

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF March 11, 2019

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, Carol O'Dell, Janet Pflaum and Judith Anderson. Guest Chris Spenner.

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

Motion made by Carl Klingler to approve February 25, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. All voting Aye.

Treasurer Report and cash in bank as of February was provided and accepted as presented. Treasurer mentioned the check to Larry Heuerman came out of MFT and part out of general fund.

Chris Spenner, Pastor for Cornerstone Community Church was present to inquire about any Village or County code pertaining to housing being habitable in the Village. Mr. Spenner has been unable to find any code holding the landlord accountable. Mr. Spenner mentioned a Certificate of Occupancy and State law discrimination regarding Illinois law living/habitable. Trustee Anderson mentioned the Zoning Board had discussed a Certificate of Occupancy and had not seen anything in Codebook. Trustee Ulm questioned if the Village would be allowed inside homes to do an inspection. Mayor Clark said the Village may need guidelines for a Certificate of Occupancy. Trustee O'Dell asked if children were living there. Mr. Spenner wasn't sure and did not think anyone had moved in yet. Mayor Clark had previously asked Zoning Board to look into Certificate of Occupancy. Trustee O'Dell asked if the Richland County Health nurse could do anything. Mayor Clark wasn't sure County Health nurse could or would want to come here to inspect homes. Trustee Ulm said quite a few rental houses were owned by same landlord, one in particular house had the door left open and others had renters without water in the facilities and wasn't sure what was being done for sewage usage. Mr. Spenner did acknowledge that some renters move into houses and fix things for rent. Mayor Clark said matter will be investigated.

Turn in new projects for budget to Treasurer. The Village water tower was inspected on March 7. Early voting was done at the Noble Village Hall earlier today.

Darren Bailey State Rep or one of his representatives will be at the Noble Village Hall on March 18 from 2-4p.m.

Village is asking the public to please remove ground decorations at the Noble Cemetery by March 29.

The door on the Village portable building in the Noble Park was kicked down. Bill Manuel has repaired it and Richland County Sheriff Dept. was contacted.

Motion made by Judith Anderson to convene into executive session at 7:16 p.m. under Section 2(c)(1) Discussion of employment of applicant for retired employee. Seconded by Gary Ulm. All voting Aye.

Reconvened into open session at 7:25 p.m.

Interview Committee recommended after interviewing 3 people to offer the Village job to Ethan Craig at \$13.50/\$14.00 an hour with a 6 month probationary period. Motion made by Gary Ulm to offer job to Ethan Craig at \$13.50/\$14.00 an hour with a 6 month probationary period. Seconded by Judith Anderson. Roll call Vote Taken, All voting Aye.

Mayor Clark ask the board if they wanted to replace/upgrade the Village state truck. Trustee Ulm thought needed to upgrade because truck is needed in the fall for leaf collection, etc. Trustee Ulm mentioned at the last board meeting there was a question about the size of the leaf box and if it would fit in the bed of the truck (from Clay City) being considered. Mayor Clark mentioned gave up on the potential truck in Clay City but had checked with Higgs in Dietrich and found a truck single axle and blade. However after seeing it, it was sold but they get others in and Mayor Clark was told Higgs would put in a liner in the bed and put a blade on for \$25,500.00. Trustee Klingler asked what year. Mayor Clark thought it was a 2006 but did not have any specifics. Trustee Klingler mentioned that he talked to Bart Fehrenbacher and if truck is a 2005-2006 year he would not recommend getting it. Mayor Clark requested that the board approve somebody to pursue and have authority to spend up to \$26,000.00 to purchase a truck. Motion made by Gary Ulm to accept Mayor Clark and Carl Klingler to work together to purchase a truck up to \$26,000.00. Seconded by Janet Pflaum. Roll Call Vote Taken, All voting Aye. Village employee Bill Manuel inspected the Village current state truck and provided a list of items needing repairs.

Mayor Clark asked the board about putting incentives for new businesses on the Village website. Motion made by Janet Pflaum to put on the Village website welcoming businesses with incentives such as abating water and sewer for 3 years and possibly abating taxes for 3 years, place on website until 1st of January 2020. Seconded by Gary Ulm. Roll Call Vote Taken, All voting Aye.

Trustee Ulm informed the board that a resident was inquiring about a 12' extension for a 2 way drive. Mayor Clark said resident puts in first culvert and Village maintains. Trustee Ulm will get with Village employee Bill Manuel to look at culverts.

Trustee Summers mentioned some houses on S. Noble Ave. do not have house numbers. Trustee Klingler mentioned that 911 free signs and thought the Noble Fire Dept. may be helping with this for the Noble area.

Mayor Clark mentioned potential problem (holes in middle of one of the pipes) with the bridge going into the Village shop/sewer plant. Mayor Clark will investigate it.

Trustee Klingler ask if the Village maintains the area behind the Noble Foods. Mayor Clark said individuals own the area so Village does not maintain.

Mayor Clark may not be present at the next board meeting.

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

Motion made by Judith Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. All voting Aye.

Meeting adjourned until March 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.