**VILLAGE OF STANFORD**

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**STANFORD, IL 61774**

*PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

*THURSDAY, April 19th, 2012*

*REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Acting President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Stanford, held at the Village Hall at 7:00pm.

# ROLL CALL:

Present: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Jim Bridgewater, Megan Phillips, Homer Smith, and Nydra Owen

Absent: 1 Jeremiah Pitcher

Also Present: Attorney Pat McGrath.

# APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The board discussed the financial report and requested the Treasurer to amend as follows:

* To add a line item named “Olympia Estates Subdivision” to the general fund

with separate sub-sections named mortgage pay off/sale of land, interest, principal, utilities and legal.

Acting President John Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Phillips, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Phillips, N. Owen and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1- Trustee Pitcher

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

# PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Mary Cherry made a request on behalf of the Stanford Good Old Days Committee for a grant for the annual fireworks. This mater was tabled until after the 7:15 pm public hearing for electric aggregation.

# PUBLIC HEARING ON THE OPERATION OF PLAN OF GOVERNANCE ON OPT-OUT OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PLAN @ 7:15PM:

Members of the public present: Mary Cherry, Pat Heck, Ida Jane Clark and Brenda Lazoen.

Attorney Pat McGrath spoke to the Public about the approve referendum that was passed in March 2012 for the Village to submit for bid for an alternate retail electric supplier. Attorney Pat McGrath explained that the current electric supplier for the Village is Ameren Illinois purchases its electricity from the State of Illinois and there is a potential for savings by bid from another company who does not have to buy from the State of Illinois. At the beginning of May, 50 communities that passed this referendum will meet to select the alternate retail electric supplier. Attorney Pat McGrath spoke to the public on how they may opt-out of this plan if they choose. The alternative supplier will send a letter to all residents with details on how they may opt out. Ameren will also give the residence the opportunity to opt out a second time. By July the electric supplier will possibly be changed over. If a residence has an electric heat plan with Ameren, this program may not be beneficial to them because Ameren has a special plan for that type of customer. The bid that the Village chooses will possibly be in effect for one to three years. Ameren’s rates could change according to the bid. Any new residents are with Ameren unless they OPT-IN to the aggregation program. There is also the potential for an early termination fee but the most this fee could be would be $25.00 but it is still unknown at this time about this fee. Each individual residence has to opt-out on their own once the bid is accepted if they wish. The only way this could not go through is if the Village representatives would not sign the bid agreement.

# PUBLIC HEARING ON THE OPERATION OF PLAN OF GOVERNANCE ON OPT-OUT OF THE MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PLAN @ 7:30PM:

There were no new members of the public present at this hearing and Attorney McGrath continued.

Attorney Pat McGrath will give the Village letterhead to the bid supplier to use for contacting the public on the plan to opt-out.

# RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:49 PM:

The Board resumed their regular scheduled meeting.

# NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed and reached a decision on the matter of a grant for the Stanford Good Old Days Committee.

Trustee Nydra Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Bridgewater, to approve a grant in the amount of $1,800.00 to the Stanford Good Old Days Committee to be used for the 2012 fireworks.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

# V: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## Streets:

Trustee Smith reported the following to the Board:

* + Street Superintendent Mike Boitnott has ordered the supplies approved from the March meeting. Boitnott is still looking into the purchase of a cabinet. The cabinet has been priced anywhere between $500.00 - $900.00. This matter will be tabled until the May meeting.
  + The policy and procedures are still being worked on.
  + The notice for removal of landscape waste by the Village will be tabled until after speaking further with Street Superintendent Boitnott.
  + Trustee Smith moved to approve, seconded by Acting President John Owen, Resolution 03-12: A Resolution of the Village of Stanford authorizing the Motor Fuel Tax Program for 2012.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

## Drainage:

Trustee Pitcher was absent. No report at this time.

## Water:

Trustee Nydra Owen reported the following to the Board:

* + A quote for contracted maintenance for the Tonka system was received by Jeff Emerson with TONKA. A three trip contract would be $10,353.00. Trustee Owen requested a maintenance checklist we could use as guidance on our own but has not received it yet.
  + Paul Harbaugh was called about possibly jetting out the red water pit. Harbaugh has not called back at this time. This matter will be further discussed at a Special Board Meeting.
  + Quotes were received on the cleaning of the water tower. They range in price from $4,300.00 - $11,500.00. This matter will be further discussed at the May meeting.
  + Clerk Streenz spoke to the Board about a letter received from the State’s epay system with information about Global payments issues. The issues seemed to be resolved.
  + Trustee Nydra Owen advised Treasurer Lazoen to pay the bill for the purchase of fuses for the Water plant then to submit the bill to Ameren, including Boitnott’s labor (Overtime for Sunday) for a power surge.
  + Trustee Nydra Owen advised Treasurer Lazoen to pay the Boiler/Machinery Insurance for RW Troxell.

