

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF January 8, 2018

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, Karen Totten, Carl Klingler, Paul Summers Gary Ulm, Janet Pflaum, Judith Anderson and Carol O'Dell. Guests Joe Bogard

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

Motion made by Janet Pflaum to approve December 11, 2017, minutes. Seconded by Judith Anderson. All voting Aye.

Treasurer Report and cash in back as of December was provided and accepted as presented. Mayor Clark informed the board that the funds in the MFT were not all available as Larry Heuerman had not been paid due to still waiting on proper paperwork from him so he could be paid for last years services.

Joe Bogard is in boy scouts and looking to do projects for the Village to become an Eagle Scout. Joe came to the board back on the first meeting in October 2017 and discussed building 2 picnic tables and bridges for the park. Joe provided a list of materials from Hurns for both picnic tables and bridges at an approx. cost of \$351.16. Motion made by Paul Summers for Joe Bogard to proceed building 2 picnic tables and 2 bridges for the park area once he obtains approval from Scout board/person. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. Roll Call Vote Taken, All voting Aye with exception of Gary Ulm. Motion carried.

Village Hall closed Monday January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr Day. Economic Statement forms given to the board members for completion.

Copy of article related to Local impact of "Local Banks, Local Lending, Drying up in Rural America" was given to Village board members for their review.

Village employee Bill Manuel tested for waste water and failed with a test score of 69 and needed 70. He is scheduled to retest on February 5 at Edwardsville.

Thank You Card received from the Ulm family for the flowers received from the Village.

The Village Attorney Barry Bright provided the Village with a Sexual Harassment Policy that he prepared and is more in depth than the Village current policy. Motion made by Gary Ulm to update the existing Village Sexual Harassment Policy with the policy provided by Village Attorney Bright and adopt an Ordinance. Seconded by Judith Anderson. Roll Call Vote Taken, All voting Aye.

On or about January 10, 2011 and January 24, 2011 the Noble Village Board discussed tethering of animals and was tabled indefinitely. Mayor Clark asked if interested in pursuing a non-tethering ordinance due to the recent situation of the pitbull matter. Upon further discussion the board agreed that Mayor Clark will prepare a public notice to inform the Noble residents this is being considered and will be discussed at the next Village board meeting.

Village employee Bill Manuel has been clearing/cleaning out the fence around the sewer plant for the last 4 months. The fence along the North side of the Lagoon, along the railroad tracks currently has woven wire fencing about three feet high with one strand of barbed wire on top. In a couple spots trees have grown around the wire and lifted the wire upward, trees have been cut out but there are a large number of 3 to 24 inch stumps remaining and brush has been burned. The North side fencing is approx. 1,350 feet long or ¼ mile. Mayor Clark recommended the North side be cleared of stumps with a bull dozer and replace 3 foot fence with a 6 foot chain link fence with barbed wire. Steve Kinkade gave quote of \$500.00 to remove stumps and Tom Lucas gave quote of \$24,641.78 for 1400 feet of chain link fence with 3 strands of barb wire. Trustee Klingler made comment before anything is done need to check with Railroad on the right of way because he thinks something is happening with the railroad. Mayor Clark talked with Mike Bridges and was given footage for right of way. Trustee Summers mentioned maintaining the fence by spraying it and careful with spraying for possible erosion. Trustee Ulm asked if there was some kind of regulations for a fence? Mayor Clark was unsure and mentioned current wire could be climbed over. Comments of putting up no trespassing signs and painting purple in places. Mayor Clark said with material cost of \$13,000 a 2/3 vote from the board it could be done for a sole bidder. Trustee Ulm mentioned waiting until May/June until next budget is done. Trustee Summers asked if quote included prevailing wage? Mayor Clark said prevailing wage was included. Trustee Pflaum asked if the Village employee could put the fence up? Mayor Clark said no they are not professionals and that is what is needed to do this. Trustee Ulm

mentioned again about waiting until June/July and see what \$24,000.00 will be on top of the budget. Mayor Clark said the funds could come out of the sewer fund and as of December there was \$90,000.00 in the sewer fund and has been a consistent amount. Trustee Summers said with reviewing the sewer fund and the 3 way funds are being divided out for paying bills, the sewer fund is shrinking. No action taken.

Amateur Sports Promotion for ad in Spring Sports Calendar was presented. No action.

Motion made by Carl Klingler to pay bills. Seconded by Judith Pflaum. All voting Aye.

Motion made by Carl Klingler to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. All voting Aye.

Meeting adjourned until January 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.