

VILLAGE OF ATWOOD

Board of Trustees Meeting

October 19, 2009

Village President Pro Tem Gene Greek brought the Atwood Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Those recorded present were Joe Streit, Jeremiah Osborne and Tyson Wingler. Those recorded absent were Village President Ronald E. Wallace, Jim Tholen and Gloria Litwiller.

MINUTES: MOTION: Wingler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Osborne. **VOTING:** All aye; motion carried.

GARY BRYANT: NIXLE: Residents can get NIXLE through the Atwood Fire Department. Basically the same as Code Red except you can not get NIXLE on a land line phone. Messages can be received only through e-mail on your computer and text message on cell phones. This service is free; all you have to do is sign up. It is a very secure site. Everyday there is an update. A password is needed and can also twitter through NIXLE. Updated weather reports can be received through text message and e-mail. Can put alerts in just in a few minutes. Bad weather, potential bad weather, community messages and boil orders. Messages can reach ¼ of mile to 25 mile range. The Village of Atwood could have an account up and running within a couple of weeks. Doris Elmore is signed up through the Fire Department account and she just loves it. It is free and just a little bit of paperwork to sign up. NIXLE is worldwide. It is free for municipalities. Community based. Go to NIXLE.com. Residents can link to NIXLE on Atwood Fire Departments' website. Osborne will set up an account for the Village. **MOTION:** Streit made a motion to create an Atwood NIXLE site for community and emergency alerts, seconded by Osborne. **VOTING:** Wingler, yes; Osborne, yes; Streit, yes; Greek, yes; motion carried.

WATER & SEWER: Greek reported that a water and sewer committee meeting was held on October 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building with Osborne, Chairman – Greek present and Mayor Wallace sitting in. Flow meters: Data continues to be recorded at the three present sites; but to date no conclusive information has been determined. Allen Romine plans to review the data with Andy Hanfland of the Farnsworth Group and consider the relocating of the flow meters to different sites. Lift Station: The contractor has moved equipment on to the construction site and has begun preparing the site for construction. Completion date for the project is not known, but it could possibly be completed by October 31st. No information has been received from the State concerning the grant funds to be received for possible use with the project. Water and Sewer Rate Increase: Discussions continue concerning an increase in the water and sewer service rate structure. Several options are being examined in regard to total revenue requirements for the department, and the effect of a rate increase on the customers to be served. A rate structure based upon the volume of water used without any reduction for high volume use seems likely at this time. It is planned to invite representatives from the Village of Garrett to the next committee meeting. Department Operations: During the month of September,

2009 the Water and Sewer Department processed an average of 126,417 gallons of finished water per day. A total of 3,792,510 gallons of finished water was produced during the month. The wastewater treatment plant operated within all I.E.P.A. standards. The work at the sewer plant: the workers have dug 18 feet down, then sections of concrete go in the hole for the in ground structure and then the structure on top of the ground will be completed. There was difficulty in getting the pumps through customs but they have arrived. Universal Mechanical is doing the work on the project. Other Business: None. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

FINANCE: Greek reported that there was no finance committee meeting held. Tholen was unavailable. Work has been done on the tax levy and it will be ready for the November board meeting. The tax levy has to be passed and to the counties by the last Tuesday in December.

STREET & ALLEY: Osborne reported that the Street and Alley committee meeting began at 6 p.m. on October 14th, at the Municipal Building. The Village has received a load of road salt. The cost was quite a bit cheaper than last year. The committee discussed truck bid and stop sign Ordinance. Meeting was over at 6:20 p.m.

POLICE: Wingler reported that there was no police committee meeting held. Scheduling looking better and monthly report is average for September.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: Streit reported that a Civic Improvement committee meeting wasn't held do to a lack of a quorum. All information has been submitted to the Champaign Regional Planning Commission for the grant. There was no cost for the grant application. Streit has also been updating the information for DCEO site.

PARKS: Wingler reported in Litwiller's absence that the Hog Raffle tickets have been printed up and will get them passed out. The drawing will be held on December 1, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

STOP SIGN AMENDMENT ORDINANCE: Osborne reported that Ordinance number 09-O-5 amends Ordinance number 09-O-03 an Ordinance establishing stop signs in Atwood, Illinois. Southbound traffic will now stop at Ohio Street where it meets West Forest Avenue. The previous ordinance had traffic stopping eastbound traffic on West Forest Avenue where they met Ohio Street. It was decided that West Forest Avenue is a through street and traffic should not be required to stop. **MOTION:** Osborne made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 09-O-5 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 09-O-03 an ordinance establishing stop signs in Atwood, Illinois, seconded by Streit. **VOTING:** Wingler, yes; Streit, yes; Osborne, yes; Greek, yes; motion carried.

DOUGLAS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT: Streit recommended that the Douglas County Animal Control Contract be tabled until the November board meeting. The contract was not reviewed since the committee didn't meet in October.

1955 FIRETRUCK (TANKER TRUCK): The Village board decided to accept offers for the fire truck until 5 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009. The board will then take the highest offer at the Village Board meeting to be held that night at 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

IPTIP MONEY TRANSFER: Streit reported that the treasurer was already authorized in a motion made in May to make transfers for the sewer plant project.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Stephanie Wierman, President of the Atwood Chamber of Commerce reported that the 81st Annual Halloween Parade will start lining up one block north of the business district on Friday, October 30th at 7:30 p.m. with the parade starting at 7:45 p.m. Fire Department should be there at 7 p.m. The categories for this year's parade will be ages three and under, four to eight, nine to thirteen, fourteen to adult and vehicle, pet or group. Hot chocolate will be provided by the Chamber for 50 cents a cup. If it is raining the 81st Annual Halloween Parade will be held in the grade school gym. The Chamber also voted to continue all activities with the stipulation of receiving enough money to have the Apple Dumpling Festival. Wierman also asked that the Chamber be kept updated on any major changes to the website. Streit reported that there was no money exchanged for the P & C ad on the website. The Chamber can sell ads to be placed on the website. Wierman stated that the Village is losing businesses downtown.

REVIEW AND PAYMENT OF INVOICES: MOTION: Osborne made a motion to accept the payment of invoices as presented, seconded by Wingler. **VOTING:** Streit, yes; Greek, yes; Wingler, yes; Osborne, yes; motion carried.

ADJOURN MEETING: MOTION: Wingler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Streit. **VOTING:** All aye; motion carried.

Cindy L. Ard
Village Clerk

Gene A. Greek
Village President Pro Tem