

VILLAGE OF ATWOOD

Board of Trustees Meeting

July 19, 2010

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

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

WATER & SEWER: Greek reported that a water and sewer committee meeting was held on July 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. with Osborne, Tholen and Chairman – Greek present. Fire Hydrant – Rt. 36: The repair parts have been ordered; we're awaiting the person to come and repair the hydrant. Fencing Repair: Some additional grading is desirable around the new lift station. As soon as this additional grading is completed, the new fencing will be installed. Flow meters: The flow meters will be installed in the two main sanitary sewer lines leading to the wastewater treatment plant as soon as storm water flows stabilize so that a base flow can be established. Aerators: Are in the process of being pulled for maintenance. Each aerator is being removed, thoroughly cleaned, repainted and re-installed in the digester. Weirs: Replacement of the weirs at the wastewater treatment plant is on hold pending maintenance of the aerators and a need to lower the water level in the lagoon. Dept. Operations: During the month of June, 2010, the water department processed an average of 99,845 gallons of finished water per day. For the month a total of 2,995,360 gallons of finished water were produced. The wastewater treatment plant operated within all I.E.P.A. limits. Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.

FINANCE: Nothing to report.

STREETS & ALLEY: Osborne reported that the street and alley committee met on July 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Rick Myers has patched some streets in preparation of oiling and chipping of some of the villages' roads. The committee will be looking into a grant that was brought to their attention by Trustee Joe Streit. The grant will be discussed more at August's meeting. The village has sprayed for mosquitoes.

POLICE: Wingler reported that the Police committee met on July 13, 2010 at 7:05 p.m. with Litwiller, Streit, Chairman – Wingler and Chief Ponder present. Chief Ponder has submitted a grant for computers for the police cars. Total of the grant is \$13,680.00 which includes the computers and installation of the computers. Chief Ponder is to be notified by August 1st if received the grant so can get the computers in the cars. The police committee also discussed the golf course ordinance. Chief Ponder and Wingler have gone through the golf course ordinance and decided that there were a lot of questions that they would like to send to the Village's Attorney for answers. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: Streit reported that the civic improvement committee met on July 13, 2010 at 7:35 p.m. Those present were Wingler, Litwiller, Chairman – Streit and Chief Ponder part of the time. Civic Improvement committee discussed the grant application through the Champaign Regional Planning Commission. It has passed the first round for approval and has been forwarded through to the IL DCU and the Department of Energy. This is for a small wind turbine for the water and sewer department. Also, discussed the third quarter met tower report, it is looking good. The minimum required is 200 (wind density) and the village is at 261 wind density ranked class 2 where most of Illinois is at. The data is making a pretty strong case on having strong enough winds but will keep accumulating the data to make sure. The wind is blowing more than 30% of the time. A wind turbine will lock itself out at 50 mph winds. Insurance for a wind turbine is \$2,000. Another thing the committee discussed was the ITEP grant. Federal funds will be awarded to eligible communities for local projects that will create jobs to improve the quality of life in Illinois by promoting alternative transportation, such as bike and hike trails, streetscape improvements, beautification, and preservation of transportation resources. The on-line application has to be submitted by August 31, 2010 with applicants also being required to submit a paper copy and required attachments to IDOT within three working days of their on-line submittal. 1. Create a project around our yearly street work was one idea. 2. Sidewalks to get to the park. 3. Sidewalks being handicapped accessible. 4. Sidewalk to the brick apartments going out of town. 5. Beautification of the uptown, etc. Streit will work on, needs ideas from the rest of the board.

BUILDINGS, INSURANCE, PARK AND WASTE MANAGEMENT: Litwiller reported the committee met on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7:50 p.m. with Chairman – Litwiller, Streit and Wingler present. Litwiller stated that the Piatt County Forest Preserve has their new playground equipment installed. The trench around the new concrete by the concession stand needs to be filled in; Litwiller will get in touch with Rick Myers on this. Litwiller will talk to Connie about a question she has about the donation account. The committee also discussed that the village needs to present Tyson Wingler's grandmother, Dorothy Honn, with a certificate for her \$1,000.00 donation to the park district for the new equipment. Meeting adjourned at 8:03.

