

**VILLAGE OF ST. JACOB**  
**213 N DOUGLAS**  
**PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010**  
**REGULAR MEETING #10-06**

- 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 Ken Miller  
Trustee Tim Thompson  
Trustee Hank Robards  
Trustee Jared Reilson  
Trustee Laura Meyer  
Clerk Dawn Miller  
Chief Larry Morietta  
Tim Biggins  
Absent: Trustee Ryan Junker  
Mike Muniz

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Trustee Meyer moved to accept the agenda. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. Trustee Meyer moved to accept minutes. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Mayor Muniz reported that we are trying to get the Village Hall organized. He also stated that he plans on having some recorded destroyed after we get approval for the state.
2. Mayor's Meeting is April 22, 2010 at the community hall. Mayor Muniz would like the Trustees to come.
3. Russel Loomis has ordered benches for the Mill pond. Mayor Muniz stated that there are sponsors for all the benches.
4. The report on Star Bonds has been completed. Mayor Muniz stated he has a copy if any one wants to look at it.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MEYER

1. Easter Egg Hunt will be March 28, 2010 at noon at the St Jacob Park. The Red Hat ladies are going to stuff the eggs again this year.

C. WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – REILSON:

1. The Highland contract is done and has been sent to George Marron for review. George asked that we send it to the engineers and have them make a report so he can review it and make his recommendation.
2. The County didn't get the grant for the recycling containers, so we won't be getting the big green recycling containers.
3. Annual rate review – Mayor Muniz will let the public ask questions or voice their concerns before the board makes a decision. Mayor Muniz stated that there was a committee meeting a couple weeks ago. We discussed raising the rates since we haven't had an increase since 2007 and before that it was 2005. Mayor Muniz read a letter from Bond/Madison that stated they are raising the Villages rates and that there will possibly

be an additional increase at a later date when the ICC decides if American Water can have the rate increase that they have requested.

Current Water Rates –

Intown rates- \$14.25 for the first 2000 gallons of water  
Over 2000 - \$6.13 for every 1000 there after.

Outside rates- \$28.25 for the first 2000 gallons of water  
Over 2000 - \$9.39 for every 1000 there after.

Sewer rates – 6.85 for the first 2000 gallons  
Over 2000 – 2.95 for every 1000 there after

Proposed Water Rates –

Intown rates- \$16.85 for the first 2000 gallons of water  
Over 2000 - \$8.75 for every 1000 there after.

Outside rates- \$34.75 for the first 2000 gallons of water  
Over 2000 - \$13.90 for every 1000 there after.

Tom Kaminski asked if we have wells that we use. We have 1 well. We had to close the rest of them. “Tom said that everything is getting to expensive. The trash rate increased and yet that isn’t any good.”

Jack Potter asked about the rate increase from Bond/Madison, he stated that there increase is 30% yet the Village isn’t increasing that much. Will there be an additional increase later. Mayor Muniz stated that there shouldn’t be another increase until next year.

Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve ordinance 10-514 water rate increase. Trustee Miller second the motion. Roll call vote, Thompson – no, Meyer – aye, Miller – aye, Reilson – aye, Robards – aye. Motion carries 4 to 1.

Trustee Miller stated that he thinks there is some confusion about the increase. The increase is not just because Bond/Madison is increasing there rates. We are increasing the rate to cover all cost of the water. Trustee Miller stated that we are overspending in the water fund. We need to get to where we aren’t over spending. We will also need to do some budget cuts. Tim Biggins stated that there are some things that we need to get fixed. Trustee Thompson said that by his calculation it is a 43% increase. He feels that the numbers are flawed. Trustee Thompson would like to table the water rate increase and have another water committee meeting. Trustee Meyer stated that she is thankful for the clean water that she has. She stated that her water bill is high but she is happy with the water that she has. She stated that people can do things to cut back by getting high efficiency toilets and make sure faucets don’t leak or drip. She said that we need to tighten our belts and cover the costs that we currently have. Trustee Meyer stated that she meant that we need to conserve on the water we use. She realizes there are people on fixed incomes but we have to cover our costs. Mayor Muniz stated that we try and work with everyone on their bills. He said that we don’t want to increase the rates but we have to. Mayor Muniz then stated that the State of Illinois is proposing a 30% decrease in income tax the Village receives. That is almost 22000 the Village loses. That type of loss has to be covered by the residents.

D. POLICE COMMITTEE – ROBARDS :

E. ORDINANCE & FINANCE – MILLER:

1. The Ordinance regarding storage sheds has been completed and sent to George for review, he is making a few changes and will get it back to us soon.
2. Trustee Miller reported that he is still working with Clerk Miller regarding the Treasurers report. We are currently trying to make it balance. We are 90% done.

F. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS – THOMPSON

G. STREET & ALLEY/MFT – JUNKER:

1. Mayor Muniz reported that he and Mike are going to sit down next week and get an agenda together for the summer.
2. The dump truck that we want is on the state bid list. So we need to have a committee meeting to discuss the truck. Committee Meeting March 30, 2010 at 7:30.

IV. PLANNING COMMISSION:

IV. ZONING BOARD:

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chamber auction is April 16, 2010. We normally buy a table of 8 for \$450. Trustee Meyer made a motion to purchase a table of 8. Trustee Reilson second the motion. Voice Vote 3 ayes, motion carried.
2. Business After Hours is April 8, 2010 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. We are hosting the event with the Funeral Home. We have received a lot of donations to the event. There hasn't been any cost to Village so far.
3. Trustee Meyer would like to know if we can do a \$1 more program to help customers who need it. Mayor Muniz said we could look at it.

VIII. CLAIMS:

Trustee Meyer moved to read the claims by total. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. Voice Vote 5 ayes, motion carried

Water	\$3837.07	
Sewer	\$34.46	
Trash	\$6818.50	
<b>Water/Sewer/Trash Total</b>		<b>\$10690.03</b>
General Funds	\$	
Ordinance & Finance	\$424.00	
<b>Ordinance &amp; Finance Total</b>		<b>\$424.00</b>
Police	\$423.24	
Street & Alley	\$3464.90	
Public Grounds	\$51.01	
Community Development	\$53.66	
MFT		
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$15106.84</b>

V. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Don Argus stated that he resents Laura's comment about tightening our belts. He said that the dollar only goes so far. He has done everything he can to cut back. Don asked why sewer was going up. He stated that gas hasn't gone up so we can use that as an excuse. Mayor Muniz stated that the entire time he has been Mayor the sewer rate hasn't been increased. Mayor Muniz stated that we are open to suggestions on ways to change things.
2. Jim Langenhazer wants to know why we don't do little increases at a time instead of large increases at once. Mayor Muniz stated that we are going to try and look at rates every year instead of every couple of years.
3. Mayor Muniz stated that he would like to hold a public forum in a couple weeks to talk about the decrease in funding to Illinois Municipalities.

4. Tom Kaminski asked if we have 5 wells why we don't use them. Tim Biggins stated that we had 5 wells but we had to shut all but one down. Some of them weren't producing enough water to make it worth it and the last one that was shut down because it was contaminated. The EPA is really strict on wells. They are really strict.
5. Joe Beil asked if the Police department ever get their taser gun. Chief Morietta said not yet.
6. Rick Scheifer said that the board has talked about needing to tighten belts but yet the board voted to increase their wages even though they did it wrong and it didn't go through.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Trustee Meyer moved to adjourn at 8:51. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. The next meeting will be April 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

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Dawn Miller, Village Clerk

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Raymond Muniz, Mayor