**VILLAGE OF STANFORD**

**100 W. BOUNDARY**

**STANFORD, IL 61774**

*PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

*Thursday May 16th, 2013*

*REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

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

# ROLL CALL:

Present: 6 –President John Owen, Trustees Jeremiah Pitcher, Jim Bridgewater, Loren Lamar, Homer Smith and Nydra Owen.

Absent: 0

Also present: Chief Ed Petrey, Treasurer Scott Eidenmiller, Attorney Mark McGrath, Ida Jane Clark, Niccole Mahrt, John Reed, and Terrance Whitecotton.

# APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee n. Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Pitcher to approve the consent agenda as amended and remove zoning board meeting minutes from the consent agenda.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees Pitcher, Bridgewater, Lamar, Smith and N. Owen.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes the motion carried.

# III: TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Eidenmiller reported the following to the Board of Trustees:

* Treasurer Eidenmiller has been in contact with Morton Community Bank and has found out that they do not offer lease to purchase. There was some confusion about the services the bank offered. Treasurer Eidenmiller suggests leasing from Ford Motor Company or First Capital Equipment Leasing Corp. Treasurer Eidenmiller is looking for State bids. Treasurer Eidenmiller will structure the proposed so that the lease levy will replace the current lease levy.

# PUBLIC CONCERNS:

* No public concerns at this time.

# PRESENTATIONS:

* John Reed at Leman’s Chevy City has presented the Board of Trustees quotes for the Village maintenance truck with work bed.
* Attorney Mark McGrath introduced Niccole Mahrt, a law student working as an intern for McGrath’s office over the summer while she prepares for her bar exam. Miss. Mahrt will be performing grant research for the Village. Attorney McGrath gave her a tour of the Village and introduced her to President Owen and the Board of Trustees.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**STREETS:**

Trustee Smith reported the following to the Board:

* Trustee Smith reported that Mike Boitnott had no new requests for equipment.
* Trustee Smith reported that Mike Boitnott is still working to complete the policies and procedures.
* Trustee Smith is looking into the problem sidewalks in the Village.
* Trustee Smith has checked on the bus stop shelters. Trustee Smith is worried about the locations for the shelters and the liability these shelters would bring. Trustee Smith recommended to the Board this issue is no longer pursued. The Board of Trustees agreed with Trustee Smith.
* Trustee Smith has concern with the parking on North Kathleen Street. Trustee Smith has received complaints of traffic congestion due to vehicles being parked on both sides of the street. Trustee Smith and the Board of Trustees believe there once was no parking signs on the east side of Kathleen Street. Trustee Smith will do some further investigating.
* Trustee Smith and the Board of Trustees discussed hiring a part-time worker to help Mike Boitnott with mowing and assist Mike with other jobs when needed.

Trustee N. Owen moved, seconded by Trustee Lamar to hire Mark Deterding for mowing and safety assistance at $12.00 an hour, on an as needed basis.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees Bridgewater, N. Owen, Pitcher, Smith, and Lamar.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**DRAINAGE:**

Trustee Pitcher reported the following to the Board:

* Trustee Pitcher has no new information at this time on the DECO grant.
* Trustee Pitcher has been in contact with Mike Boitnott about the property located at 423 W Boundary. Trustee Pitcher and Mike Boitnott have checked on the drainage tiles and believe the tiles are working properly. Trustee Pitcher believes the problem only occurs when there is heavy, steady rain fall. Mr. Roberts was advised when he purchased the property of the potential of standing water and to raise his building when he constructed it. Which he did not do.
* Trustee Pitcher has been made aware of a problem with the South Kathleen catch basin. The catch basin was constructed higher than needed, and the water is back filling into the farmer’s field before draining. The farmer of the field is willing to fix the problem. This issue will be table until the next meeting.

**Water:**

Trustee Nydra Owen reported the following to the Board:

* Trustee N. Owen discussed the water tower clean out with the Board. Trustee N. Owen reported there was 22 inches of silt located in the bottom of the tower, exceeding the amount the Pittsburg Tank and Tower Cleaners quoted of 3 inches. Pittsburg would have had to bucket scoop and lower down the silt from the tower. Trustee N. Owen authorized a vac truck from Bodine Services of Decatur to come and remove the silt from the tower. Pittsburg Tank and Tower will provide the Village with a video of the inside of the tower and a report.
* Trustee n. Owen reported that all water test passed inspection after the tower was drained and cleaned.
* Trustee N. Owen reported that the red water pit was not pumped when Bodine Services was here to pump the tower.
* Trustee N. Owen has not completed any other agenda items at this time.

