

Village of North Pekin
318 North Main Street
North Pekin, Illinois
September 28, 2009
Regular Meeting

Village President Steve Flowers called the September 28, 2009 regular meeting of the North Pekin Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 P.M.

Invocation

President Flowers asked for a volunteer, and Pastor Tony Darr from the First Missionary Church in North Pekin gave the invocation.

Roll Call

President Flowers asked for roll call, and the following trustees were present: Gene Wamsley, Kathe Curless, Alex Lambie, Frank Shanklin, and Russ Blumenstock. Trustee Charles Cooper was absent. President Flowers declared a quorum with five trustees present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Lambie made a motion, second by Trustee Curless to approve the agenda. On Voice Vote all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Public Input on Agenda

Jim McGill of 340 Lincoln Blvd. stated he assumed the reason for the large dollar amount under the payment of bills, included a payment for the Elm & Lee Street Project. He also stated he hoped the hunting ordinance does not allow anyone to hunt in the Village of North Pekin. Mr. McGill stated his concern about so many Executive Sessions, and stated he feels the number of Executive Sessions should be reduced.

Planning and Zoning Report

Mike Johnson

Mike Johnson stated there have been three building permits issued since the last Board meeting. One for a roof, one for a detached garage, and one for a new driveway. He also stated he has given the Board two letters which pertain to expired building permits. Mr. Johnson stated the Board needs to review his letters, and possibly address them at the next Board meeting.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Lambie made a motion, second by Trustee Shanklin to approve the Consent Agenda including the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2009; approval of payment of bills in the amount of \$503,123.31; approval of the August 2009 Treasurer's Report. On Roll Call Vote all Trustee's present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Committees

Water and Sewer

Alex Lambie

Trustee Lambie made a motion, second by Trustee Blumenstock to deposit the proceeds from the sale of the 1999 Dodge 4x4 one ton dump truck and plow truck to the Truck Sinking Fund. On Roll Call Vote all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Streets and Alleys

Kathe Curless

Trustee Curless stated she had nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety

Charles Cooper/Gene Wamsley

Trustee Wamsley made a motion, second by Trustee Lambie for discussion with possible action to approve Ordinance #886, an Ordinance concerning the use of Kawasaki mules for official business. On Roll Call to approve Ordinance #886, all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Trustee Wamsley made a motion, second by Trustee Shanklin to enter into Executive Session after the Audience Participation for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. Action is possible upon return to Open Session. On Roll Call Vote all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Health and Flood Control

Russ Blumenstock

Trustee Blumenstock stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Records and Finance

Gene Wamsley

Trustee Wamsley stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Public Property and Parks

Frank Shanklin

Trustee Shanklin made a motion, second by Trustee Curless for discussion with possible action concerning Ordinance #887, and Ordinance #888, concerning Conservation District's C-1 and C-2. On Voice Vote for discussion only, all Trustee's present Voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried. Attorney Anderson stated the purpose of these Ordinance's are to allow a property owner to restore the use of his property to what it was before the Village annexed it. Ordinance #887 creating Title 10, Chapter 22, Conservation District C-1 is an Ordinance creating a Conservation District but does not allow any hunting in that Conservation District. Ordinance #888 creating Title 10, Chapter 23, Conservation District C-2 is an Ordinance creating a Conservation District which allows shotgun and bow hunting only in that Conservation District on residential properties containing a minimum of twenty acres. Attorney Anderson stated just because a property owner has 20 or more acre's does not mean they can hunt on it, because it also has to be zoned C-2, and meet those minimum requirements. He stated this Ordinance may also be important if someday the Village can convince the State of Illinois to let us annex the Conservation property located on the

west side of Rt. 29. He also stated at the present time there is no Conservation district in the Village. If a resident wanted to be rezoned as a Conservation District, they would have to have a Public Hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission, and then a recommendation would be made to the Board of Trustees, which has the final vote. Trustee Shanklin stated he wanted something on the books for later use. President Flowers stated Ordinance #888, allowing shotgun and bow hunting on residential properties concerned him. Trustee Lambie stated he would like to see the word residential removed from Ordinance #888. Attorney Anderson stated an amendment to remove the word residential and the comma is appropriate. The consensus of the Board was to remove the above from Ordinance #888.

Trustee Shanklin made a motion, second by Trustee Lambie to approve Ordinance #887, an Ordinance creating Title 10, Chapter 22, Conservation District C-1, and Ordinance #888, an Ordinance creating Title 10, Chapter 23, Conservation District C-2 with the amendment to remove the word residential and the comma from 10-23-1(A)-7. On Roll Call Vote Trustee's Curless, Shanklin, Lambie and Blumenstock voted Aye. Trustee Wamsley voted No. Trustee Cooper is absent. President Flowers declared the motion carried with a four to one vote.

Trustee Shanklin made a motion, second by Trustee Lambie for discussion concerning Ordinance #889, an Ordinance concerning hunting, firing or the discharging of weapons. On Voice Vote all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried. Attorney Anderson stated Ordinance #889 basically dove tails with Ordinance # 888. He suggested an amendment to this Ordinance would correlate with the amendment to Ordinance #888. Attorney Anderson stated the words "special use permits" should be deleted, and "the conditions allowed pursuant to Section 10-23-1(A)-7" should be amended in 6-2-3-16 of Ordinance #889.

