

VILLAGE OF PESOTUM
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 5, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pesotum was held at the Community Building, 103 E. Lincoln Street, Pesotum, Illinois, this being the principal office of the Village of Pesotum, on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 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. Roll Call of the Trustees.

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

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

3. Comments from the Public.

Resident Dennis Willoughby inquired about the status of the demolition proceedings involving property adjacent to the former Hen House (Veseli property) and former Edna's Bakery (Lee property). Mr. Willoughby provided additional information about his understanding of circumstances at the premises. Thereafter, there was discussion among the Trustees and further information provided by Village Attorney Hall about the legal proceedings.

Mrs. JoAnn O'Bryan presented to the Board her concern about water problems at her home at 203 S. Chestnut. She explained to the Board that she has lived in her home approximately eighteen (18) years and within the last year or so, she has had problems with water seeping into her basement. She has been in contact with Illinois American Water Company as well as the drainage commissioners of Pesotum Consolidated Drainage District. It appears that the problem may be related to a ruptured drainage tile, and it was suggested that Mrs. O'Bryan be in further touch with the drainage commissioners. After general discussion about the circumstances, President Lecher suggested that maps of the area would be provided to the drainage commissioners.

Linda Goersch of the County Star attended the meeting to report on the proceedings.

4. Routine Matters.

4.1. The Board examined the minutes of the October 1, 2008 meeting. Thereafter there was a motion by Trustee Russian to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smitley and unanimously approved as amended.

4.2. The Board also examined and considered the minutes of the October 15, 2008 special meeting. Thereafter, there was a motion by Trustee Ragle to approve the minutes thereof. The motion was seconded by Trustee Russian and unanimously approved.

4.3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Frankovich reported about the financial condition of the Village and noted recent Certificate of Deposit renewals. Thereafter, there was discussion about a bill for work by S & S Construction regarding street work. It was noted that the payment should be made out of the motor fuel tax fund. Discussion ensued regarding the bill for \$19,680.00, and whether it should be paid out of the motor fuel tax current balance of \$23,428.11 or repair and maintenance to streets. Further discussion ensued regarding which method was preferred and several other bills. There was further discussion regarding fund transfers and reuse of Illinois funds.

There was discussion about expenses incurred and submitted by Morris Enterprises, Inc. in connection with computer related services. A further general discussion ensued regarding that item.

Thereafter there was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2008 by Trustee Russian. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ragle and unanimously approved.

Trustee Russian then made a motion to pay the monthly bills of the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Althaus and unanimously approved. Thereafter, there was further discussion by Trustee Frankovich about the Treasurer's Report and bill paying procedures for the benefit of the new trustees.

5. Reports.

5.1 President Lecher reported that the Village Clerk had class this evening and could not attend the meeting. He also reported that after the new year in 2009, Ms. Turner will have frequent Wednesday night classes.

5.2 Rich Eisenmenger was absent from the meeting. Fred Smitley reported regarding streetlight prices. A number of lights need to be replaced. The cost of each light with components is \$120.55 with an additional \$45.70 for each streetlight arm for a total of \$166.25 per complete streetlight fixture. It was noted that the Village needs at least five (5) and perhaps six (6) streetlights. It was also noted that at least one (1) pole needs to be replaced, and that the flashing light on Route 45 will need to be removed. Trustee Ragle noted an additional streetlight that is not functioning. It was also noted that the flagpole light and marquee are not working at the present time.

Thereafter there was general discussion about the following matters: salt on hand for the winter months; future replacement of trees; shop ramps and mowers; Elm Street repairs; winterization of ball park buildings; the marquee message; and plow maintenance.

6. Old Business

6.1 Village Drainage. President Lecher indicated that he had spoken with Chris Hausman of Pesotum Consolidated Drainage District. The District's meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

6.2 Brownfields Grant Status. Village Attorney Hall reported about the status of the grant application which is currently on file but unfunded due to State budget shortfalls.

6.3 Demolition of Lee's Bakery. There was discussion about the asbestos report provided by RAPP'S Engineering. The report concluded that the building can be demolished and removed in a normal fashion, and that there is no significant lead based paint concern. Resident Dennis Willoughby reported on a discussion he had with Tim Quackenbush about site demolition. Trustee Russian also reported that there is a person who may be interested in purchasing all of the lots at the site. This matter is to be further discussed at the next Study Session.

Trustee Reinhart expressed his concern that the sign poles at the Veseli property should be removed. Attorney Hall was directed to be in contact with Mr. Veseli in that regard. With regard to the settlement proposal by Mr. Veseli concerning payment of the amounts due, the Village discussed the proposed terms thereof and rejected the offer.

7. New Business.

7.1 CD Renewals: there were no Certificates of Deposit requiring renewal consideration.

8. Presentations / Comments from the Board. There was general discussion regarding animal control and the Village's agreement with Champaign County. Trustee Althaus indicated that she has done some research regarding leash laws, including that of the Village of Arcola. She expressed her opinion that the Village needs to have a stricter ordinance and she recited various provisions emphasizing her concern. Trustee Reinhart suggested that the leash law be rewritten for consideration at the Study Session. There was further general discussion regarding the provisions for a new ordinance.

Trustee Russian addressed parties being held at the Route 34 Wayside. A problem has developed with parking in front of the ambulance bay and blockage of the fire lane. Further discussion ensued regarding no parking signs, fire lane designations and tow away zones.

Trustee Smitley reported that she is investigating grant opportunities.

There was general discussion regarding lingering post-election yard signage and what might be done to remedy the problem if it persists.

9. Announcements.

The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., and a Study Session is scheduled for November 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

There was a motion to adjourn by Trustee Althaus. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ragle and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

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