



July 13, 2021

Proceedings, transactions, and resolutions made and order of said record of said Board in the Village of Diamond, IL on the 13th day of July 2021.

The scheduled meeting of the Diamond Village Board was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Teresa “Terry” Kernc presiding. Upon roll call Commissioner’s present were Dean Johnson, Jeff Kasher and Dave Warner. Absent: Commissioner Mark Adair. Face masks for non-vaccinated attendees along with social distancing was required.

Approval of 06-22-2021 Minutes

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the 06/22/2021 minutes with correction and place on file. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approval of July 13, 2021, Bill List

MOTION was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve the July 13, 2021, bill list and place on file. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approval of the June 2021 Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Kasher inquired about the Certificate of Deposit which was matured and cashed out. Kernc stated the rates were very low at maturity time, so the funds were placed into the General Fund. Kasher would like the rates re-checked and would like to see the funds placed into a CD to earn a higher interest rate than they will be in the regular account. Mayor Kernc stated she would have Treasurer Wendy Herbert investigate the current rates. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to approve the June 2021 Treasurer’s Report. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

Resident Evan Kubina was in attendance and inquired about the sink hole near catch basin which is along IL Route 113. Village Engineer Mike Perry stated he would come out and look at the issue. Perry stated IDOT will be repaving the road and possibly this issue could be completed with their project.

New Business

Approve Ordinance #2021-11, Authorizing Execution of a Development Agreement/Midland States Bank

Village Attorney John Gallo presented the agreement as well as the re-zoning of the property from a B-1 to a B-3 district. Gallo stated the agreement as well as the final plat, site plan etc. was discussed at the Public Hearing which took place at the 5:00 p.m. P & Z Meeting preceding this meeting. All recommendations and approvals were given by the P & Z Committee. Engineer Wes Kistler was in attendance and discussed the Midland States Bank development of the building and property. After further discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to Approve Ordinance #2021-11, Authorizing Execution of a Development Agreement. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance #2021-12, Approving Zoning Map Amendment/Midland States Bank

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Ordinance #2021-12, Approving Zoning Map Amendment/Midland States Bank. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance #2021-13, Approve Final Plat of Subdivisions

MOTION was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to Approve Ordinance #2021-13, Approving Final Plat of Subdivision. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Ordinance #2021-14, Approve Site Plan

MOTION was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to approve Ordinance #2021-14, Approving Site Plan. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Marseilles Sheet Metal for Air Control Replacement at Sewer Plant in the amount of \$7,989.00

Mayor Kernc stated this was given consensus and need formal approval. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson to Approve Marseilles Sheet Metal for Air Control Replacement at Sewer Plant in the amount of \$7,989.00. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Premier Asphalt Proposal for Patching in Various Locations

Mayor Kernc stated she discussed this item with Commissioner Kasher. Kernc stated she and Acting Public Works Supervisor Jim Dunning drove throughout town to look at the various areas needing assistance. Kernc stated the village is saving the Motor Fuel Tax for a grant to reconstruct Will Road. Kernc and Kasher agreed, if the grant is not received, then we will pivot and spend several hundred thousand dollars over the next several years for paving streets. In the meantime, we need to spend money to repair those streets in need. While compiling the list, they found catch basins, culverts and tie-ins which were in need of repair. Kasher looked at the list and gave his blessing, although not an advocate of patching, he agreed this is a good way to maintain the roads until the paving can be completed in the next year or so. This is a lot of patching work for a fair cost of \$24,320.00. Kernc stated within the list, they tried to address all those who voiced a complaint on certain roads. A consensus was given to Kernc on July 9, 2021; therefore, a formal approval is required. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kasher, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to Approve Premier Asphalt Proposal for Patching in Various Locations in the amount of \$24,320.00. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Amendment for Village of Braceville Sewage

Mayor Kernc stated Braceville is applying for a grant for sewer infrastructure to connect the Village of Braceville to the Village of Diamond. Kernc stated we provided the first letter and as a result of the first letter, Braceville had additional questions which needed to be addressed, if they were to obtain the grant and connect to Diamond. This letter covers all the information which Braceville required. The surcharge was omitted from the original letter, but it is addressed in the current one. All Braceville residents would be charged the same surcharge as Diamond residents until it expires. If Braceville obtains the grant and connects to Diamond, there will be an intergovernmental agreement. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Warner to Approve the Amendment Letter for the Village of Braceville Sewage. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Approve Resolution #2021-04; Letter of Engagement with Nonprofitwater.org for KRVWPAA and Letter of Engagement

