

**COAL CITY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2017**

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

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 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, Justin Wren and Tim Bradley. Also in attendance was Matt Fritz, village administrator, attorney Mark Heinle, Ryan Hansen from Chamlin Engineering and Sgt. Tom Logan.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Nelson moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Togliatti. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Togliatti, Wren and T. Bradley. Nays; none. Pass; R. Bradley and Greggain. Motion carried.

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

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Mr. Fritz explained that during the tornado of 2015, there were many trees lost. Through the efforts spearheaded by Rev. Mark Hughey from the New Hope Presbyterian Church, and the generosity of a local Lions Club that donated a stump grinder to the Village, hundreds of stumps were ground by volunteers. Rev. Hughey explained the request process. He thanked all those who assisted in the process including Jim Waters who fast-tracked J.U.L.I.E. for utility locations, The Northern Illinois "Huskies" who volunteered their man-power, and the Village for their use of a bobcat. Specifically recognized for their volunteer efforts in this project were Darrell Olson, Dan Lewis, Dan Hartsfield and Steve Gibson for their

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personal hours of work. Mayor Halliday recognized the volunteers and thanked them and Rev. Hughey and his congregation for seeing a need and taking the responsibility for the project.

Ordinance 17-01, a variance request by George Robles for 70 Blackstone Street was presented to the Board. Mr. Fritz explained that the petitioner is requesting the variance for the renovation of a former ice house into a residence. The ice house is located at this address as is the home he presently occupies. The conditions of the variance request are:

- "0" rear yard
- Minimum west interior side yard
- Demolition of the existing primary structure within 60 days of obtaining the certificate of occupancy for the new residence
- Additional ingress/egress door and a window in a bedroom

The Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the request and are making the recommendation to this Board for the approval. A Public Hearing was held with no public comment. A new plat of survey was secured by Mr. Robles designating the existing lot lines. Greggain moved to adopt Ordinance 17-01 allowing for a variance from the Village Code regarding rear and side yard setbacks, second by Togliatti. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and Bradley. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Mr. Fritz presented to the Board the Illinois Personal Benefits Cooperative (IPBC) insurance information regarding participation within the Eastern Will Benefits Consortium (EWBC). Because of Coal City's participation in this self-funded insurance, employee health insurance premiums remain stable while maintaining health insurance benefits. EWBC contains a pool of similar municipalities with lower numbers of employees. The Village of Coal City could provide access to IPBC participation for other surrounding entities without any additional cost or increase in risk. Banning together with other entities can lower the overall cost of providing employees benefits. Other entities who participate would receive the same coverage as that offered to Coal City's full time employees. Discussion included:

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- Cheaper health insurance premiums
- Coal City too small to join IPBC
- Coal City would participate within EWBC
- Joining with other entities with small numbers of full time employees
- No liability on Coal City
- Open enrollment before January
- Schedule a finance committee meeting to review statistics
- EWBC Board approves other entities participation

Mayor Halliday reviewed a letter prepared for President Trump regarding recover cost assistance from the tornados that struck Coal City within 19 months. The Board agreed to the letter being submitted. Mayor Halliday reported on his recent attendance at the Illinois Financial Forecast Forum. He presented the highlights of the meeting.

T. Bradley said he had "Touchdown Club" fundraiser tickets if the Board members were interested in attending.

D. Greggain reported on the recent Park Board Committee meeting announcing that the 2017 events were being scheduled.

Attorney Heinle announced:

- Demolition lien has been filed for 807 Oak Street
- Reported on the 175 Oak Street rehabilitation project
- Received and reviewed the Wren annexation agreement modifications
- Reported on the clean-up on the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue property regarding trailer removal

Sgt. Tom Logan distributed information regarding "CodeRed" an emergency communications network. He explained how the emergency notification system works and the benefits to the Village and its residents. A representative from the

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company will attend a meeting in the future to inform the Board of their web based program.

Mr. Fritz reported:

- Rick Taylor property/insurance update
- Department heads have been meeting to discuss the fiscal budget
- Informed the Board on upcoming Grundy County Chamber events and the Village's participation

Wren moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss acquisition of property, personnel and approval of executive session minutes at 7:55 p.m., second by T. Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and Bradley. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Following executive session, Wren moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Nelson, Bradley, Greggain, Togliatti, Wren and Bradley. Nays; none. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

  
Pamela M. Noffsinger, Village Clerk