

# VILLAGE OF FOOTVILLE

## MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Footville was called to order by the President, Gary Selck. The board members present were: Ron Klusmeyer, Randy Baertschi, Nate Beal, Bill Case and Chuck Hagmann. John Harnack was not present.

Motion by Hagmann, seconded by Beal to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Beal, seconded by Case to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Baertschi, seconded by Klusmeyer to approve the treasurer, water, and sheriff reports as presented. Motion carried.

The following liquor license applications were presented to the Board: "Class B" Retail combination Intoxication Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages for Brian Benash of B'ners Bar, Inc., Sharon St. John of the Village Inn, and Karrie Laws of Toe Town Tap, Inc.; Class "B" Retail Fermented Malt Licenses for Ron Kimball of Devins-Teehan Post 237 American Legion Club and Robert Hoerler of the Footville Friendly Café; Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Donald Olin of Footville Mini Mart or Mobil Gas Station; Class "A" Retail Intoxication Liquor for Donald Olin of Footville Mini Mart or Mobil Gas Station; "Class C" Wine License for Robert Hoerler of Footville Friendly Café. The only difference from last year is that Karrie Laws will be the proprietor of Toe Town Tap on the new licenses. Motion by Klusmeyer and second by Baertschi to approve all the liquor licenses as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

The Board was presented with a letter from Joe Hoppenjohn with Sunrise Company, Inc. He requested that the Board consider development of wind generators in the subdivision, or a biofuel plant west of the Village. A wind farm would not be allowed in the Village because of setbacks, and a biodiesel plant already failed in Evansville. The Board recommends he talk with area townships, or they will look at more information if he presents them with details.

A Preliminary Minor Land Division application was considered for Craig Kaun regarding land within the Extra-Territorial Plat Approval Jurisdiction (ETJ) Area of the Village of Footville. The action would divide a 3.2 acre (+/-) lot from a 65 acre A-1 property located in the SE ¼ of Section 34, T.3N., R.11E. of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M., Town of Center, Rock County, Wisconsin, located at 296 N. Roherty Road. A motion was made by Case and seconded by Klusmeyer to approve the Kaun Preliminary Land Division based on the Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Karrie Laws presented the plans for this year's tractor pulls. They will be held August 23-25. She will be getting all the required insurance coverage and apply for the temporary liquor license. She will also be applying for a temporary liquor license for a horse ride to benefit diabetes on September 8. Motion by Klusmeyer, second by Beal for Karrie to go ahead with planning the tractor pulls at the industrial park land with allowance for a rain date. All approved; motion carried.

President Selck presented a revised ordinance for rescheduling Board meetings when the first Thursday of the month falls on a legal holiday, like with next month's meeting date falling on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The current Ordinance 2.02(a) dictates that the meeting is rescheduled for the following night. The proposed new ordinance would reschedule the meeting for the following Thursday. Motion by Case was seconded by Hagmann to approve the revised ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about concerns with the lawn maintenance at several abandoned properties and some hazardous trees on them. 306 Edward St., 403 Galena and 427 Galena have already been mowed once. 427 Galena has very large trees in front along the road that are dead and need to be removed because they are a hazard. The houses are still under the responsibility of the property owners; however, they are usually hard to contact and get a response from. 427 Galena in particular is hard to mow properly because of all the branches and other items in the lawn. There was some interest in hiring someone to mow and clean up the lawns. The Village might not get reimbursed for the work it does or pays for, depending on the foreclosure proceedings and if the special assessments put on the tax roll ever gets paid. The Board requested that the properties get mowed more often and notices get sent to the owners. A motion was made by Baertschi and seconded by Hagmann for the Clerk to send notices to the property owners as soon as possible, and see if a contact Beal has would be able to remove the trees for the firewood he would get from them.

Residents have expressed concern about all of Edwards Street not being repaved. Two residents from the north block of Edwards Street were at the meeting and expressed their concern about how bad the road is along their block, with the deep ruts and steep grade. Public Works Director Jeramie Mielke explained that within five years the north and south blocks will look like the middle block. Work on the middle block was urgent because it had collapsed sewers and bad water mains. After that was done the project ran out of time in the construction season, and then the money was needed for other projects that came up. Since they did discover that the north and south blocks need the mains replaced, they put it in the 5-year plan and will get to it as soon as funds allow.

Public Works Director Jeramie Mielke explained the Village's rating on the Electronic Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (E-CAMR). The rating went up to an 'A' and 'A+' rating in all the categories. Klusmeyer made a motion to approve the Report. Case seconded the motion and the resolution passed unanimously.

Mielke reported that the Village will be able to replace the water meters gradually, or in phases, because the billing software will accommodate the two different types of readings in the same billing cycle. This will save the Village money because the Public Works employees will be able to install them, rather than hiring a firm to change them all out at once.

Brad Reents of MSA presented the bid specifications for the Water Tower Repaint Project, with photographs that document some of the exterior problems on our tower and how those were resolved on other towers. One of the safety measures that will need to be updated to meet OSHA code is a safety railing on top of the tower. There was some discussion about whether to have a foot image painted on the tower, but that would be a possible add-on after a contractor is hired. A motion was made by Baertschi and seconded by Case to put the Water Tower Project out for bid. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: 'Ayes' for Baertschi, Beal, Case, Hagmann, and Klusmeyer. President Selck went on the record as an 'Aye' also. Harnack was not present.

The 2013 Water and Sewer budget had to be approved by the Board per a quarterly report requirement of Rural Development. A motion by Case to approve the budget was seconded by Baertschi. All approved. Motion carried.

Village Trustee Bill Case requested that the sidewalk committee do an annual sidewalk inspection. The committee members were advised to observe the conditions when they are about the Village. Mielke said that the person who paints the curbs will be here soon to consult on the work to be done, mainly for the parking regulation change in front of the Post Office. Village Trustee Nate Beal shared photos from the Park last weekend. The grass clippings were piled up in certain places, and it looked unsightly for people having graduation parties there. It was explained how this spring was unusual with so many rainy days, so the grass grew fast but the Public Works Employees could not get enough dry time to mow. In past years extra help was hired for some of the mowing. Now that the well house project is finished and the rains have slowed up, employees Joe North and Jeramie Mielke think they can stay on top of the mowing better. They also informed about the large amount of vandalism in the Park. That is why they leave the bathrooms locked unless there is an event they know about. Beyond the bathroom vandalism, trash barrels have been stolen and dugouts, picnic tables, and playground equipment has been vandalized. The Board asked that the Clerk request more park surveillance from Rock County Sheriff deputies. Also, she will keep North and Mielke better informed about Park reservations so they can have the bathrooms available.

A motion was made by Klusmeyer to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin ss 19.85(1)(c) regarding the Clerk's 90-day review and scheduling. At 9:12 p.m. the meeting reconvened into open session.

A reminder was mentioned of the Tub Run coming through the Village Saturday, June 15.

A motion was made by Beal to adjourn the meeting. Second by Hagmann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Julie Gerke, Village Clerk