**Health, Beautification &Welfare**

Trustee Loren Lamar reported the following to the Board:

* Trustee Lamar discussed the Village recycling program. Mid-West Fiber offered Trustee Lamar with some ideas for recycling programs. Most of these ideas would be at cost of the Village. Trustee Lamar felt the only viable idea was following along with some other Villages and require a permit for the garbage collectors, that would require a yearly fee and they provide recycling services. Based on the referendum that was voted down in November the Village will not pursue the recycling program any longer.
* Trustee Lamar discussed EMA issues with the Board of Trustees. The repeater coax line and antenna are not the correct grade, but are functioning. The Board would like to table the repair of the repeater coax and antenna at this time. Trustee Lamar has been in contact with Jeff Wilcox that has previously serviced our EMA radios. Trustee Lamar has asked Mr. Wilcox’s to prepare a quote for a power converter with a battery back- up system for the storm siren radio to be placed in Village Hall.
* Trustee Lamar is waiting for the summer sales for Christmas decorations. Trustee Lamar would like to replace a few of the decorations this year if possible.

Trustee Lamar moved, seconded by Trustee N. Owen to purchase EMA radio equipment for a base radio in Village Hall to set the storm siren off, not to exceed $500.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees Bridgewater, N. Owen, Pitcher, Smith and Lamar.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

Trustee Bridgewater reported the following to the Board:

* Trustee Bridgewater passed out the Olympia Estates brochures to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Bridgewater informed the Board that the Homestead Program needs to be added to the brochures. The Board of Trustees reviewed the brochure and the Homestead Program drafted by Attorney Mark McGrath.

Trustee Bridgewater moved, seconded by Trustee Lamar to accept the Homestead Program drafted by Attorney Mark McGrath, approve the higher commission and lot prices.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees Bridgewater, N. Owen, Pitcher, Smith and Lamar.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**POLICE:**

Police Chief Ed Petrey reported the following to the Board:

* Police Chief Ed Petrey presented the Board with a monthly status reported dated: 04/18/13-05/16/13.
* Chief Petrey discussed with the Board of Trustees the Village McLean purchasing Stanford’s squad car, after the new squad has been purchased. Attorney Mark McGrath informed the Board of Trustees that McLean has asked his office to represent them with the intergovernmental agreement. Attorney McGrath suggested the Stanford Village Board hire another Attorney’s firm to represent the Village.

Trustee Lamar moved seconded by Trustee Pitcher for Attorney Mark McGrath’s to prepare the intergovernmental for the Village of McLean, the Village of Stanford will waive the conflict of interests.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees Smith, Bridgewater, Pitcher, N. Owen and Lamar.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

* The Board of Trustees would like to table the liquor license ordinance until the next regular meeting.

**LEGAL:**

Attorney Mark McGrath reported the following to the Board:

* 310 N. Kathleen; Attorney McGrath made the Board of Trustees aware that the Village could foreclose on the liens against the property. The Board of Trustees has already approved an administrative search warrant for the property. The Board would like to move forward with the search warrant.
* 212 W. Main, President Owen reported that some work has been done to the property.
* 407 W. Boundary: Attorney Pat McGrath researched the property and has found there is still a mortgage in the amount of $14,000 and the Village has liens against the property for mowing. The Board will table this property until the next regular meeting.
* 114 W. Main: Attorney Pat McGrath sent the Village documents on the property. Norman Cochran is still the owner of the property, and the back taxes have been paid.
* 103 S. Kathleen: Clerk Phillips informed the Board of Trustees that the property is currently changing owners, and may be cleaned up soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* President Owen informed the Board that the May 8th meeting with Clerk Phillips and Mike Boitnott to work on census numbers was canceled due to the water tower clean out.
* President Owen has been in contact with Tony Dowiatt, with A.J. Dowiatt Inc. on the bidding process for the new building. President Owen will keep the Board informed on any new information.

Trustee Lamar moved, seconded by Trustee Bridgewater for Clerk Phillips design a ad and The Village pay for an ad for the Good Old Days book, not to exceed $100.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 Trustees Bridgewater, N. Owen, Pitcher, Smith and Lamar.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

Trustee Bridgewater moved, seconded by Trustee Lamar to grant Good Old Day’s $1,500.00 towards the festival.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees Bridgewater, N. Owen, Pitcher, Smith and Lamar.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

* President Owen and the Board of Trustees discussed the mowing fee’s the Village charges if they have to mow private property that has not been kept up. The Village charges currently $150.00 for mowing. The Board of Trustees felt that this does not fully pay for the cost of mowing and the actual cost of mowing is $250.00.

Trustee Pitcher moved, seconded by Trustee Bridgewater to increase the Village mowing fee’s to $250.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5- Trustees Bridgewater, N. Owen, Pitcher, Smith and Lamar.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Pitcher moved, seconded by Trustee Lamar, to adjourn @10:38PM.

All in favor, AYE.

Prepared by:

Megan Phillips, Clerk/Collector