

Village of Milledgeville
County of Carroll
State of Illinois

Minutes from the July 18, 2016 regular meeting

A Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:48 p.m. at the Village Hall in Milledgeville. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roll was Called. The following Trustees responded as "Here", Bill Stage, Gary Geirnaeirt, John Helms, Bryan Trotter and Wayne Sprecher.

Others Present: Jeff Hackbarth, Dean Hollewell, Mike Mudge, Adam Drinkall and Jim Haag.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to approve the Minutes from the July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Trotter to approve paying the bills as presented. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

The Treasurer's Report was next. Adam was present and said the Pepin's are still working on the computer program and he was not able to get the report done as they had the statements. Christy said they are trying to get the computer caught up so he can balance the Village statements on the computer. There are some corrupt files that Dan is trying to fix.

Old Business: Chapter 6 of the Ordinance book was the next item to go over. Jim said there has been an Ordinance update a couple years ago that is not in the book yet. Other than that everything was fine.

Mike Mudge was present from Rock River Energy. He said the Village street lights are on an aggregation and the price will be going up substantially. He had new bids from other companies and said there is a penalty of \$742.00 to get out of the aggregation early. Mike feels it would be well work paying that as we will save about \$4000.00 by changing. Galen asked the trustees what they thought and they said we should change if it will save the Village money. Mike said next aggregation he may have some small towns go together and bid them out that way. It may save more money and he feels if we aggregate sooner the prices may be better. He wondered about going to bid in March before the prices go up. Mike asked if the Board will give permission to Galen to sign the contract. Christy said the Board couldn't make the Motion as it wasn't on the agenda so Galen said he would put it on the agenda for August 1st. Mike said he will get the updated bids and let the Village know by the 29th.

The Appropriation Ordinance # 773 was next on the agenda. Christy has had it displayed for a month and the MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Trotter to approve the Ordinance. Motion carried by Roll Call vote (5-0). The amount of the appropriation was \$4,755,400.00 for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

Galen gave a progress report on the sidewalk construction. He said they are hoping to have the south end service connections done soon. Jeff will have 7 tie ins to do and then there won't be anything holding them back from the rest of the sidewalk. They had to move the shut off they just put in. They felt it should be set back further from the street but they will have to do another boil order. Jeff said the last one cost us \$22.00 to ship overnight at the post office as Test, Inc. didn't have anyone in our area to pick it up. Stage said maybe we could meet someone in another town to get the sample. Galen

said that the sidewalk by the Park District and the beauty shop had an enclosed coal chute and concrete walls that Brown had to contend with. He also said by the old Bird House Café they started cutting and the sidewalk started caving in. They will address these problems as they discover them.

Galen has now talked to all of the taxing bodies that had questions about the TIF. He was at the School Board Meeting tonight and they will decide at the meeting if they feel we should extend the TIF. Everyone else has approved the extension.

Committee Reports: No one had anything at this time.

MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Trotter to go into executive session to discuss Litigation-Section 2 (c) (11) at 8:32 p.m. As everyone in the Village Hall was leaving Adam Drinkall informed the Board that the School Board had approved extending the TIF. Galen thanked him.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

Any Other Business: Galen found out that Mike Kendall had received his payment for the easement from Fischer Excavating.

Galen said there has been a recent Village issue that he has sought legal advice for. The lawyer has told him what to do and has recommended him not making public the specifics of the issue. He said he was approached by a Trustee and was called a dictator as he would not discuss the matter on the advice of our lawyer. He said he was just following what the lawyer said. The person who had called him the name was told to contact the lawyer and was told the same thing. Galen said we have always worked well as a Board and he feels the Board has done amazing things for the Village as they work together to better the community. He asked if we would refrain from name calling and bullying as it lacks professionalism. The Trustee apologized for calling him a dictator and said he didn't feel that we were being a Board if one person has all the say. Galen said it was what the lawyer told him to do. Helms said he was a Union Steward at one time and knows there are certain procedures the Board needs to follow or there will be bigger issues down the road. Galen said he followed the Ordinance the Village put in place.

With no further business, MOTION was made by Trotter, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Approved Minutes Taken By
Christine A. Ottens, Village Clerk