OLD BUSINESS:

GOLF CART ORDINANCE: Osborne stated that he would like for the ordinance to be tabled until hear back from the Village's Attorney on the questions the trustees had concerning the ordinance. There was a lot of discussion that followed and decided to check with other towns that have a golf cart ordinance to see how they are working before involving the attorney.

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT: Greek reported that the Village has received paperwork from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to fill out to request the grant money for \$100,000 and what the money would be spent on. The form was sent to Andy Hanfland of the Farnsworth's Group to fill out and then returned to the village to send on to JoLaine Miner of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant money will be used for replacement and repair of storm sewers, install new storm sewers, manholes and inlets and roadway upgrades. Can't be used to clean storm sewers or road oil all of the streets. The grant money can not be used for anything that is considered regular maintenance. The paperwork is ready to go and the board is ok with moving forward with it.

NEW BUSINESS:

ZONING/SPECIAL USE/STILWELL: Wingler reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 17, 2010 at the municipal building to discuss the special use permit requested by Margaret Stilwell to allow a residence in the old jail building in a B1 Zoning district located at 109 W. Central Avenue. The zoning board was hesitant about having a residence instead of a business but would like to see something in the building. There were concerns about parking, didn't like that they would be parking on W. Central Avenue or along the alley, would prefer there be a parking space behind the building. Another concern was on emergency exits, SE side of bedroom needs a door to get to the back door in the storage room that goes outside. The Zoning board approved the special use permit with the following stipulations: placement of adequate parking in rear of residence and a minimum of 32" door is placed on southeast corner of bedroom for direct access to rear door for emergency exit. **MOTION:** Wingler made a motion to grant a special use permit to Margaret Stilwell for use of a residence in a B1 Commercial zoning area at 109 W. Central Avenue, Atwood (Old Jail) with the following to be completed: 1. Placement of adequate parking in rear of residence. 2. Minimum of 32" door be placed on southeast corner of bedroom for direct access to rear door for emergency exit, motion died for the lack of a second. A couple of the Trustees have concerns about the safety issues of the building and the size of the apartment.

FESTIVAL BEER TENT/LIQUOR LICENSE: Stephanie Wierman was present to inform the board of the particulars of the beer tent. The beer tent will be set up on the concrete slab down by the Topflight office. There will be an orange snow fence put around the area and there will be extra security on duty just for the beer tent. The hours of the beer tent will be from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 20, 2010 to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, August 21, 2010 and Saturday, August 21, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. August 22, 2010 at 319 E. Central Avenue. **MOTION:** Streit made a motion to approve the beer tent for the Apple Dumpling Festival for Friday and Saturday nights at the before mentioned hours and dates subject to appropriate approvals from the State and dram shop insurance to be acquired by the Chamber, seconded by Osborne. **VOTING:** Litwiller, yes; Streit, yes; Osborne, yes; Wingler, yes; motion carried. A letter from the Village and signed by the Mayor will be given to Stephanie Wierman to give to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission showing the dates, hours and address of the beer tent and giving the approval by the Mayor and Village Board, along with a liquor license for the specific dates, times and location.

REPEATER FOR SQUAD CAR: Wingler reported that the police department has had issues with the repeaters for the portable radios for quite some time. The police department purchased new batteries which helped a little but not as much as hoped for. When out on a call and trying to reach the counties the counties are having trouble hearing the calls. Other police agencies have put repeaters in the squad cars to help with the reception. The repeater at the firehouse is fine. It is becoming a safety issue with calls not being heard. Wingler reported that Chief Ponder will be getting estimates on the cost of the repeaters. This discussion was for informational purposes and to inform everyone of the need.

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FESTIVAL DONATION: Stephanie Wierman asked about the Village's donation to the Apple Dumpling Festival. Debbie Chenoweth wrote a letter to the Village back in March or April. Last year the Village donated \$2,000 to be used for various festival expenses and hope that the Village will help support the Festival again this year.

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

ADJOURN: 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