Trustee Shanklin made a motion, second by Trustee Lambie to approve Ordinance #889 with the above amendment. On Roll Call Vote all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Trustee Shanklin thanked Judy Johnson and Ursula Coyle for painting the Welcome to North Pekin signs on Rt. 29. He stated they look very nice. President Flowers stated there was a picture of Judy and Ursula refreshing the signs in the Pekin Daily Times.

Correspondence

Cindy Briggs/Deborah Landrith

Cindy Briggs reminded the Board that the first board meeting in October 2009 is on Columbus Day, October 12th, which is an employee holiday. Trustee Wamsley made a motion, second by Trustee Shanklin to move the October 12, 2009 Board meeting to Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00pm. On Voice Vote all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Cindy Briggs also asked the Board if they wanted to put something on the Village website, and the office window pertaining to the water and sewer rate increases. Trustee Lambie made a motion, second by Trustee Blumenstock to approve adding to the Village website, and posting on the office window, a notice of the water and sewer rate increases. On Voice Vote all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Monies Received September 14, 2009 - September 25, 2009

Received From	Description	Amount
Ordinance Violation	ticket #1093/alcohol	\$150.00
Police Department	Reimburse unused fuel advance for trip to MD	\$224.00
State of Illinois	MFT - August 2009	\$3,183.63
Draw on Line of Credit	to cover ICCI Invoice dtd 9/15/09	\$341,000.00
D. Farris	2 Dog Redemptions	\$20.00
H. Anthony	Bid for 99 Dodge Dump Truck	\$10,100.00
Tazewell County Circuit Clerk	DUI Equipment - August 2009	\$142.40
Tazewell County Circuit Clerk	Police Vehicle Fund - August 2009	\$938.00
Tazewell County Circuit Clerk	Police Fines - August 2009	\$7,202.02
State of Illinois	Telecom Tax - June 2009	\$1,125.05
William Anderson	Reimburse Insurance	\$1,422.40
J. Cone	Filing Fee-BuildingPermit/126 Center	\$55.00
State of Illinois	Use Tax - June 2009	\$1,933.12
A. Fisher	Park Reservation	\$25.00
J. Brown	Filing Fee-Building Permit/2050 Edgewater	\$67.00
C. Howerton	Filing Fee/113 N. Roosevelt	\$5.00
R. Wamsley	Filing Fee/141 N. Roosevelt	\$5.00
Total Income		\$367,597.62

Village President

Stephen Flowers

President Flowers stated he had nothing to report.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

New Business

Trustee Wamsley stated he recalled the prior board discussing when a Board member is in the hospital at the time of the Board meeting, the Trustee would get paid for that meeting. President Flowers stated they can be paid if they attend that meeting, or participate by phone. Trustee Wamsley stated he inquired because Trustee Cooper did a lot of work in preparation for this meeting, and he would like to see Trustee Cooper receive compensation.

There was no further New Business to come before the Board.

Audience Participation

Dick Moon of 304 Lincoln Blvd. stated it is his opinion that the board has not thought out tonight decision concerning allowing the discharge of fire arms in the village. He stated he felt it would be more appropriate for the Board to have a final product as far as the amended Ordinance in front of them before they approved the Ordinance. He also stated he felt there should be something in the Ordinance stating you could not hunt within 100 yards of the properties border, for the safety of surrounding neighbors.

Jim McGill of 340 Lincoln Blvd. asked how this hunting ordinance will benefit the majority of the residents in the Village of North Pekin. He also asked if the residents have been talked to about this subject. Trustee Shanklin stated the board has to approve the rezoning of a property to a conservation district, and if the property is not zoned conservation, than there can be no hunting on it. Mr. McGill also stated he felt the \$17,500.00 given to Eweart Rice was indeed a give away.

Bill Faichney of 133 Sunset Blvd. stated that cars are parking on top of the new sidewalks in Morrissey Park. President Flowers asked Mr. Faichney to call the Police Department when he see's this happening. Mr. Faichney also stated the flashing signs are not making the people stop, because they are still running the stop signs. Trustee Curless stated the flashing lights do alert the drivers, and this will prevent accidents from occurring. Trustee Wamsley stated he would like to see Trustee Curless's committee discuss adding more of these lights in the village.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:55pm for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. Action is possible upon return to Open Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:13pm.

Trustee Wamsley made a motion, second by Trustee Blumenstock to approve hiring part-time police officer Michael Johnson as a full time police officer, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, with a one year probation period to be effective September 28, 2009. On Roll Call vote all Trustees present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried.

Audience Participation

Attorney Anderson stated he has spoken with Tom Davies, Central Groveland Fire Protection District's Attorney, and he has agreed that Groveland will levy 110%.

Jim McGill of 340 Lincoln Blvd. stated while he was in the office during the Board's Executive Session he was with police officers, as they were looking at the weed ordinance in the code book. He questioned the easement behind his house and the weeds growing there.

Police Chief Pat Landrith thanked the Board for hiring Michael Johnson as a full time Police Officer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board at this time Trustee Wamsley made a motion, second by Trustee Curless to adjourn the September 28, 2009 regular meeting of the North Pekin Board of Trustees. On Voice Vote all Trustee's present voted Aye. President Flowers declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Briggs
Deputy Clerk