

VILLAGE OF PESOTUM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2009

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, April 1, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. of that date.

1. The meeting was called to order by Village President Timothy Lecher.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a roll call of the Trustees in attendance.

The Trustees present were: Leonard Reinhart, Robert Russian, Tricia Althaus, Joyce Ragle and Cheryl Smitley. Village officials and appointees present were: Village President Timothy Lecher, Village Treasurer Brad Frankovich and Village Attorney Guy Hall. Absent were: Village Trustee William "Hank" Lewis, as well as Village Clerk Kristi Turner.

There was a motion by Trustee Russian to appoint Guy Hall as the Village Clerk *pro tem* for the meeting this date. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ragle and unanimously approved.

3. Presentation / Comments from the Public.

Liz Barnhart raised an issue concerning dogs running at large. The problem has become more prevalent and discussion ensued at some length. Trustee Althaus indicated that she would speak with the owner of the dog with whom she is familiar. Ms. Barnhart also inquired about the upcoming election and information regarding the election process. It was noted that the Township Supervisor will be obtaining the election materials and bringing them to the Community Building. President Lecher will provide assistance. The election day voting period is from 6:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

4. Routine Matters.

4.1 There were no minutes submitted for approval from the March Board meeting.

4.2 Treasurer's Report. There was discussion of securities as collateral for the Village's Certificates of Deposit. See Treasurer's Report pages 1 and 9. Attorney Hall addressed the issue of assuring that there is adequate security for the Village's Certificates of Deposit, all of which are being held by Busey Bank. He noted that the current limits of the FDIC Insurance for deposit is \$250,000.00, and the Village has in excess of that amount on deposit, although various securities have been pledged and the

Village Treasurer has provided documentation in that regard. There was no further action taken.

There was discussion about the payment of \$23,500.00 to Tim Quackenbush. It was noted in discussion among the Trustees that Mr. Quackenbush was paid \$11,750.00 for his demolition at the Lee property, and that the additional \$11,750.00 was a refund of the cash bond that Mr. Quackenbush posted as security required by Illinois law. After further consideration of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Reinhart made a motion to accept the Report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smitley and unanimously approved.

4.3 Bill Payment.

4.3.1 Approval of Monthly Bills. The Trustees considered the Village's various bills to be paid for the month. Trustee Russian then made a motion to pay the monthly bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Althaus and unanimously approved.

4.3.2 Post-Treasurer's Report Bills. Trustee Althaus inquired about funds within the control of the Pesotum Athletic Association in the event that it disbands and how those funds would be handled and expenses would be paid. Further general discussion ensued about these issues and other concerns related thereto, including arrangement for participation in athletics through other local villages. After the discussion, no further definitive action was taken, but may be addressed at future meetings.

5. Reports.

5.1 Village Clerk. There was no report by the Village Clerk due to her absence.

5.2 Village Maintenance. Fred Smitley and Rich Eisenmenger addressed current matters. It was noted that Ted's Tree Service is to work on various trees within the Village. Nine (9) trees have been purchased from Moore Trees.

It was noted that there was a leak in the copper line at the concession stand. Mowing has commenced and there will be rolling of certain areas. The Boy Scouts are participating in the installation of flower beds, and new benches and garbage cans are being installed. The concrete pad for the Village generator has been addressed.

There was further discussion amount the Trustees and members of the public regarding clogged drains. Trustee Reinhart mentioned that the North Elm Street area needs some patching. An item of vandalism (painting) was noted. Trustee Reinhart mentioned drainage issues regarding the Schweighart property. A letter has been sent to the applicable Drainage Commissioners requesting further assistance and a reply is being awaited.

6. Old Business

6.1 Drainage—President Lecher noted that the Drainage District is still waiting for information from Koberlein.

6.2 Street Ordinance. The Trustees considered Ordinance 09-1 regarding parking on Lincoln and Elm Streets. After consideration and discussion, Trustee Althaus moved to approve Ordinance 09-1. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ragle and unanimously approved. Thereafter, further discussion ensued about additional signage for Lincoln Street.

6.3 Building Lease. There was no further information to report regarding the lease of the former water plant building.

6.4 Ballpark Facility Improvements. Trustee Althaus addressed the ballpark improvements. She will undertake further investigation of the matters that need to be addressed.

6.5 Lakeside Properties. Village officials met with Jody Kershaw of the Illinois EPA at the site. It was discussed that there may be federal stimulus funds available in the coming months to assist with environmental cleanup that may be necessary at the property. Further discussion regarding the associated issues were undertaken by the Trustees.

7. New Business.

Certificate of Deposit Renewal. The Board decided by consensus to address the CD renewal at an upcoming special meeting.

Cleanup Day Dumpsters. There was a discussion about Cleanup Day.

Matchbox Disposal has offered to provide four (4) dumpsters at a price of \$530.00 each. There was concern expressed about people coming to the Village from other communities for the sole purpose of taking advantage of the Village's willingness to do a cleanup. Various alternatives were discussed. Thereafter, there was a motion to rent four (4) dumpsters at a cost of \$530.00 each for Cleanup Day. The motion was made by Trustee Ragle and seconded by Trustee Smitley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Anderson Salvage. There was a motion by Trustee Ragle to enter into an agreement with Anderson Salvage to provide a trailer to be used for appliances at no cost to the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Althaus and unanimously approved.

ESDA Coordinator Appointment. By consensus of the Board, this matter was tabled to the upcoming special meeting.

8. Presentations / Comments from the Board.

Trustee Smitley inquired about NIMS training. It was noted that every Board member, President, and perhaps others must take the training. There are thirty-two (32)

hours of training that must be undertaken. The Village Maintenance Supervisor also has to take a test in order to comply with the requirements.

There was an inquiry about the water tower signage. President Lecher noted that work on the signage will not be completed for a few months. Ms. Barnhart inquired about issues concerning ESDA.

Trustee Althaus noted that the Daisy Scouts meet the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month at the Community Building. She inquired whether it was satisfactory for them to leave crafts at the building for a short period of time.

Trustee Russian noted that a number of four-wheel ATVs are driving the streets of the Village.

8.1 Budget Planning. Trustee Reinhart distributed budget information. He reported on line items and discussed how he arrived at the various line items. Attorney Hall discussed the budgetary process generally for the benefit of the Trustees. Thereafter, general discussion ensued.

9. Announcements.

The next Village Board meeting is May 6, 2009.

The next Study Session / Special Meeting is April 15, 2009.

10. Adjournment.

There was a motion to adjourn by Trustee Ragle. The motion was seconded by Trustee Althaus and unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted,

By: Guy C. Hall
Village Clerk, *pro tem*