

Village of Footville

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Footville was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Gary Selck. Board Members present were: Nate Beal, Ron Klusmeyer, Randy Baertschi, Ron Childs and Chuck Hagmann. Rich Woodstock was absent. Also present: Clerk- Jennifer Becker, Public Works- Joe North and Devin Clark, Treasurer – Wanda Curry; Residents-, Dennis Curry, Robert Bowen, Jim & Rose Baertschi, Nancy Kloften, Carol Olson, Karrie Laws, Dick Laws, Steve Haberman and Diane Bliss.

MINUTES Approve minutes of the December 3, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion-Hagmann; second-Childs; carried unanimously.

VOUCHERS Approve vouchers as presented: Motion-Beal; second-Baertschi; carried unanimously.

REPORTS Approve Treasurer's, Water, and Sheriff's Reports. Motion-Beal; second-Childs; carried unanimously.

OPERATOR LICENSES Approve two operators' license applications: one for Mae Cowan at Toe Town Tap and one for Stacy Johnson at B'NERS. Motion by Beal to approve operators' license applications; second by Childs. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD Robert Bowen asked for an additional 60 days to get his Box truck and van running, as previous offer to take the van fell through. Motion by Klusmeyer to grant until January 31, 2016 to get both vehicles running and moved; second by Childs. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Haberman noted that back in October and November there was a greater police presence and that recently it has diminished again. He would like to see that presence stepped up and emphasis should be placed on rolling stops and speeding. On two occasions he has been passed in town and that should not be happening.

2016 CAUCUS DATE Reminder that the 2016 Caucus will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

SNOW REMOVAL BILLING Clerk Becker received a request from Greg Hoeft to have the billing he received for the sidewalk at 316 S Gilbert vacated as he felt it was done after it snowed on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Discussion broke out and it was confirmed by Childs that the sidewalk was not cleared to the width of such and that the public works department did finish clearing the sidewalk on Tuesday, November 24. Discussion continued as other residents were present and questioned the ordinance and time allowed to clear walks. The board noted last month the wording of "by 10 a.m. or within 3 hours of snowfall end" was not enough and that an ordinance revision was on the agenda for tonight; however these billings occurred 3 days after snow stopped and complaints were received at the Village Office as public safety is a priority. Motion by Beal to leave all sidewalk billings that were sent on November 30, 2015; second by Baertschi. Motion carried unanimously.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL ORDINANCE Per the minutes from the December meeting, the board requested the Snow and Ice removal ordinance be revised to allow more time for residents to remove snow that has accumulated on sidewalks after snow ceases to fall. The clerk looked into other ordinances in the area and revised the ordinance to allow 24 hours after snow ceases to fall. Also added to the ordinance was the request not to blow or shovel snow into the street as to pose a safety hazard. This has been stated on newsletters but will now be written in so there is no question should it happen and have to be removed by the public works department. It was stated that the 200 Block of Depot street (downtown area) is exempt from this section of the ordinance. Motion by Chuck to approve ordinance #2016-101 for Snow and Ice removal with the changes noted for 200 Block of Depot Street in Section 2; second by Childs. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT WRITING CLASS There is an upcoming grant writing class at Blackhawk Technical College and the treasurer and clerk would like to attend. Motion by Beal to approve grant writing class for the clerk and treasurer; second by Hagmann. Motion carried unanimously.

280 N GILBERT CONDITIONS & RESOLUTION OF SALE The agreement between the Village and the Fire District had been tabled in December due to a question on the sewer service at the building. That has been addressed and there are no other issues at this time. Motion by Beal to approve agreement between the Village and the Fire District for the property at 280 N. Gilbert St.; second by Childs. Motion carried unanimously.

With agreement in place; the clerk presented Resolution # 2016-01 – Resolution for sale of property at 280 N. Gilbert St. Motion by Beal to approve resolution # 2016-01; second by Hagmann. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS: Nate: nothing. Randy: Sidewalk at 201 Depot was only partially completed, do we know why? Clerk stated we gave an extension and that the next deadline for the remainder of the Centre Street side and the Depot Street side is May 1, 2016; should all work not be completed by that date it will be done and billed out. Ron Klusmeyer: nothing. Chuck: nothing. Ron Childs: is Devin scheduled for his sewer operator class? Yes he is slated to go in February.

ADJOURNMENT At 8:00 p.m., motion to adjourn by Beal, second by Klusmeyer; motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Becker
Village Clerk

UNAPPROVED