

**COAL CITY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2016**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTIES OF GRUNDY AND WILL
VILLAGE OF COAL CITY**

On Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7 p.m. Mayor Terry Halliday called to order the regular meeting of the Coal City Village Board in the boardroom of the Village Hall. Roll call-Trustees Neal Nelson, Ross Bradley, Dan Greggain, Dave Togliatti, and Tim Bradley. Absent; Justin Wren. Also in attendance was Matt Fritz, village administrator, attorney Mark Heinle, Police chief Tom Best and Ryan Hanson from Chamlin Engineering.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the October 12, 2016 Village Board meeting were presented. With no corrections or additions, T. Bradley moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by R. Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Wren. Pass; Togliatti. Motion carried.

The warrant list was presented for approval. R. Bradley moved to approve the warrant list, second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Wren. Motion carried.

From the audience, Gideon Blustein of 1575 Tony Cove, Coal City, spoke expressing his objection to the Village adopting the Home Rule status. He was speaking on behalf of the Realtors Association. He asked that the Village not move forward with the Home Rule status at this time.

Brittney Kaluzny representing the Hope Helps organization thanked the Village for all their efforts in establishing the Hope Helps playground. She presented a plaque of appreciation to the Board. She announced that the playground is well attended and thanked all the volunteers who helped with this project. Security cameras and lighting will be installed in the near future.

Ordinance 16-29 vacating a portion of public right-of-way was presented. The right-of-way is adjacent to 760 S. Broadway. Originally a car wash was located on the property at the corner of S. Broadway and Walnut. The car wash was destroyed in the



June 2015 tornado and the property was purchased by Bob Davis of Bob's Advance Auto & Tire. Mr. Davis is making the property a fenced parking lot and it was determined that there is a Village right-of-way that should be vacated in order to install the fence. The right-of-way is located in the inside of the sidewalk. Mr. Davis will acquire a strip of land 6' x 125' at the cost of \$2,087.50. The vacating of the right-of-way will fulfill the previously granted variance. Togliatti moved to adopt Ordinance 16-29 vacating a portion of right-of-way adjacent to 760 S. Broadway, second by R. Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Wren. Motion carried.

Officer Chris Harseim from the Coal City Police Department gave a presentation regarding the 2016 Coal City Civic Academy. Six sessions were held; Coal City Police Department, Coal City Fire Department; Coal City Public Works, Grundy County Government Night including 911 Center Tour, Coal City School District and Coal City Public Library and Coal City Building Department. Two attendees to the Civic Academy, Sarah Beach and Ann Gill presented positive comments regarding the sessions. Plans are being made to hold the Civic Academy again next year. Mayor Halliday thanked the presenters and Mr. Fritz for presenting the idea.

Resolution 16-14 initiating the submission of a binding public question regarding the Village becoming Home Rule was presented to the Board for consideration. Points discussed were:

- Home Rule would give the Village more local authority
- Populations over 25,000 are automatically Home Rule
- If the binding public question fails on the ballot, the Village has to wait two years before placing it on the ballot again
- Voters decide via the election ballot

This topic had been discussed at committee and the Board expressed that it was up to the voters to decide. Togliatti moved to adopt Resolution 16-14 initiating the Question of Becoming a Home Rule Municipality to the Coal City voter's in the April 2017 election, second by R. Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Wren. Motion carried.

Mr. Fritz explained that the Grundy County Chamber has been promoting November 26th as Small Business Saturday to encourage residents to shop locally. Area

businesses participating in the event will include the Village Hall. This will be the pilot program and businesses and residents are encouraged to participate. Mr. Fritz is requesting \$1,250 to promote the event which will keep the sales tax local. Greggain moved to authorize the Village Administrator to participate with local businesses and promote Small Business Saturday 2016, second by T. Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Wren. Motion carried.

Mayor Halliday reported that the Village continues to work with the ILPCC Development.

Greggain announced that a final meeting of the Farmers Market Committee will meet in the near future regarding the first season.

Attorney Heinle stated that regarding imposing transfer taxes under Home Rule would require a separate referendum. A Public Hearing would be held before it would be considered on the ballot.

Ryan Hanson from Chamlin stated that the edge of the pavement on Reed Road, west of Broadway and east of Carbon Hill Road, is beginning to sluff off. He proposed three options of repair. He described the options. T. Bradley moved to authorize Option 1 as presented and contract with D Construction for the project, not to exceed \$15,000, second by Togliatti. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Wren. Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson reported:

- The MFT and Crack Sealant projects have been completed with a punch list to be finished before finalizing these projects
- Safe Routes to School sidewalk project is in process
- Anderson Concrete is completing the sidewalk replacement project
- Updated the Board on the SCADATA project

Chief Best thanked Officer Harseim for his services on the Civic Academy. He announced that the new squad car is being outfitted for the proper equipment.

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Mr. Fritz informed the Board of the status of the Safe Routes to School project which is running concurrent with the Village's sidewalk replacement project. Certain questions and issues have arisen and been addressed. He informed the Board that work on the tax levy has begun and a Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future. A joint meeting of the Coal City Village Board and Police Pension Board will be held on November 9th.

T. Bradley moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation at 8:06 p.m., second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Wren. Motion carried.

Following executive session, T. Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m., second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti and Bradley. Nays; none. Absent; Wren. Motion carried.


Pamela M. Noffsinger, Village Clerk