000. This included administrative, legal, engineering and construction costs. Limiting the project to the most critical

which is south of Adams would bring the projected cost to \$270,000. It is possible to do the project in 2 stages and apply for grants at each stage.

To apply for a grant the village would have to wait until May and it would not get approved until this time next year. Also a survey would need to be taken by all the residences in the project area. Fifty-one percent of these households would need to fall into the low to moderate income level. If not, the village would not be eligible to apply for a grant. If this is ok the grant application would need to be filled out. Other items could also affect grant eligibility. This will be discussed further at the study session.

Kenny and Mary Zwilling were at the meeting inquiring if a drain hose could be ran underneath the roadway and into the median ditch to help with draining the water. This will be put on the agenda for the special meeting.

- 6.2 Lease with Illinois American Water – Reference to their use of the water building - copies of the lease were made. This can be signed by Tim Schultz because it is a 2 year lease. This will need to be approved by Illinois American Water who will send it back to us for Tim’s signature. The board was requesting a charge of 40-50 dollars a month to pay for power usage.
- 6.3 Elm Street – A contract was signed with Illiana and they will be giving notice before they come in either mid or late September.
- 6.4 Street Light Fixtures – need to order more. A motion was made by Tricia Althaus and seconded by Josh Eisenmenger to purchase 3 replacement street lights. The motion was passed 6-0.
- 6.5 Jones Residence update – The van and dually are gone and they are coming back to clean up the yard. Tim Shultz was called by a neighbor who has dirt piled up on the side of his garage from the Jones property. That will have to be dealt with through the courts between the 2 property owners.
- 6.6 Parking signs in front of the firehouse – Prior to the meeting the board met across the street from the firehouse to discuss additional no parking signs. This will be discussed further at the study session.

7. New Business:
  - 7.1 ESDA Coordinator – Rob Russian took the oath in reference to his appointment as ESDA Coordinator.
  - 7.2 Amending Administrative Ordinance to Include Building Inspector Provisions – Elizabeth Megli will amend the ordinance.
  - 7.3 Stop Sign at the Corner of Adams and Elm – A recommendation has been made for a 3 way stop at the intersection. The board will check further into this.
  - 7.4 Survey on Getting One Garbage Collector – Will check on and discuss this later.
8. Presentations/Comments from the Board: None
9. Announcements:
  - 9.1 The next Village Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:00pm.
  - 9.2 A Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00pm with a study session immediately following.
10. A motion was made by Tricia Althaus and seconded by Lora Tempel to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. The motion was passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Anna Kalk  
Village Clerk