

VILLAGE OF PESOTUM
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 3, 2008

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, December 3, 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 and there was a roll call of the Trustees in attendance.

The Trustees present were: Leonard Reinhart, Tricia Althaus, Cheryl Smitley and Joyce Ragle. Village officials and appointees present were: Village President Timothy Lecher and Village Attorney Guy C. Hall. Absent were: Village Trustee William Lewis, Village Clerk Kristi Turner and Village Treasurer Brad Frankovich. Trustee Robert Russian attended the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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 Smitley and unanimously approved.

3. Presentation / Comments from the Public.

Mrs. JoAn O'Bryan was in attendance to further address water problems at her home located at 203 S. Chestnut. Trustee Reinhart informed the Board that the drainage district undertook cleaning of a nearby catch basin. The work was undertaken by D.J. Stewart. It was noted that Mr. Stewart dug four (4) feet deep and found no drainage tile. There was general discussion, and it was noted that the homeowner would need to locate where the problem is through her basement and contract with someone to check drains.

Mrs. O'Bryan further articulated her concerns and again asked to see maps that might provide some assistance in resolving the matter. Further discussion ensued regarding the allocation of costs for investigating it. In addition, a rudimentary survey of Mrs. O'Bryan's property and a partial map of the Village were examined to aid in determining where involved drainage tiles might be located.

Dennis Willoughby articulated his interest in finding out the status of what is happening with the Veseli and Lee properties.

4. Routine Matters.

4.1. The Board examined the minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting. Trustee Smitley made a motion to approve the minutes of that meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Althaus and unanimously approved.

4.2. Treasurer's Report. Trustee Althaus inquired about entries on page 5 of the Report. It was noted that some funds were transferred to cover the cost of ice melt materials. There was a service charge for an Illinois Funds Transfer in the amount of \$10.00 which was noted and some concern was expressed. Trustee Reinhart suggested that the Village consider dispensing with the use of the Illinois Funds Program.

Trustee Reinhart noted that for the last several months the Village has spent more money than it is taking in, outspending income by \$46,000.00. After further review of the Report, there was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2008 made by Trustee Althaus. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ragle and unanimously approved.

4.3. Bill Payment.

4.3.1 Approval of monthly bills for payment. Trustee Reinhart made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smitley and unanimously approved.

4.3.2 Bills after Treasurer's Report preparation. It was reported that there was an Ameren bill for six (6) street lights in the total amount of \$997.50 due December 15, 2008. Trustee Althaus made a motion to pay the Ameren bill in the amount of \$997.50. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smitley and unanimously approved. Fred Smitley reported on the remaining street light supplies available for Village use.

5. Reports.

5.1 President Lecher reported that Ms. Kristi Turner is considering whether to resign as Village Clerk because she is now attending college and has two (2) young children. He indicated that Ms. Turner's situation will likely be addressed by the January Board meeting.

5.2 Village Maintenance. Fred Smitley reported in the absence of Rich Eisenmenger. He noted that all street lamps are working with the exception of one (1). The caution light for school crossing on Route 45 has been removed. An additional street lamp was turned off by Ameren. Trustee Reinhart noted that the light that has been turned off is a Village light and should not have been turned off. Stop signs and speed zone signs have been installed. Mr. Smitley noted that the ballpark has been winterized, as has the mower. He also noted other items of routine maintenance, including the lights and marquee at the park.

Hours of work have been cut back from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There was a question regarding railroad crossing signs. Trustee Althaus noted that there may be a broken stop sign that requires repair. She also inquired about the status of snow fences, and it was mentioned that park benches are to be stored for the winter.

It was noted that there was a temporary disconnection at the water plant November 10, 2008 for E.R.H. to exchange electric panels.

President Lecher suggested that the inside of the community building be painted. General discussion ensued. Fred Smitley indicated his view that the Village should procure a new refrigerator for the Community Building.

6. Old Business

6.1 Village Drainage / Westside project. It was discussed that Koeberlein is undertaking the work on behalf of Pesotum Consolidated Drainage District. Engineering work has been discussed.

6.2 Brownfields Grant status. Attorney Hall reported that there have been no developments regarding the grant process as the state has not suitably funded the program. Mr. Hall's office will continue to monitor the matter with RAPPS Engineering.

6.3 Demolition of Lee's Bakery building. It was noted that a potential additional bid of \$17,600.00 had been received. It was noted that Tim Quackenbush has also provided a bid of \$11,350.00 for the project. Trustee Russian inquired about where the funds would come from to pay for the demolition, and Trustee Reinhart noted that it could come out of the Contingency Fund. Trustee Russian also noted that when the demolition is completed, the operator of gasoline, Mr. Mirza, may have an interest in the premises. Further discussion ensued about that possibility. Trustee Reinhart then made a motion to proceed with entering into a contract with Mr. Quackenbush for demolition of the Lee Bakery building at a price of \$11,350.00 as well as entering into a contract for demolition of the two tall sign posts at the adjacent Veseli property as soon appropriate contracts have been prepared. Trustee Ragle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6.4 Animal Control Ordinance Amendments. Trustee Althaus reported that she is working on this project. She has gathered ordinances from a number of communities to compare with the Village ordinances. It was noted there were certain limitations regarding such ordinances in that they cannot ban specific dog breeds. It was also noted that the ordinance may be drafted such that it limits the number of dogs an owner may have on the premises

before the property is deemed to be an animal shelter. The plan is for the Trustees to have a preliminary ordinance prepared for consideration at the January, 2009 meeting.

- 6.5 Street Light Replacement Parts. It was reiterated by Mr. Smitley that the Village currently has five (5) street light arms, three (3) separate additional bulbs, and an additional light fixture. After Mr. Smitley made his report, there was motion by Trustee Reinhart to purchase two (2) more light fixtures at a cost of \$120.55 each. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smitley and unanimously approved.

7. New Business.

Certificate of Deposit Renewal. It was noted that there are no certificates of deposit to be renewed at this time.

Village Employee Holiday Recognition. There was general discussion about recognition for performance through the year. A motion was made by Trustee Reinhart to give both Richard Eisenmenger and Fred Smitley \$75.00 each, after taxes, in recognition of their service. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ragle. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed 4 to 0, with one abstention by Trustee Smitley.

8. Presentations / Comments from the Board.

Trustee Reinhart noted that some residents rake their leaves into streets under weather circumstances such that they then blow into neighbors' yards. This is both unneighborly and causes a traffic concern. The Village may consider future action in order to encourage a more appropriate method of disposal.

Trustee Ragle inquired as to the status of Glenn Jones. Trustee Althaus indicated that there have been further discussions regarding the property and general discussion ensued.

There was further discussion regarding the signage ordinance. It was further noted that "no parking" and "tow away zone" matters will need to be further addressed.

The Christmas candy tradition was discussed, and it was noted that there was no request this year.

It was noted that the owners of Outer Banks are looking for a partner or a lessee for the premises.

9. Announcements.

The next Board meeting is January 7, 2009.

The next Study Session is January 21, 2009.

10. Adjournment.

There was a motion by Trustee Althaus to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smitley and unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted,

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

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