

# **COAL CITY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**DECEMBER 14, 2015**

## **STATE OF ILLINOIS**

## **COUNTIES OF GRUNDY AND WILL**

## **VILLAGE OF COAL CITY**

At 7:01 p. m. on Monday, December 14, 2015, Mayor Terry Halliday called to order the regular meeting of the Coal City Village Board in the boardroom of the Coal City Village Hall. Roll call – Trustees: Neal Nelson, Ross Bradley, Dan Greggain, Dave Togliatti, Justin Wren and Tim Bradley. Also in attendance was village administrator Matt Fritz, attorney Mark Heinle, Police Chief Tom Best and engineer Joe McKenna from Chamlin Engineering.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the public hearing on November 23, 2015 were presented. Togliatti moved to approve the minutes, second by Wren. Roll Call – Ayes; Nelson, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and R. Bradley. Pass; T. Bradley. Nays; none. Motion carried.

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The warrant list was presented for approval. Mayor Halliday questioned the police department TVs and Animal Control bills. Chief Best addressed these questions. Togliatti moved to approve the warrant list, second by Greggain. Roll call – Ayes; Nelson, T. Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and R. Bradley. Nays, none. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Currin, 2851 N. Bullrush Ct., Coal City, thanked the Village Board for connecting the Prairie Oaks Subdivision to the treatment plant and stated he appreciated the presence of the village maintenance department and the time and effort involved in the project.

Tricia Wagner, 582 Dove Ln., Coal City voiced her issues concerning the new electrical towers at the bike path. She stated there is a horrific whistle and banging whenever the wind blows, also the street light is out at the corner of Dove and Covey. She also is concerned about the other side of her duplex which is in foreclosure and has been neglected by owner Chase Bank. She is afraid mold will come into her house. She said building inspector Bob Malone has been over there. Attorney Heinle said banks rarely spend money to repair foreclosed property but the bank can take emergency steps to correct the problem.

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Also the village can ticket for violations for outside but would need an administrative search warrant to enter the premises or get permission from the court.

Lucille Edgar, property owner at the corner of Virginia and Maple Streets, requested the village waive or reduce the \$21,166.61 fees which have been assessed to her and could the legal process be stopped. One of the properties has been demolished already.

Attorney Mark Heinle stated this has been a long standing demo case. What money the village has spent over time is what the judge has agreed to. There has also been a lien placed on the property which the village would recoup the money at the time of a sale however the village can force foreclosure of the lien. Mayor Halliday stated his opinion is to get full reimbursement as he represents the taxpayers. Heinle said a breakdown of the fees can be provided. Matt Fritz will follow up with Lucille Edgar. Mrs. Edgar's son-in-law, Mr. Piper, 8670 E Duckpond Rd., indicated Mrs. Edgar has not received notices about the property. Mayor Halliday stated the village could supply the correspondence concerning the case.

Jeff Adducci from AT & T was in attendance to present a \$10,000.00 check to assist the village with the tornado expenses. AT & T is also sponsoring a program to provide shoes from Shoe Carnival to school age children.

Jessica Govic, a consultant from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services gave a presentation concerning the village's annual liability and workers' compensation insurance. Due to employee safety and reduction in claims, the annual premium went from \$225,065.00 to \$106,270.00 however liability coverage went up \$9,000.00 due to the tornado. The board agreed to add cyber liability coverage at a cost of \$3,198.00 in the event of a data breach involving personal information. Nelson moved to renew the Workers' compensation Coverage with IPRF and IMIC liability coverages, including cyber liability coverage as outlines for 2016 totaling \$239,148.00, second by R. Bradley. Roll call – Ayes: Nelson, R. Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and T. Bradley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chris Brown from Chief Strategies, LLC which will provide governmental affairs and related services as directed and agreed upon for the village should the village approve his letter of engagement spoke to the board. His fee is \$2,250.00 per month through May 31, 2016. Matt Fritz informed the board that money is available in the budget for this expense and feels it is worth trying this approach and having representation at the right time. Mr. Brown will give monthly updates at village board meetings. Mayor Halliday and Trustee R. Bradley would like to see a priority list of projects to build upwards. Trustee Ross Bradley moved to utilize the services of Chief Strategies, LLC through May 31, 2016 according to the terms set forth in the engagement letter of October 19, 2015, second by Wren. Roll call – Ayes: Nelson, R. Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and T. Bradley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Resolution 15-17, Fund Balance Reserve Requirement was tabled until the bonds are sold.

Next addressed was the award of bids for the demolition of unsafe structures. The properties involved are 1090 S. Broadway, 1096 S. Broadway and 160 W. Walnut Street. Engineer Joe McKenna stated the contractors viewed the properties with the apparent low bidder being JK Trotter Enterprises at \$52,500.00. The village would pay 90% when structures are down and hold 10% until after the restoration in the spring. Attorney Heinle noted the statutory deadline of February 4, 2016 but if not achievable it can be addressed again. Trustee Nelson raised concerns with the low bidder depositing material in Coal City at what is known as the "Old Paper Mill" or burnt in a field near town. McKenna informed the board the contract states material has to go to an approved landfill. Attorney Hienle said the contract can be awarded and enforce all terms of the contract. Ross Bradley moved to award bids for the demolition of 1090 S. Broadway, 1095 S. Broadway and 160 W. Walnut; designate the Village Engineer to issue "Notices to proceed" following submission of all required documents to start demolition, second by Greggain. Roll call – Ayes: Nelson, R. Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and T. Bradley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Administrator Fritz explained to the board the Flex plan benefit where money is payroll deducted pre-tax for employees to utilize on a reimbursement level. Attorney Hienle has reviewed it and is good with it. Nelson moved to authorize the Village Administrator to engage in Flexplan administration with Benefit Planning Consultant, second by Greggain. Roll call – Ayes: Nelson, R. Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and T. Bradley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

Mayor Halliday announced Governor Rauner signed State Bill 2039. He also reported on the Christmas Party including "Santa Sam" where toys were distributed to tornado victim kids. Ann Gill was quite involved and reported on the event which was by invitation to displaced families.

Trustee Greggain reported the ice skating rink is going up this week.

Chief Best handed out the list of classes he attended at the chief's conference.

Administrator Fritz updated the board on the Tri County Water Collaborative meeting held in Godley. He also commended the board on their hard work this year.

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Trustee Tim Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., second by Trustee Wren. Roll call – Ayes: Nelson, R. Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and T. Bradley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacqueline Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jacqueline Allen

Deputy Clerk