

Village of Pesotum

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2007

1. President Tim Lecher called the meeting to order at 7:04 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. Resident Jennifer Lighty asked for clarification from the Trustees as to the current burning ordinance within the Village limits as it relates to leaf burning. Upon review of the current ordinance, it was noted that the only existing time restriction prohibits leaf burning between the hours of 7:00 PM and 7:00AM. Ms. Lighty then requested of the Trustees that they consider modifying the ordinance to restrict leaf burning to only certain days of the week because of the effect the smoke has on her children and others within the community. She suggested possibly limiting leaf burning to one day during the week and one day on weekends. The Board agreed to look into the possibility of changing the ordinance. Trustee Althaus agreed to inquire of other surrounding communities as to their leaf burning ordinances and to have a public notice placed in the County Star announcing that a public discussion on the matter will be scheduled to take place sometime in January 2008.

4. Routine Matters

- 4.1. Motion by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Reinhart to approve the November 3, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 6-0.
- 4.2. Motion by Trustee Reinhart, seconded by Trustee Wise to approve the November 30, 2007 Treasures Report as presented. Motion passed 5-0. (Trustee Russian had momentarily stepped out of the room.)
- 4.3. The monthly bills were presented for payment.
 - 4.3.1. Motion by Trustee Reinhart, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the November 30, 2007 monthly bills for payment. Motion passed 5-0. (Trustee Russian had momentarily stepped out of the room.)
 - 4.3.2. Motion by Trustee Althaus, second by Trustee Lewis to approve for payment the following routine monthly bills presented at the meeting:
 - Ameren CILCO billing dated 11/30/07 in the amount of \$93.09
 - Ameren CILCO billing dated 11/30/07 in the amount of \$120.02

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- Ameren CILCO billing dated 11/30/07 in the amount of \$77.83
- Sprint billing dated 11/26/07 in the amount of \$5.04

Motion passed 6–0.

5. Reports

5.1. President Lecher discussed the status of the delinquent water bill receivables.

5.2. Mr. Eisenmenger noted that the Village trucks are ready for the winter season with the exception of placing the plow on the pick-up truck.

Mr. Eisenmenger noted that he has identified seven trees around the Village that need removed. President Lecher asked Mr. Eisenmenger to list those trees he has identified. He then asked Trustee Russian to accompany Mr. Eisenmenger in taking a second look at the trees to assess the need for them to be removed in addition to determining if any other trees within the Village also need removed. In addition, they were asked to gather estimates on what it will cost to have the trees removed.

It was noted that the replacement letters have been received for the Hartman Park sign. Mr. Eisenmenger was asked to use the new letters to replace the entire word 'PARK' on the sign.

After a short discussion it was decided to have the Village catch basins inspected prior to hiring a third party to clean them out.

5.3. There was nothing to report regarding inspector reports.

6. Old Business

6.1. There was nothing to report regarding drainage issues.

6.2. Attorney Hall noted that neither Mr. Veseli, nor his attorney showed up for Mr. Veseli's scheduled court hearing last month. Attorney Hall also noted that Mr. Lee has decided not to sign the approval of the applicable court order. He then updated the Board on the legal status of the lakeside properties.

6.3. There was nothing to report in regards to the requested liquor license for the former Outer Banks property.

6.4. Attorney Hall stated that there is currently an unresolved disagreement between the Village and Patrick Engineering in regards to the Patrick Engineering's request to be held harmless on any environmental damage caused by Patrick Engineering accessing the Lakeside properties. This current standoff has delayed any recent progress regarding the Brownfield grant project.

Attorney Hall indicated that his office has contacted another firm located in Springfield, Illinois by the name of Rapps Engineering. It was noted that Rapps

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Engineering has not required other communities to hold them harmless in situations like this.

- 6.5. & 6.6. Attorney Hall handed out a proposed ordinance change 07-4 regarding the reverting of the Village Clerk duties back to as they were prior to the combining of the Village Clerk and the Village Water Clerk duties. The proposed ordinance change also outlines how much the re-written clerk position is to be paid in light of the absence of the water clerk duties in addition to addressing the changing of the payment of Trustee fees to bi-annual pro-rated amounts.

Motion by Trustee Wise, second by Trustee Turner to accept the proposed changes to ordinance 07-4 as referred to above. Motion passed 6-0.

- 6.7. Upon discussion, it was suggested that the Village purchase trees to replace some of the dying or dead trees around the Village and have Mr. Eisenmenger perform the planting of the trees.

Motion by Trustee Lewis, second by Trustee Turner for the Village to purchase 12 trees from Moore Trees in the amount of \$1,600. Motion passed 6-0.

7. New Business

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

7.2. There was nothing to report regarding sidewalk repairs at this time.

7.3. A Village donation to the Pesotum Volunteer Fire Department to purchase children's candy for Santa's visit on December 16, 2007 was discussed.

Motion by Trustee Reinhart, second by Trustee Lewis to donate \$100 to the Pesotum Volunteer Fire Department to purchase children's candy for Santa's visit this year. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Presentation/ Comments from the Board

8.1. Trustee Wise wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

8.2. Mr. Wise asked for an update on the status of the zoning for the proposed bed & breakfast next to his residence. Attorney Hall indicated that he will look further into the matter.

8.3. President Lecher asked to have a discussion concerning proposed ideas on what to do about the delinquent water bill receivables. Upon some discussion, it was decided that formal collection letters would be drafted up and presented to those still owing the Village for their delinquent water bills.

8.4. The idea of paying employee holiday bonuses was discussed.

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Motion by Trustee Reinhart, second by Trustee Althaus to pay Mr. Eisenmenger a Christmas gift in the sum of \$75 after payroll taxes. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Lewis, seconded by Trustee Wise to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.