

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF November 13, 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, Gary Ulm, Janet Pflaum, Judith Anderson and Carol O'Dell. Absent Paul Summers. Guests Vickie Gray, Nancy Overton, Leo Overton, Randy Baker, Jana Baker, Gina Hudson, Kevin Pipher and Hayley Breeden.

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

Motion made by Carl Klingler to approve October 22, 2018, minutes. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. All voting Aye.

Treasurer Report and cash in bank as of October was provided and accepted as presented.

Discuss animal tethering in the Village limits. Jana Baker read a prepared statement as follows "Now that the election is over and the majority of the voters have voted to ban tethering within village limits, we would ask that the board re-visit the request of banning tethering. I know there has been concern of who would enforce this ordinance and I've spoken with the Animal Control Administrator and they would be the agency to enforce it. However, we must obviously have the ordinance in place to do so. When we last addressed the board regarding tethering, we understood that the board didn't want to make a decision without the majority of the voters supporting the idea. We've done the legwork by circulating the petition and having it placed on the ballot. I understand that all of you may not agree with such a ban but this really isn't a personal decision to be made but rather to support what democracy is all about. The voters have elected each of you to represent them and be our voice. Now is the time to step up and do just that. Thank you." Kevin Pipher asked about the numbers from the vote. Mayor Clark said his recollection and admitted wasn't exact on the voting numbers were 95 to 119 in favor of the ban on tethering. Kevin Pipher ask if they are looking for an outright ban on tethering or stipulations towards a time limit. Mayor Clark mentioned Olney has a ban on tethering and animal outside permanently. Jana Baker mentioned there is an allowance.. Mayor Clark mentioned the State of Illinois allows tethering but have guidelines to be followed which the Village ordinance mirrors. If there is a ban on tethering the animal must be in the house or in a pen, there are occasions that, there have been more than one animal in a pen, is that good or bad. Mayor Clark thought this possibly amounts to cruelty, can't govern cruelty. A Committee was formed last time when the question came up, the Committee will take this under advisement. The vote was not a mandatory vote it was advisory. The Committee will make a recommendation to the board and if the board wishes to ban tethering that's what will be done and the ordinance will be changed. Mayor Clark said it takes time to put laws into effect. Trustee Ulm said the vote was taken and now he thinks the Committee needs to come up with guidelines and recommendations that we go forward from hereon. Trustee Klingler said there is a lot to consider. Mayor Clark mentioned discussion with Animal Control and City of Olney there has been about 6 to 7 cases in Olney. Trustee Klingler said if Village goes above and beyond State law then village has to fight that at the village's expense. Comment was made find it hard to believe it would go to court. Committee meetings are open to the public and posted. Mayor Clark ask if there were any other comments or discussion on this item. No further comments made.

Village leaf collection has begun. However, currently the hose is shot waiting on the new replacement hose, which is supposed to be here in 2 days.

Village Hall will be closed Thanksgiving Day & Day after Nov. 22 & 23.

The Christmas Parade in Olney is on Nov 23 beginning at 6:30. Village downsizing to using the pickup only.

Caucus for the April 2019 election will be held December 3 at the Village Hall; Citizens at 6p.m.; Peoples at 6:30p.m. for 3 Trustees positions.

Village Christmas party will be held on Tuesday Dec. 11 at 6p.m. at the Olde Tyme Steakhaus.

Village employee Bill Manuel will cancel his village medical insurance coverage effective 1/1/19 and be put on his wife's plan.

Village received Village employee Lonnie Smith's retirement/resignation paperwork and his retirement date is December 31, 2018. Mayor Clark asked the Board members to be thinking about hiring a replacement individual.

Zoning Boards' recommendation in reference to Pipher's Petition to rezone from R1 to B1 to have businesses located on the property at 103 Oak St. Trustee Anderson said the Zoning Board had a public hearing, afterwards had discussion on it and recommend the zoning be changed from R1 to B1 for 103 Oak St. (former elementary school) in Noble. Motion made by Gary Ulm to change zoning of 103 Oak St., Noble, (former elementary school) from R1 to B1. Seconded by Carl Klingler. Roll Call Vote Taken, All voting Aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Judith Anderson to adopt the Ordinance for the Levy and Collection of Taxes for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2018 for \$75,436.00, increase of 4.99% above last year levy. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. Roll Call Vote Taken, All voting Aye, motion carried.

Truck seat covers for Village trucks was mentioned but situation has changed. Seat covers are torn up from wear and tear. Bill took the seat covers off passengers side and put on drivers side so working for now. Village trucks have air bags built into seat. Sometime downstream should consider getting heavy duty covers.

Motion made by Gary Ulm to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> Village board meeting in December. Seconded by Judith Anderson. All voting Aye.

Trustee Klingler mentioned the village employees were using the pole saw and it broke, decision was made to purchase a new one that is gas power.

Mayor Clark asked Jana Baker if she received all information she was needing on the Trustee positions. Jana Baker said she did.

Tethering Committee scheduled meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:30p.m. Jana Baker asked the Committee to have an open mind and listen to what the voters had to say.

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 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Judith Anderson. All voting Aye.

Meeting adjourned until November 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.