

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF December 11, 2017**

The Village Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order and present were Richard Clark, Tresa Hundley, Carl Klingler, Gary Ulm, Janet Pflaum, Judith Anderson and Carol O'Dell. Absent Paul Summers. Guests Barry Bright, James Isaak, Bill Leister, Charlotte Leister, Carol Leamon, Alice Reed and Richland County Deputy, Blake Peavler

Opened with silent prayer and followed by reciting Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Carl Klingler to approve November 27, 2017, minutes. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. All voting Aye.

Treasurer Report and cash in back as of November was provided and accepted as presented.

There was a dog incident in the Village and some of the residents involved were present at the meeting. Charlotte Leister explained how she was walking her dog along with another resident (they were walking West on Cherry St. and turned on S. First St.) next thing they knew Charlotte's dog was being attacked by a pitbull dog (the pitbull was staked out in the back yard at 155 W. Cherry St. and had pulled his stake out of the ground and got loose) and during the attack she got pulled down to the ground. Mrs. Leister said Alice Reed and James Isaak came and helped to get the pitbull off her dog. Mrs. Leister's dog received puncture wounds from the pitbull, she herself had scrapes and bruises. Mrs. Leister said she walks daily and her walks are becoming limited due to dogs running in the Village. The Richland County Animal Control was called and 2 people with animal control showed up and they was told nothing could be done since the pitbull did not bite/attack a human. The Village Attorney Barry Bright let the board and public know that the Village cannot ban a specific breed. Mr. Bright mentioned a possibility of not allowing animals to be tethered. Alice Reed gave her account of the incident and seeing the dog break loose and go after Mrs. Leister and her dog. James Isaak was driving by and heard screaming so went to help. Mrs. Isaak pulled the pitbull off Mrs. Leister's dog with his cable and wrapped it around a tree. The pitbull owner (Mrs. Stanton) came and took the dog away. Richland County Animal Control deemed the pitbull a vicious dog based on Village of Noble's Ordinance and will not be allowed to come back inside the Village. Attorney Bright said State law once a dog is deemed vicious requires the dog owner to have a proper enclosure of 6ft high walls, top and bottom for security. Trustee Klingler inquired about liability if the dog was allowed to come back into the Village. Attorney Bright said the Village would not be liable as there are laws in place. Bill Leister mentioned a sign that the pitbull owner had put out on a tree on the outside of the sidewalk. Attorney Bright said they can't do that. Carol Leamon asked the Mayor to keep Charlotte Leister updated on the situation. Attorney Bright advised the board that the not tethering a dog should be looked into. Mayor Clark will put together a letter/notice to the pitbull dog owner. Attorney Bright said the Richland County Animal Control may prepare a notice informing the pitbull owner that it has been deemed vicious and an enclosure would be required within 15 days if the dog is returned to them. Mayor Clark will continue to investigate matter further with Attorney Bright, Richland County Animal Control, Richland County Sheriff and possibly the Richland County State's Attorney.

Village Christmas Party will be held Dec. 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Olde Tyme Steakhaus. Village Hall will be closed at noon on Dec. 22; All day Dec 25; Noon on Dec 29 & all day Jan 1. Garbage will be delayed to Thursday in the Village for the weeks of December 25 & January 1. Zoning Board meeting in December has been canceled. Second Village Board meeting in December has been canceled.

Village received an email from Illinois Municipal League regarding a generic Sexual Harassment information policy. The Village has a sexual harassment policy and Mayor Clark suggested having all Village employees and board members read the chapter and initial when done.

Leaf Collection in the Village will end on Friday, December 22.

Motion made by Carl Klingler to adopt the Ordinance for the Levy and Collection of Taxes for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017 for \$72,033.00, increase of 4.99% above last year levy. Seconded by Gary Ulm. Roll Call Vote Taken, All voting Aye, motion carried.

2018 Calendar for Village of Noble Board & Zoning Board meetings was provided for review. Motion made by Carl Klingler to approve Village Board & Zoning Board meeting dates for 2018. Seconded by Judith Anderson. All voting Aye.

Motion made by Carl Klingler to pay bills. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. All voting Aye.

Motion made by Carl Klingler to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Seconded by Judith Anderson. All voting Aye.

Meeting adjourned until January 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.