

**COAL CITY VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2022**

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

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 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 Dave Togliatti, Ross Bradley, Dan Greggain, Dave Spesia, Tim Bradley and Sarah Beach. Also in attendance was Matt Fritz, village administrator, attorney Mark Heinle, Ryan Hansen from Chamlin Engineering and Police Chief Chris Harseim.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the December 8, 2021 Public Hearing were presented. Spesia moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Beach. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain, Spesia, Bradley and Beach. Nays; none. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 8, 2021 regular meeting were presented. Greggain moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Spesia. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain, Spesia, Bradley and Beach. Nays; none. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

From the audience, Cleveland Shain, Campbell Sport, Wisconsin, owner of properties in Coal City at 35 E. Willow, 405 S. Broadway, 425 S. Broadway, 435 S. Broadway, 120 E. Second Street and 95 S. Kankakee Street was under the assumption that the Village of Coal City raised his real estate taxes by 600% on the properties of 35 E. Willow, 405 S. Broadway, 425 S. Broadway and 435 S. Broadway. Mr. Shain was informed that the Village does not assess his real estate taxes and that he would have to contact the Grundy County Assessor's Office in Morris, Illinois to lodge his concern and complaint.

Lori Bonarek from Lori Bonarek Realty for the approval by the Village for the placement of a micro pet pantry on the west side of South Broadway, south of the railroad tracks between their office and the tracks. Mrs. Bonarek explained the purpose of the

micro pet pantry, which will operate similarly to the micro food pantries. Animal feed will be donated and placed in the pet pantry for free food for animals by which the owners had not able to provide at this time. The Bonarek Realty will maintain and monitor the pet food pantry and supplies can either be placed directly into the micro pantry or brought to the realty office to be placed in the pantry when needed. The physical location of the micro pet pantry would be on Village green space and will be an enclosed structure. T. Bradley moved to approve the request for a micro pet food pantry and authorize the placement on Village property, second by Beach. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain, Spesia, Bradley and Beach. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Resolution 22-01 an IDOT Resolution to utilize MFT Funds for the North Broadway Bridge Replacement Project was presented to the Board. Ryan Hansen stated that this is requested by IDOT in order to continue with the capital ReBUILD funds for the project. Spesia moved to adopt Resolution 22-01 authorizing the utilization of MFT funds to pay for the design engineering of the North Broadway Bridge Replacement Project over the Claypool Drainage Ditch, second by Greggain. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain, Spesia, Bradley and Beach. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Wight & Company have been working with the committee for the establishment of a park district. Representatives from Wight & Co. were present for comments and questions. In the Village's 2018 Strategic Plan, one of the long term goals was for a possible Public Park District facility. An approximate fee of \$28,100 is the fee for Wight & Company to continue with the project. Conversation included:

- Investigation before the establishment of a park district would go to referendum
- Wight & Co. would complete their research by late fall 2022
- Feedback from the residents will illustrate whether the residents want to pursue a park district
- Coal City Park Board supports this endeavor and hoped to get financial support from other taxing bodies, of no avail
- The park district would include the school boundaries
- Conceptual plans have been prepared
- Wight & Co. have an 80% passing rate on similar projects in other municipalities
- Funding for the investigation by Wight & Co. will be funded in the FY22 Budget
- After this point, the Village of Coal City will not participate in the pursuit of a park district

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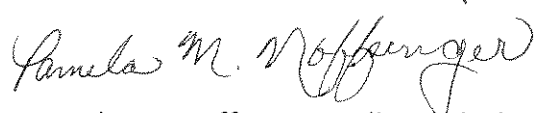
Following a lengthy discussion, Togliatti moved to authorize Mayor Halliday to enter into a contract for professional services with Wight & Co. for an estimated \$28,100 to be funded from the Park Fund, second by Beach. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, R. Bradley, Greggain, Spesia and Beach. Nays; T. Bradley. Motion carried.

A letter of authorization signed by Mayor Halliday to the Police and Fire Board of Commissioners to begin the hiring process for an additional police officer was presented by Police Chief Chris Harseim. Chief Harseim explained that officer Kady Sassenger has resigned from the force and has taken a position in Justice, Illinois, leaving a vacancy in the Coal City Police Department. A lateral transfer would be encouraged. Greggain moved to authorize Mayor Halliday to instruct the Fire and Police Board of Commissioners to hire a patrol officer candidate, second by T. Bradley. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain, Spesia, Bradley and Beach. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Chief Harseim distributed a Pro Act Unit Activity Report for March 2021 to January 2022. In addition, included in tonight's Board Packet is the activity report for the Coal City Police Department from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Matt Fritz, village administrator reported on the recent Grundy and Will County community leader meeting and discussion regarding a Transportation Master Plan. The Will County Governmental League announced their annual call for projects and Coal City may be eligible for two projects that could be included in that Transportation Master Plan; overlay of Carbon Hill Road and the N. Broadway Reconstruction. He reported on the Street & Alley Committee meeting of January 10, 2022. Also, Mr. Fritz said it was budget time again and asked the Board for available dates for the budget meetings.

T. Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Spesia. Roll call-Ayes; Togliatti, Bradley, Greggain, Spesia, Bradley and Beach. Nays; none. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.


Pamela M. Noffsinger, Village Clerk