Village Attorney John Gallo stated the Resolution approves the agreement therefore, only the Resolution must be approved. Mayor Kernc stated for years there was for discussion doing a nonprofit

co-op type regional solution to water. This would pull water from the Kankakee River Valley. Godley Water District, specifically John Cosgrove has spearheaded this for over 12 years. We are moving forward by approving this tonight. Godley's meeting is this week, and the goal is to get the other surrounding towns to come on board with the program. Kernc added, there are a few other larger communities that are interested as well. There is a cost savings to everyone if there are more users, and it would be lower the cost. It is a benefit to get in on the ground floor with this project. This is the first step of the process. After further discussion, **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnson, **SECOND** by Commissioner Kasher to Approve Resolution #2021-04; Letter of Engagement with Nonprofitwater.org for KRVWPAA. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Old Business

Grundy and Will County Sheriff's Monthly Update

Mayor Kernc stated Grundy County Sheriff's department has been busy, sadly. Kernc discussed a rollover vehicle which was fleeing from Sheriff's department from a drug deal. The Sheriff's department recovered drugs and guns from the vehicle. No one was injured. Grundy County Sheriff's department did a great job in handling this incident. Kernc stated, we want to be known as a community which is zero tolerant and we will assist the Sheriff's department. Kernc informed the board about Coalers Bar and Grill burglary of the video gaming machines. Kernc said she wishes she had the license plate reader cameras up already. Discussion continued to the placement of all cameras within Diamond once the new ones are installed.

Legal Counsel

No Report

Engineer Updates

No Report

Public Works Department Updates

Acting Public Works Supervisor Jim Dunning stated he received a quote from Wunderlich Doors for the door replacements at the sewer plant which was in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kasher asked if we contacted anyone else for a quote for comparison purposes. Dunning stated he had not since Wunderlich did the doors at the village hall and Kernc added we are very happy with them. Kasher would like an additional quote from Wilmington Overhead Doors for comparison purposes. Kernc stated, based on the quote, she would like to have permission to go with the lowest price based on the same quality door. Warner said, let us get the second quote and move on this item to get the doors installed as quickly as possible. Dunning will reach out to Wilmington Overhead Door. Dunning will be following up regarding the status on the duct work needed. A new fire extinguisher is required at the water plant at a cost of \$587.00. Commissioner Warner stated the guys have made tremendous progress with the issues found at the Water and Sewer plants.

Mayor Kernc informed the board that a drunk driver hit a streetlight near Berta Road who did not have insurance. Kernc stated, since the village no longer installs or maintains the streetlights past Berta Road, we will take the 5th Avenue streetlight down and move it to where the one was knocked down. The cost to move the streetlight from 5th to Berta Road is \$2,400.00. Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated the village placed a claim into insurance for the damaged streetlight. The village will be receiving a check for \$10,400.00. Dunning continued with report that a new lift station pump was installed in the Diamond Estates lift station. This is the non-clog pump which we can use for 60 days to see how it runs then we can make the decision if we want to purchase it. It is a consideration if the pump installed at Diamond Estates does the work which we are told would, we would consider purchasing additional pumps for our other lift stations. Dunning continued, the lift station at McGinty St. shut

down due to an infiltration issue. Mayor Kernc added, the 2 new employees are doing a great job. She is very pleased with their work performance.

Clerk Updates

Village Clerk Lori Holmes stated the village received 3 repair kits for the picnic tables at no cost. The village has cancelled the Service Line Warranties mailings to the residents. Kernc stated there are other companies that offer this service; therefore, we do not want to show any bias supporting one company over the other. Holmes stated after the water meters were read for billing purposes, there were several which needed to be re-checked. One commercial property showed an issue with excessive water use. Acting Public Works Supervisor Jim Dunning went to the premises, re-read the meter, and saw there was an issue within their facility. Dunning spoke with the owner regarding concern of a water leak while at the premises. The owner called the following day to say thank you to alerting them of the issue. They had a plumber come out that evening and did discover they had a leak on their 1-inch water line. Holmes thanked Dunning for contacting the owner at the time of the re-read to alert them of his findings. Holmes concluded by showing a picture of the lights in the pavilion at night which Dunning installed.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Adair

Absent

Commissioner Johnson

No Report

Commissioner Kasher

No Report

Commissioner Warner

No Report

Mayor Kernc

Mayor Kernc presented an expense report for her to attend the IML conference in September. Consensus was given for her to attend, and it will be an agenda item on July 27, 2021, for formal approval. Kernc reminded the Commissioners they need to complete the Open Meetings Act training which can be found on the IML website.

Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. by Commissioner Warner, **SECOND** by Commissioner Johnson. **All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Respectively Submitted:

Lori Holmes, Village Clerk