

VILLAGE OF ST. JACOB
213 N DOUGLAS
PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009
REGULAR MEETING #09-20

- I. The Regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Raymond Muniz.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ray Muniz
Trustee Tim Thompson
Trustee Jared Reilson
Trustee Laura Meyer
Trustee Hank Robards
Clerk Dawn Miller
Tim Biggins
Absent: Trustee Ryan Junker
Trustee Ken Miller
Mike Muniz
Chief Larry Morietta

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Trustee Meyer moved to accept the agenda. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. Voice vote, 4 ayes, motion carried.
2. Trustee Meyer moved to accept the minutes. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. Voice vote, 4 ayes, motion carried.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Mayor Muniz told the board members that Michelle Schneider's (our police secretary) husband died. The Village made a contribution to the family instead of flowers. He will be missed by many.
2. Mayor Muniz reported the flag pole at the mill pond has been installed. We also installed a solar light on the flag. He said that we might need to do something with the lighting because it isn't shining enough on the flag. There is about an hour worth of work to be completed at the Mill Pond.
3. Mayor Muniz would like to present Alex Schreiber with a plaque with a picture of the Mill Pond on it. Trustee Meyer asked if we will have Alex in the picture. Mayor Muniz said that he hadn't planned on him being in the picture.
4. Joe Beil gave Russel Loomis a 6X9 flag for the Mill Pond but it was too big so they bought a smaller one. Trustee Robards stated that if you have a flag that is too big for the pole it could bend the pole if the wind is too strong.
5. Mayor Muniz stated that he is working on grants for the Mill Pond. However there has been rumor floating around that we lost grant funding, but Mayor Muniz isn't sure what that is all about since we haven't applied for any funding.
6. We had a good turn out at the Chamber Breakfast. There were 20 to 25 people who attended. He said that we plan on having a meeting once a month on the third Thursday.
7. Mayor Muniz said that sometime after the holidays are over he would like to get everyone together and discuss his ideas for broadcasting the meetings. Mayor Muniz said that he thinks it will cost about \$8000.00.
8. Mayor Muniz read an article that was in the Times Tribune a couple weeks ago regarding the Dew Drop Inn. Mayor Muniz stated that you often hear about bad things that happen at bars but nothing else. The article stated that the two bartenders that were

arrested several months back for serving minors that later had an accident had all the charges dropped.

9. Mayor Muniz stated that there is a situation regarding the Activity Center (former Lions Hall). Mayor Muniz read the following statement taken from the Lions Club Minutes from September 16, 2009,

“Lion Rich read the letter received from the attorney stating they will investigate the various aspects of the sales contract, requesting a \$750 retainer with the total amount not to exceed \$1500. The attorney also requested the Club to furnish more information as requested. This was the second reading this issue.”

Mayor Muniz then stated that Rich Scheifer filed a freedom of information requesting all invoices or statements that pertain to any renovations or repairs, a list of all rentals and amount paid, and a copy of the insurance coverage. The request has been filled and passed on.

Mayor Muniz stated that he is not sure where things stand at this time or if an attorney had been attained by the Lions. He just wanted to make everyone aware of the situation and he is not sure what brought this about.

Mayor Muniz wanted to go on record to say that when the building was sold in 2002 that it was done correctly and that a contract was drawn up by the Village attorney and that a vote was taken by the Lions and the Vote was 23 to 2 he might have the 23 number wrong but I know that there were 2 dissenting votes. It was almost unanimous to do this. We have lived up to all aspects of the contract. I don't know where it is going and I have not seen any legal actions. Don't know if we are going to see anything or if they are pursuing it out at this point.

One of the main reasons it is being brought up at this time is that Lion Member Richard Schmidt has been asked by the Lions to mediate any issues or difference that they might have with us and we are more than welcome to sit down and talk about this. There is a lot of miss information out there I am not sure where it is coming from or who is stating it. What Richard Schmidt has asked me to do is put together a letter that they can read at their Lions meeting and explain our position and why we changed the name. It wasn't a malicious thing it just fits the nature of the building now.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MEYER

1. Holiday Kickoff is December 11, 2009. We sent a sponsorship letter to the American Legion and the Lions Club. The American Legion donated \$275 and the Lions donated \$300. Hometel always donated a horse and carriage. We will need volunteers. We will be stuffing stockings on December 19, 2009 if anyone would like to help. Trustee Meyer would like to have small bottles of water for the Christmas Kickoff so there is something other than Hot Chocolate.

C. WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – REILSON:

1. Trustee Reilson asked if we have sent letters out to the residents of Stonebrook regarding the sewers. Mayor Muniz stated that we have not. Mayor Muniz said that we will get it sent out soon.
2. Mayor Muniz reported that there is nothing new regarding the Illinois water rate increase. We will have to wait and see what happens. We get 1/3 of our water from Bond Madison. We will still need to look at an annual rate increase. We will look at it after the holidays.
3. Mayor Muniz stated that he has left several messages with Mark Latham regarding the contract with highland.