## Health/Beautification/Welfare:

Trustee Phillips reported the following to the Board:

* + The recycling program is still on hold because she has been unable to reach Casali disposal.
  + The storm siren has been repaired. The total to repair the radio box is $1,750.00 and needs to be turned into insurance as this is not under warranty. The cause was probably from a power surge/lightning. The new locks will not fit the new box so Trustee Phillips used a personal pad lock. The new box needs to be re-keyed. The Board requested the Clerk to send a letter to Storm Siren, Inc requesting a complete copy of the warranty information for the siren.
  + The coax line to the repeater does not look like it was large enough at the time of instillation. Jeff Wilcox was the one who installed the repeater. Wilcox will need to be contacted. This matter will be tabled until the May meeting.
  + EMA Director Kyle Batterton and Assistant Director Mike Cook were requested to be at tonight’s meeting and neither one showed.
  + The purchase of flowers for the town for 2011 was a total of $445.77. Trustee Phillips does not believe it will be as much for 2012 since we do not have to purchase new pots. Street Superintendent Boitnott stated he has spoke with the Laborer’s and their upcoming landscaping class will weed/mulch and plant the flower beds for the Village if the Village will purchase the supplies.
  + Trustee Phillips stated she and her husband will maintain the Flag Program for this year.
  + Trustee Phillips moved, seconded by Trustee Nydra Owen, to approve the purchase of flowers, mulch and landscape cloth, not to exceed $500.00.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

## Community Development:

Trustee Bridgewater reported the following to the board:

* Acting President John Owen, Attorney Mark McGrath, HomeW ay Homes representative Ted Scheiler and Trustee Bridgewater met to speak about a possible raffle of a new HomeWay Home on a lot provided by the Village. Attorney McGrath will be meeting with Morton Community Bank. Mr. Scheiler will meet with St. Jude to discuss how to implement a raffle program.

## Police:

Acting President John Owen reported the following to the board:

* Acting President John Owen spoke about a complaint to the McLean County Health Department concerning the large tires at 411 W. Pleasant. Acting President John Owen has contacted Don Owen for a quote on the removal of the tires and spoke with the home owner. The home owner stated they would comply and have the tires removed on their own.
* There has been no further contact with the owner of 103 S. Kathleen about the accumulated junk behind the building.
* Danvers Village Board Trustee Tom Caisley was present to discuss the Police Contract. Caisley stated it has been overlooked by both Municipalities that the payment for 2011 was to increase from $3,500.00/month to $3,850.00/month for services. The Village of Stanford has only been sending $3,500.00 for the 2011 contracted services. Danvers would like to increase the monthly service fee to $4,235.00 and would not expect repayment of the overlooked amount from 2011 totaling $4,200.00. This matter will be placed on the Special Meeting agenda.
* Acting President John Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Bridgewater to approve the proposed 2012-2013 Allin Township contract for Police services.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

* The Discussion of Ordinances Violation will be tabled until the May meeting.

## Legal:

Attorney Pat McGrath reported the following:

* 310 N. Kathleen – Attorney McGrath ‘s office has been in touch with the mortgage holder for this property and they are not willing to release of the mortgage. Proceeding with a Dangerous and Unsafe Building action for this property was discussed.
* 212 W. Main - Acting President John Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Bridgewater, to authorize Attorney McGrath’s office to proceed with a Dangerous and Unsafe Building Notice to John Williams the owner of 212 W. Main.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

# VI: NEW BUSINESS:

* Trustee Phillips moved, seconded by Acting President John Owen, to authorize the Village to execute the required Ameren aggregation registration form and non-disclosure agreement.

On roll call the vote was:  
AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

* Acting President John Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Phillips, to approve Resolution 04-12: A Resolution approving the Village of Stanford Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

* Acting President John Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Phillips, to approve Resolution 05-12: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers who do not opt out of such a Program.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

* Acting President John Owen discussed Village finances and the various demands on the same and future challenges. Acting President Owen also discussed the possibilities of construction of a new Village Hall.

Acting President John Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Bridgewater, to apply for a contractor’s account with Menard’s and to authorize Acting President Owen and the Village Clerk to execute the application.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

* Acting President John Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Phillips, to accept the resignation of Clerk Kara Streenz, with regret, effective May 3, 2012 because of her new full time position.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

* Acting President John Owen moved to approve, seconded by Trustee Phillips, to hire Kara Streenz on a temporary part time basis at her current hourly rate to assist the Village as needed after May 3, 2012.

On roll call the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Acting President John Owen, Trustees Bridgewater, Nydra Owen, Phillips and Smith.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Pitcher.

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

* The matter of the Heartland Workshop will be put on the Special Board Meeting agenda.
* A Special Board meeting was set for Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 6 pm.

# VII: MOTION TO CONTINUE MEETING:

There being no further business to discuss, Acting President John Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Bridgewater to adjourn at 10:24pm. Motion carried.

5 – AYES

0 – NAYS

1 - ABSENT

Prepared by:

Kara M. Streenz

And

Megan Phillips

Village Clerk/Collector