

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 7, 2011 – 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Attorney Elizabeth Megli. Motion was made by Tricia Althaus for Cheryl Smitley to preside over the meeting as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion was seconded by Joyce Ragle. Motion approved.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roll Call was taken. Trustees present were Cheryl Smitley, Tricia Althaus, Josh Eisenmenger, Joyce Ragle, and Kyle Logsdon. Trustee Sherrie Plummer was absent. Also present were Treasurer Brad Frankovich, Village Maintenance Fred Smitley, Clerk Mary Jo Harvey, and Attorney Elizabeth Megli. Mayor Tim Schultz was absent.
3. **Presentations/Comments from the General Public –**

Mr. Dennis Willoughby – Mr. Willoughby questioned whether the village was planning to plow the lane going to the Lee Property. He was happy that mowing had been done. He also questioned whether Village ordinances allow a mobile home on the property. It was noted by board members that there are restrictions regarding mobile homes in the Village of Pesotum and that the ordinance would need to be confirmed at the next study session. Elizabeth Megli will check on the legality of it.

Mr. Shannon Witheft– Mr. Witheft expressed concern about the parking lot use and the parking lot progress, regardless of the future use of the old bank building. Response from the Village was that the parking lot is on the agenda, plans have been submitted, and the Village is waiting on a response from the railroad. Questions regarding the legal uses of the property can be addressed to Attorney Megli. Mr. Witheft shared that speeders are still a concern at Elm and Adams. The Village will add this item to the study session.

Mr. Tim Lecher – Mr. Lecher asked about compliance of property owners with regards to local ordinances on property maintenance. The Village responded that they are considering ways to communicate and follow up with ordinance violations. Mr. Lecher also suggested an extension of the snow fence on the northwest side of town on Washington Street to include Weasel Street.

4. **Routine Matters**
 - 4.1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2011, and Special Meeting for November 15, 2011. Tricia Althaus made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 2, 2011. Joyce Ragle seconded. Motion approved 4-0. Joyce Ragle made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 15, 2011. Kyle Logsdon seconded. Motion approved.

- 4.2. Approval of Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Brad Frankovich pointed out that earnings were recorded from the State of Illinois, but there were no receipts of those earnings from the State. A Tuscola Home Center entry was incorrect. Treasurer Frankovich will make the proper correction. Joyce Ragle made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the Month ending November 31, 2011, with the correction to Tuscola Home Center in the amount of \$18.28. Tricia Althaus seconded. Motion approved.
- 4.3. Bill Payment
 - 4.3.1. Approval of Monthly Bills for Payment –Tricia Althaus made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of Tuscola Home Center. Kyle Logsdon seconded. Motion approved.
 - 4.3.2. Approval of Bills Received After Treasurer's Report Preparation –
 - 4.3.2.1. Auditor's bill to Bray, Drake, Liles and Richardson for the Audit-\$3,500
 - 4.3.2.2. Ameren IL - \$130.46 and \$593.60
Tricia Althaus made a motion to pay the above bills. Joyce Ragle seconded. Motion approved, 4-0.

5. Reports

- 5.1. Village Clerk, Mary Jo Harvey – Mrs. Harvey distributed a newsletter from the Illinois Association of Realtors.
- 5.2. Village Maintenance, Fred Smitley - A spreadsheet was presented showing a figure near \$7,900 for oiling and chipping Lincoln Street. More bids were presented to replace the old lawn mower. Plow prices were compared. It is agreed that a new plow package would best be purchased with a new truck purchase, for compatibility and best price. Christmas decorations are up and most are working. GFI issues are a challenge for maintenance. Electricity repair is being sought. Trustee Althaus reported that people from out of town enjoy our signs in Pesotum. The community building calendar is being used and gives maintenance a good way to communicate. A Pesotum snow plow crew is being assembled. The snow fence will be extended on Washington. Mr. Smitley is open to adding a section to the northwest corner of Weasel and Washington. Maintenance extra help is now at an on-call and as-needed status.
- 5.3. Village Building Inspector, Mike Williamson – no report

6. Old Business

- 6.1. Auler Building –Attorney Megli reported that a motion for clean-up of the property will be filed, and the court will be asked to enforce it.
- 6.2. Gasland Property Update – Clean Up and Mowing – The Village has filed a complaint, and it is in the process of being served. At this point, the Village does not own it, nor does the Village have responsibility to act with respect to the property.
- 6.3. Lee Property Update – All information has been provided to the realtor with regards to the property lines and easements.
- 6.4. Approve Village of Pesotum Audit for Year Ending April 30, 2011 – Tricia Althaus made a motion to approve the Village of Pesotum Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending April 30, 2011. Joyce Ragle Seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

- 6.5. Appoint Alternate Person for Open Meetings Act – Tricia Althaus made a motion to approve Joyce Ragle as an alternate designee for the Open Meetings Act. Josh Eisenmenger seconded. Trustee Ragle abstained. Trustee Smitley also voted yes, to reach a quorum. Motion approved 4-0.
- 6.6. Proposed Parking Lot South of Lincoln between Route 45 and Railroad Tracks – The Railroad is still in the progress of reviewing the village submission for parking plans.
- 6.7. Snow Plowing – Extra Help and Pay Scale – Snow removal, as a temporary, seasonal help position, is not covered under the prevailing wages.
- 6.8. Updating Current Lawn Mower – Further discussion on mower specifics. Purchasing a gas mower seems to be most sensible. Kyle Logsdon made a motion to buy the John Deere Select Series X729 4-Wheel Steer, 4 Wheel Drive Ultimate in the amount of \$10, 659.18 from Arends Brothers LLC. Josh Eisenmenger seconded. Motion approved 4-0.
- 6.9. Membership Dues for Village Clerk – Tricia Althaus made a motion to pay \$45 to the Illinois Municipal Clerks for a membership for Mary Jo Harvey for training. Membership to run from October, 2011, to September 2012. Joyce Ragle seconded. Motion approved 4-0.
- 6.10. Oiling of Lincoln Street from Route 45 to Park Street – This project is expected to be completed in June, 2012. This item is tabled for future discussion.
7. **New Business** – A donation from the Village of \$100 will be given to the Fire Department for candy during the Santa Visit.
8. **Presentations/Comments from the Board** –
 - 8.1. Items to be announced on the website: Branches are no longer being picked up this season; Santa will visit the Fire Department, December 17; Zoning board terms are expiring.
 - 8.2. Insurance for snow plow issues is resolved. The Pesotum Township will no longer be plowing the Village streets.
 - 8.3. Issues to be discussed at the next study session include future business in Pesotum and the Methodist Church of Pesotum regarding the Davis Memorial Cemetery maintenance responsibilities.
9. Announcements
 - 9.1. Next Village Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 6:30 pm
 - 9.2. Next Study Session, Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 7:00 pm
10. Adjournment – Tricia Althaus made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Harvey, Pesotum Village Clerk