

Mayor Hahn called the April 26, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Cullom Village Board to order at 7 p.m. at the Cullom Village Hall.

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

Absent: Metz

Also Present: Lovell, Deany, and Dick Turner

Minutes: Approved by consent agenda, Motion Made by Krause/Rock. M/C

Public: Dick Turner addressed the board about the water problem on the corner of West Cleveland and Elm St. After further discussion, Rock/Whitman made the motion to notify Richard Hack (owner of property that filled in the ditch and did not do it as approved by the board) will be advised that he must reimburse the village, or properly fix the problem while it is supervised by Lovell. Lovell will also talk with Haley Brothers and Robisky Tree Service about the job. The most appropriate way of taking care of the problem will be addressed before work is done. All voted in favor and M/C.

Engineer Report: Deany explained the proposed MFT street project work for the village for 2016. The work should be completed by the end of August at a proposed estimated cost of \$50,000. Whitman/Mills made the motion to proceed with the street work. All voted in favor and M/C.

Maintenance Report: Lovell reported the following for the month:

- Sand pit work is completed.
- Fire Hydrants have been flushed.
- Attended IRWA Operator Training on 4/20/16
- Replace trash receptacle at post office
- Received a bid of \$37,000 for new street lights for Main Street.
- Finished the yearly alley maintenance projects.
- Removed two trees on village property on Elm and Jeffery Streets
- Inspected the tree in front of the funeral home. At this time he recommends on trimming the tree at an estimated cost of \$200.
- Has been using a Density Locator on loan from the IRWA.
- Contacted Perfect Choice Shingling about the damage to the village sidewalk at 222 West Van Alstyne St. They have agreed to pay for repairs to the sidewalk.
- Presented the board with broken sidewalk locations for repair consideration.
- Suggested planting bushes along the ditch at the corner of Jackson/Oak.
- Asked the board to consider planting trees in the village as requested by residents and to replace trees that have been removed on village property.
- Would like authorization to hire two high school students at a wage of \$10 per hour to help with tasks that cannot be performed by one person. A total of 80 hours is estimated.
- The EPA has granted Lovell his Class "B" license.

In response to the above report, the following discussion was held.

- Krause will look into what can be done with the ditch before any decision is made about planting bushes or other work done.
- Approved hiring of part time help.

Attorney Report: Gabor reported through an email to Hahn

- The current litigation case has been re-set until June 6, 2016 for further sanctions.
- He has received the Medicom Franchise paperwork and is still working through it.
- Reported on building on Main Street options.

Treasure Report: Approved as presented.

Clerk Report: Motion to pay all bills \$28,102.90 was made by Krause/Whitman. All voted in favor and M/C.

Committee Reports: None at this time

Old Business:

- Letters have been returned from three businesses on Main Street supporting donating to the security cameras.
- Business sidewalk deeds are ready for business people to sign. Deany will be instructed to oversee the project and to put the project out for bids.
- The topographical map from Andrews Engineering for Jeffery/Elm project has been delivered to the village.
- The CCR Water mailing is been mailed to all village residents.
- Hahn reported that a survey asking about using credit cards to pay water bills was favorable except for the fact that residents did not want to pay the extra fee to pay by credit card. The idea will be dropped for now.

New Business:

- The owner of the property at the corner of East Cleveland and South Cherry Streets will be contacted and informed that they are responsible to pay for the work to be done to correct the problem with the ditch. Lovell will contact Haley Brothers for an estimate on how much it will take to return the ditch to usefulness.
- A motion to allow the Public Works Supervisor to make emergency purchases up to \$1,000 with approval from the mayor was made by Whitman/Rock. All voted in favor and M/C.
- Whitman/Meister made the motion to accept the 2016-17 meeting schedule as printed. All voted in favor and M/C.

Any Other Business:

It was reported that suspicious people in the front of the Village Market was reported to the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. Upon calling, Livingston County dispatched Ford County to cover the call taking an hour and a half for any response to the village.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Nancy Flessner – Village Clerk