

**COAL CITY TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**

At 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2015 in the Diamond Banquet Hall, Diamond, Illinois, Mayor Terry Halliday opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also at this meeting were Matt Fritz, village administrator, Police Chief Tom Best, Trustees Dave Togliatti, Neal Nelson and Justin Wren, Darrell Olson from the maintenance Department, and Richard "Bob" Malone, building and zoning official. In addition, approximately 100 people were in attendance.

Mayor Halliday thanked everyone for attending this info sharing meeting. He thanked State Senator Toi Hutchinson for her attendance and assistance at today's Town Meeting. He said this was Day 24 of the Coal City Tornado Event. This town meeting was being held for the benefit of receiving feedback. The Village was very interested in obtaining information from uninsured and underinsured residents for IEMA statistics. He commended the citizens for passing the storm sewer referendum wherein there was no flooding during the tornado on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Halliday stated that a Long Term Recovery Committee had been formed with Ken Miller as chairman. The Coal City Call Center phone number is 815/518-3047 for residents that need help. In addition there were representatives from the following organizations in attendance to assist the residents with questions and services. Those representatives were from:

- Catholic Charities
- Salvation Army
- Illinois Department of Insurance
- Coal City School Board
- Grundy Count Assessor's Office

Mayor Halliday read aloud interesting statistics regarding tornado issues. He also reported on Team Rubicon and their assistance to Village residents.

Catholic Charities spoke to the audience. They explained the case management system services. They are:

- Assessing needs
- Creating a plan
- Facilitating the plan
- Act as an advocate on your behalf with various assistance programs

Dr. Kent Bugg spoke next to the audience. He supplied the following information:

- Displaced Kids-continue to attend the Coal City Schools; transportation is an issue; contact 815/634-2287 or the website to continue to update; Michelle Painter will coordinate
- School starts August 14<sup>th</sup>
- School supplies are available for those who need them
- Counseling is also available
- Registration is July 23<sup>rd</sup> & July 28<sup>th</sup>-you can register on line also
- 86 families, 280 kids, are displaced to 13 different communities

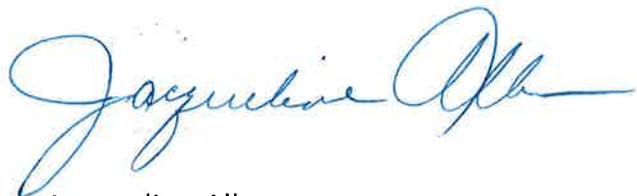
Mike Rohan, Deputy Director from the Illinois Department of Insurance was next to speak. He announced:

- He would be available today to assist policy holders with any questions or issues
- The consumer Complaint Department number is 866/445-5364

Stephanie Kennedy from the Grundy County Assessor's Office spoke next. She encouraged affected residents to file a PTax form which assess the damage to your buildings and reevaluates your property which could result in a reduction in your Grundy County Real Estate taxes. Forms are available at the Coal City Village Hall.

Mike Hoffman from Teska & Associates and Greg Kunes from Sikich were in attendance to assist with the facilitating of the meeting. The audience separated into five different groups and each group would be interviewed by the facilitators.

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Halliday announced that the Town Meeting was adjourned.



Jacqueline Allen  
Deputy Village Clerk