

Village of Pesotum

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2007

1. President Tim Lecher called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

This was followed by a roll call of Trustees. Those present were: Kristi Turner, Leonard Reinhart, Mike Wise, Tricia Althaus.

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

Also present was Richard Eisenmenger, Village Maintenance.

- 2.1. Motion by Trustee Althaus, seconded by Trustee Turner to appoint Treasurer Frankovich as Village Clerk Pro-Tem. Motion Passed 4-0.

Trustee Robert Russian arrived at 7:15 P.M.

3. Presentations from the General Public

President Lecher introduced Robert Duvall from Patrick Engineering to discuss with the Trustees the status of the Brownfield grant application and how the application process works. He noted that the Village is not responsible for any costs until such time the grant is approved and funded. Mr. Duvall indicated that the Village is expected to be in a position to enter into a contract with Patrick Engineering within the next 2-3 weeks. Mr. Duvall then opened the discussion up to answer questions from those present.

Mr. Niem Merze introduced himself to the Trustees as the new owner of the Citgo Gas Station, which was previously known as Gasland.

Mr. Steven Schaefer inquired if the Village would be interested in renting a portion of the Village storage shed to the Pesotum Volunteer Fire Department for their storage of some fire/rescue equipment. President Lecher indicated that the Trustees would discuss the possibility and get back in touch with him by the October Regular Board Meeting.

4. Routine Matters

- 4.1. Motion by Trustee Wise, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the August 8, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0.
- 4.2. Motion by Trustee Althaus, seconded by Trustee Reinhart to approve the August 31, 2006 Treasures Report as amended. Motion passed 5-0.
- 4.3. Motion by Trustee Russian, seconded by Trustee Wise to approve the August 2007 monthly bills for payment. Motion passed 5-0.

4.3.1. No additional bills were presented for approval to pay.

5. Reports

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5.1. There was nothing to report from the Village Clerk.

Discussion was made regarding the amending of the ordinance for the Village Clerk and Water Clerk duties since the Water Department has been sold. President Lecher indicated that he will request from Attorney Hall that a new ordinance be drafted and be available for review at the September Study Session in hopes that a final draft can be presented for approval at the October Regular Board Meeting.

5.2. Mr. Eisenmenger asked President Lecher about the possibility of having the stored Chlorine removed from the Water Department building. President Lecher responded that he would look into it.

Mr. Eisenmenger noted that Ameren CILCO has performed some repair work on some of the streetlights in town.

Mr. Eisenmenger asked if he should remove the barrier posts from around water well #3. Upon discussion by the Trustees, it was decided that Mr. Eisenmenger is to go ahead and remove the barrier posts.

President Lecher noted that the two individuals had performed some volunteer work over the last month as part of their court ordered community service.

5.3. There were no presentations from the building inspector's report.

6. Old Business

6.1. Mr. Lecher noted that the former lakeside property was already discussed as part of Mr. Duvall's presentation (item #3 above).

6.2. Trustee Althaus discussed a handout she presented to the Trustees, which lists possible park improvements previously discussed by the Trustees. President Lecher suggested to the Trustees that they bring suggestions for park improvements to the next Village Board Meeting for discussion.

6.3. Attorney Megli presented to the Trustees the conversation she had with Lyle Reed concerning his removing of the inoperable vehicles on his storage business property. She noted that Mr. Reed indicated he would comply with the request by August 31, 2007. Attorney Megli noted that, as of today's date, the vehicles are still present on the property. She indicated that her office has a call into Mr. Reed and they are currently waiting for him to return the call. She also noted that Mr. Reed has commented that the North Route 45 Village welcome sign was erected on his property.

Discussion was made among those present concerning the possibility of the welcome sign being located on Mr. Reed's property. Attorney Hall suggested that the Village wait for Mr. Reed to provide proof to support his claim. It was decided that no further action will be taken until Mr. Reed provides this proof.

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President Lecher noted that he sent out via certified mail eleven ordinance violation letters during the last month, noting that one was for a burning violation, four were for overgrown lawns and six were for inoperable vehicles. He also noted that Attorney Hall also received a copy of each letter and that he has not heard back from any of the individuals who received a letter.

6.4. President Lecher noted that he issued a Class A Liquor License to the owners of the former Hardware store, noting the name of the new business will be Route 45 Wayside.

7. New Business

7.1. Motion by Trustee Reinhart, second by Trustee Althaus to reinvest the General Fund Certificate of Deposit #1020552 with Busey Bank in the amount of \$52,436.92 plus interest for a period of one year. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Reinhart, second by Trustee Turner to invest \$150,000 of the Water Fund balance sitting in the money market account in a Busey Bank certificate of deposit for a period of one year. Motion passed 5-0.

7.2. Trustee Wise noted that he will present the pricing results for the Village's sidewalk repair and maintenance needs at the September Study Session Meeting.

7.3. President Lecher noted that the discussion regarding the rental of the Village storage shed was discussed earlier in the meeting with Steve Schaefer (item #3 above).

7.4. Attorney Hall defined the Open Meetings Act and then suggested the Trustees dissolve the Village's committee structure. By doing so, he explained that if a few members of the Village Board get together to discuss Village business, their meeting would not be construed as an unannounced committee meeting. Therefore, the Village would not be in violation of the Open Meetings Act since the meeting would consist of less than a voting quorum of the Village Board. The trustees indicated they would take the suggestion under advisement and look further into the idea.

7.5. President Lecher noted that discussions had taken place to determine the possibility of abandoning the Village's land lines for the maintenance building and water building and providing Mr. Eisenmenger a cell phone. President Lecher then volunteered to gather pricing information from the different cell phone service providers in the area and report back to the Trustees at the September Study Session.

7.6. President Lecher noted that everyone has received a copy of Lyle Reed's resignation letter as Village Building Inspector. The Trustees noted the resignation.

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8. Presentations/ Comments from the Board

- 8.1. President Lecher informed the Trustees that Attorney Hall's has contacted the Pesotum Drainage District and informed them that a drainage order will be dictated to the Commissioner by the end of the week. It is expected that the outstanding receivable due from the Drainage District will be paid shortly thereafter.
- 8.2. President Lecher informed the Trustees that he received a letter from Connie Porter regarding damage done on her driveway from the snow plowing activities performed this last February.
- 8.3. President Lecher discussed the letter sent out by Illinois American Water regarding their proposed rate increase.
- 8.4. Motion by Trustee Althaus, second by Trustee Turner to change the September Study Session meeting, scheduled for September 19, 2007 at 7:00 PM, to become a Special meeting. Motion passed 5-0.
- 8.5. President Lecher noted that a house located within the Village limits has a propane tank located in the back yard. He asked the Trustees to think about this and determine if this presents an unacceptable danger to the community.
- 8.6. Trustee Reinhart asked if the person who called into the local radio station on September 4th and commented that the Village is in violation of the Open Meetings Act is in any way liable for what is felt to be improper accusations. Attorney Hall responded that, in this case as long as the person did not specify any particular person, he would not be liable for his comments

9. Announcements

- 9.1. The dates of upcoming meetings were announced.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Althaus, seconded by Trustee Russian to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M.