

Village of Atwood, Illinois

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“Atwood Passes Balanced Budget for FY10”

The Atwood Board of Trustees held their regularly monthly Board meeting on April 27 at 7pm. Minutes from the March regular and special meetings were approved.

Many Police Department issues were discussed, and the Village of Atwood will seek 24/7 coverage after the approval of the FY10 budget that evening. The Chief of Police will start staffing this coverage after May 1st. Also, the Sergeant's position was approved to received additional compensation annually for tasks assigned in excess of regular patrolman duties. The Police Department will be pursuing the lease of a motorcycle to reduce the wear and tear on squad cars, and to reduce fuel expenses.

The annual cleanup day is scheduled for June 6th. Three dumpsters will be on hand downtown for residents to clean out their homes and storage areas. Additionally, there will be curbside pickup of metal on the morning of June 8th. In other Civic Improvement news, the Atwood Women's Club was approved to spend up to \$500 to plant perennials and annuals in the flower pots throughout the business district.

The Parks committee was proud to announce a donation of \$625 from Kel's Place, which will go towards the purchase of park equipment.

The Water and Sewer department has been approved to spend up to \$11,000 to purchase 3 flow meters. Also, the Farnsworth Group's proposal for street maintenance was approved, and approximately \$33000 worth of work will take place to improve the roads of Atwood this year. Four transfers of monies took place to offset some negative accounts, and the Village will have all funds for FY09 end with positive balances.

A Resolution was passed to support the distribution of Motor Fuel Tax funds to municipalities throughout the state. It is important that units of local government receive funds through the Comprehensive State Capital Infrastructure Program so that needed repairs can occur.

All full time employees of the Village were re-appointed to their positions, with a 3% increase on their FY09 salaries.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tyson Wingler from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and then Village President Ron Wallace swore Wingler, Jeremiah Osborne, Gene Greek, and Gloria Litwiller in as Trustees, following the April elections. Cindy Ard also was sworn in to another term as Village Clerk.

Fred Harshbarger was presented with a “Key to the City” for his 16 years of service on the Village Board. Ken Clack was absent, but will be thanked for his service on the Board as well.

The bills were approved as presented, and the next regular meeting of the Atwood Village Board will occur on May 18th at 7:00pm.