D. POLICE COMMITTEE – ROBARDS :

1. Trustee Robards stated that the police are still patrolling the stop sign by the Village Hall because people are still running it. This morning there was a fender bender by Dew Drop, but no one was hurt. We have people that still run the stop light also.

E. ORDINANCE & FINANCE – MILLER:

1. Mayor Muniz reported that Trustee Miller will have the tax levy ready in December.

F. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS – THOMPSON

G. STREET & ALLEY/MFT – JUNKER:

1. Mayor Muniz would like to stop another rumor. The rumor is that we haven't paid the bill from Mike Maedge for the oil and chip. Mayor Muniz stated that we received the bill from him on Monday and it's on the claims for tonight.
2. Mayor Muniz said that Mike has been trying to get things done through the rain.
3. Mayor Muniz reported that we have had some problems with the sewers. We had someone come out and pressure the line out. Tim Biggins explained what pressuring out the lines will do. He said that it clears out the lines from grease and other debris. He stated that it is a couple thousand dollars to do the whole town. It is cheaper for us to do this than buy all the chemicals we use to clean the lines. It is also better for the lines than the chemicals. Mayor Muniz said that he appreciates the guys trying to save money but still getting things done. Trustee Meyer asked if we can show people what they are doing by dumping grease down the drains. Tim said that we can't eliminate it all. Trustee Meyer said maybe we can send pictures in a mailing to the residents or have something at the grade school to teach the kids about what can or can't be dumped down the drain. Trustee Reilson said maybe we can put something on the bill.
4. Trustee Thompson asked if we cut the trees on Keck Road. Tim Biggins said that the Village didn't do that but it looks nice.

IV. PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. The Planning Commission will have their meeting on November 30, 2009. They will be reviewing plans for Todd Lindow. He would like to do a multifamily unit on US 40.

IV. ZONING BOARD:

1. Mayor Muniz said we missed the deadline to get the ad ran in December for a public hearing for the zoning change regarding storage units. So we will be going to do it in January.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

VIII. CLAIMS:

Trustee Meyer moved to read the claims by total. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. Voice Vote 4 ayes, motion carried

Water	\$3733.35	
Sewer	\$1126.37	
Trash	\$6818.50	
Water/Sewer/Trash Total		\$11678.22
General Funds	\$485.14	
Ordinance & Finance	\$241.00	
Ordinance & Finance Total		\$726.14
Police	\$1091.22	
Street & Alley	\$899.43	
Public Grounds	\$447.05	

Community Development	\$196.96	
MFT	\$26563.40	
Grand Total		\$41601.42

V. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Eric Jordan would like to know why we would consider doing webcast. Mayor Muniz thinks that it is important to do this because of all the things that have been done and said in the last 12 months. Mayor Muniz believes that everything should be open to the public but the public can't always attend. Trustee Meyer stated that she know people who look forward to reading the minutes on the access channel. Mayor Muniz wants to send a positive message out to the residents.

2. Rich Scheifer stated that he had no questions just a concern. Mr. Schiefer said that his concern is about Mayor Muniz's report about the Lions and that Mayor Muniz misrepresented the information. Mayor Muniz responded that he read directly from the Lion's minutes, I am not sure where I could have made a conflict these where the Lion's minutes from September 16, 2009. I would be happy to make a correction if you tell me the minutes are wrong. Mr. Schiefer responded that he has another set of minutes. Mr. Schiefer stated that 23 members were not at the meeting that night. Mayor Muniz pointed out that he clearly stated earlier that he was unsure of the number 23 number but he was certain about the 2. Mayor Muniz affirmed that he doesn't remember how many people were there but there were only 2 descending votes. Mr. Schiefer pointed out that only 8 members attended the meeting.

Mayor Muniz stated that if only 8 lions showed up to do it that it is water under the bridge. Why the lions would bring this up eight years later I don't know. That is the part I am upset about. As a long time Lions member I am upset that potentially spend \$1500 to investigate something that we would have been more than happy to try and resolve with you guys. Mayor Muniz stated the final Lion's vote was 6 to 2 to sell the building and asked Mr. Schiefer if that is correct. Mayor Muniz asked Mr. Schiefer if there were only two descending votes. Mr. Schiefer said he would need to go back and check the minutes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Trustee Thompson moved to adjourn at 8:26. Trustee Reilson seconded the motion. Voice vote, 4 ayes, motion carried.
2. The next meeting will be December 03, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Dawn Miller, Village Clerk

Raymond Muniz, Mayor