



VILLAGE OF HEWITT BOARD MINUTES – August 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Eilers.

PRESENT: Ken Eilers, Charlie Adamski, Gordy Burr, Mary Burr, Mike Draxler, Kris Hawley and Marlene Stueland.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Members of the Quiet Zone Committee plus other members in support as well as non-supportive of the Quiet Zone initiative.

MINUTES: A motion by Kris second by Mike to approve the July 12, 2016 regular Board meeting minutes carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC: Guests supporting and non-supportive of the Quiet Zone posed comments and questions related to the Quiet Zone initiative.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUES: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Hewitt Area Fire Commission:

- Fire Commission Updates: *The Fire commission met August 1st; the following notations from the meeting were made: Equipment committee is developing an equipment replacement plan; in 2019 the current BA bottles will need to be replaced; the Fire Department is requesting the Village to approve the following effective January 1, 2017:*
 - *EMS Lift Services: A charge of \$193 for assistance per call*
 - *Equipment/vehicle fees will be updated to reflect charges: Engine \$275; tanker \$175 and rescue \$200.*
- *A motion by Kris, second by Charlie to pay the fire department bills carried.*

Sanitary Utility:

- Sanitary Commissioner Report & Monthly Maintenance Report: *The monthly maintenance report was reviewed as submitted by Reigel. It was noted that there were power outages at lift stations during one of the recent storms; lift stations affected were checked and found to be working; the new sampler at the treatment plant has been installed. Gordy presented information on a new device designed to help identify sewer line blockages; the CMOM Plan has been completed for submission. The Sanitary Committee will meet to review the plan in September.*

Recreation Department: *The year-end tournament was well attended; the group will not meet until early 2017; the year-end financial report was presented and reviewed.*

Financial Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: *A motion by Charlie second by Mike to approve the treasurer's report carried.*
- Monthly Bills: *A motion Charlie, second by Gordy to approve the bills in the amount of \$25.742/68 carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Roads: *Pothole patching is almost complete; street sign replacement will be done after Labor Day; Kris is checking on vendors for crack sealing; road sides ditches will be cut by September 15th. Marlene will submit an ad for snowplowing bids/quotes for the 2016-17 & 2017-18 snow seasons which will be placed on the September agenda for action.*
- Grounds & Maintenance Committee: *The bathroom wall at Yellowstone Park has been repaired; banners are all repaired and will be rehung; the floors in the bathrooms at Yellowstone Park will be resurfaced in the near future; the concession stand at Yellowstone Park has been resealed.*
- Web Committee: *Committee did not meet.*
- Parks Committee: *Two instances of vandalism occurred recently at Yellowstone Park; Wood County Sheriff's Department was called and a report submitted; several trees were damaged and damage to parking signs occurred. Anyone having information on suspicious behavior at the Park is asked to call the Wood County Sheriff's Department immediately upon observation. Due to the recent vandalism, the Parks Committee recommended purchasing security cameras for Yellowstone Park. Quotes from two companies were obtained; a motion by Gordy second by Charlie to select Stealth Solutions to install security cameras at Yellowstone Park at an estimate of approximately \$2,800; the funds to come from budgeted park funds; motion carried. Bids for installing concrete pads under the bleachers were opened; two bids were received: Gessert Construction \$5765 and Brost construction \$5865; a motion by Kris, second by Charlie to accept the bid from Gessert Construction carried; Gordy will coordinate the project work. Phase III of the walking path work will begin the end of August-early September. Ken is obtaining estimates for converting the Village Shelter building to include a 3-sided open shelter area on the east end of the building with the balance of the building converted to a training facility for the Fire Department. A motion by Mike, second by Gordy to accept the quote from Doine Excavating in the amount of \$775 for increasing the driveway access off Maple Lane to the Yellowstone Park Overflow area carried. The Parks Committee project prioritization list was reviewed.*

- Trails Committee: *Information on the amount due for the connector trail was not available. Work projects include continuation of boardwalks; work days will be scheduled as weather permits. The trails committee project prioritization list was reviewed.*
- Animal Control Officer Report: *Gordy reported three (3) dog pickups; all dogs were successfully returned to their owners.*
- Emergency Government: *The warning siren is tested on a routine basis and everything works well.*
- County Trunk T Railroad Quiet Zone Committee: *Members of the committee and supporting and non-supporting residents attended the meeting. The committee had completed the application for a quiet zone in the Village which was presented to the board for action. The application submission is the next step in the process for obtaining a quiet zone; a motion by Kris, second by Mike to submit the application carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Mr. Greg Goetz, Spectrum Insurance, provided information on the village's property insurance renewal. Board members reviewed the statement of values; after reviewing the values, there was discussion whether the statement accurately reflected the updated values Ken had submitted. Mr. Goetz will return in September after he has had an opportunity to follow-up on the statement of values for the renewal.*
- *A discussion and review on the roles and responsibilities for committees/members followed.*
- *A motion by Kris, second by Mike to adjourn at 10:35 PM carried.*

Submitted by: *Marlene Stueland, Clerk*