

Mayor Hahn called the July 28, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Cullom Village Board to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Cullom Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Hahn, Flessner, Metz, Wallrich, Meister, Whitman, Krause and Rock

**Also Present:** Tim Lovell, Al Deany, and Brian Gabor

**Minutes:** Approved by consent agenda. Motion Made by Whitman/Rock. M/C

**Public:** Amy Fecht and Judy Ehlers

Amy Fecht addressed the board as a member of the Tri-Point School Board concerning the bus routes in the village. Whitnam/Rock made the motion to run the same route as in prior years. M/C.

Judy Ehlers took a picture of the board to publish on the Cullom website.

**Maintenance Report:** Lovell reported on the tile repairs at various places around the village. The village traffic signs are almost all in place. He explained the mowing of grass onto Rt. 116 issue with D.O.T. and the home owner. He suggested that an ordinance be written concerning the mowing of grass into the streets and gutters. He has cut and trimmed trees in the village and asked to hire someone to help trim the trees along the highway. The board agreed to hiring extra help.

**Attorney Report:** Attorney Gabor reported on the pending lawsuits. He also discussed that only people with a liquor license may have a gambling license and cautioned the board about variations of interpretation of this issue.

**Treasure Report:** Approved as presented.

**Clerk Report:** Motion to pay all bills for a total of \$17,805.60 was made by Whitman/Rock. All voted in favor and M/C.

**Finance Committee:** Krause/Wallrich made the motion to accept the minutes from the July 8 Finance Committee meeting by consent agenda. Krause explained the results from the investigation of trying to improve percentage rates on village funds invested in The Vermilion Valley Bank. He recommended during the discussion that the board stay with the current investments at this time and see what the market does in the future. All members agreed.

**Ordinance/Enforcement Committee:** There are six vehicles in the village that are in violation of village ordinances, also grass and weed violations.

**Old Business:** Deany presented the board with recommendations and estimates for repairing the sidewalk on the south side of Main St. Estimate for option one is for \$44,679.25 and option two is for \$40,829.25. Hahn will check on the grant money that the village hopes to get and will report at the next meeting.

Lovell talked with Haley Brothers about the drainage issue on North Elm/West Jeffery Streets. The discussion that the board had at the June meeting was given to Haley's who thought that the proposed work would not help the situation of water drainage. Haley's recommended that another culvert be put under the road to accommodate more water.

The ditch on South Elm Street will be cleaned from the alley north by Haley Brothers at village expense and from the alley south at the expense of Richard Hack (Hack Apartments).

**New Business:** Mayor Hahn nominated Richard Mills as the new trustee to replace resigning trustee, Kevin Moore. All voted in favor of Mills taking the position and Gabor swore Mills in as a village trustee.

Materials for the 2014-15 audit is being collected and Hahn will meet with the auditor.

Repair estimates for the roof at the water plant were discussed. The estimates received were Shapland Construction, \$6,280 and All Season Construction, \$3,351. Krause/Meister made the motion to accept the All Season Construction bid. All voted in favor and M/C.

Mayor Hahn reported that the Citizen's for Cullom and the Cullom Fair Board both have insurance for the upcoming fair and homecoming activities. The board decided not to ask for additional sheriff deputy patrol during the event.

A discussion was held on tile upgrading and fee consideration. The issue was sent to the Finance Committee who will meet and give the board a recommendation.

The village does not have an up-to-date emergency management plan. Meister and Krause will be the committee to address this issue.

Krause has started a map for the village indicating zoning. Krause will continue working on the map.

Rock recommended a new ordinance be written to not allow residents to blow mown grass onto village streets. No action was taken at the present time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.