

Hahn called the January 23, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Cullom Village Board to order at 7:00 PM at the Cullom Village Hall. With the absence of the Clerk, there was no opposition to Hahn recording the minutes of the meeting.

Members Present: Hahn, Rock, Mills, Krause, Whitman, J Meister; also present Lovell, Gabor

Absent: Wallrich, Flessner, K Meister

All members took part in the Pledge Allegiance to the flag.

Minutes: Approved by consent agenda. Motion made by Krause/Whitman. M/C

Public:

Jack Wisner, spoke and took questions on running to be elected Livingston County Sheriff. Being a full time sheriff and patrolling the entire county were discussed.

Ron and Diane Shapland, Ron explained he would like the Village and Township Boards to agree in having a legal resolution drawn up that confirms the three person board is in charge of the Cullom Community Building to help Citizen's for Cullom in their pursuit of a grant. It was suggested he have the resolution submitted to Attorney Gabor for review.

Maintenance Report: Lovell reported:

- * Monthly routine water samples taken January 3rd could not get sample from Well #4 due to the extreme cold. EPA notified all samples had frozen in the UPS Truck and would have to be done over. Was able to do sampling again, and able to get sample from Well #4.

- * Considerable time was spent looking for leaks as water usage climbed significantly during the extreme cold weather, addressed later in meeting.

- * Snow Plowing was completed, Christmas lights and decorations were removed.

- * Printer at Water Plant quit and was replaced.

- * Had Robisky's Tree Service untangle and replace flag at Community Building.

- * After discussion with EPA replaced the water intake valve and added a sampling spigot at a residence where lead samples were over the allowed limit. Samples will be taken directly from water coming into the residence and one from the kitchen sink. The results will help the Village identify and/or isolate the issue. Lovell was unsure if the High School had completed their lead testing and would investigate.

- * Rock/Meister made the motion to approve the payment of \$27.50 to IEPA for lead testing. M/C.

Attorney Report: Gabor reported he would contact assessor in regard to tax abatement refund. Goal for 2018 is to wrap up all pending litigations.

Clerk Report: A motion made by Krause/Whitman to pay the bills of \$10,374.43. All voted in favor and M/C.

Treasurer Report: Bank Account transfers were set up for Water Account to reimburse General Account for payroll taxes due to Illinois Department of Revenue. This month, the transfer was made today <1/23/18>. Beginning next month, each transfer will be scheduled online the same day as taxes are withdrawn. Records and information transfer to new computer is still ongoing. Consulting with Russ Leigh for additional information. Meister/Rock made the motion to approve report and M/C.

Old Business:

* Northside Business District Sidewalk Project: Krause, Mills & Lovell met with Piggush Engineering 01/22/18 to discuss submitted plans. Changes are being made to reduce cost of preliminary estimates by adding green space to eliminate railings. The project will also be broken down to Phase I and Phase II. Tentatively, there will be a Special Meeting Tuesday January 30, 2018 to approve changes to be able to go out to bid in February 2018.

* Drain Maintenance: due to extreme weather, tabled to a later date.

* 2015 Tax Abatement Agreement: <see above> Gabor will investigate.

New Business: * Water – Usage/Leaks/Billing: Lovell reported he had investigated and found 11 leaks around the community which were contributing to the high water usage the past couple of months, especially during the cold weather. Four were due to home owner neglect, others were accidental. Letters will be written to those homeowners informing that water has been or will be disconnected and service will not be restored until after Lovell has inspected and approved repairs. Lovell also showed a report from 1999 that the Village had paid M.E. Simpson Company \$2,100 which, *“recommends that an aggressive plan be put in place to meter residences. Without meters there is no way to determine the exact consumption of the community.”* Also, with this recommendation *“the Village would be able to reduce its pumping and its water production costs.”* After a lengthy discussion, Lovell was instructed to begin an investigation as to cost, etc. of water meters. It will be discussed at a later date about changing the date due for 2019 garbage/water billing from January to May.

* 2018 Objectives: Lovell submitted his annual goals, others contributed: continued drain maintenance, water tower maintenance from 2017 recommendations, zoning map, zoning/building ordinance guidelines update. The list will be created and will also be posted on the ‘white board’ at the Village Office.

* Mayor Kross Memorial: Hahn had flowers delivered for the funeral service from the Board. Trustees contributed personally to give a donation to the Cullom Fire & EMS in Marge’s name.

* SHOWBUS: the decision to contribute was tabled until next month to investigate more if this is a service members of the community are using.

Any Other Business: Hahn had given permission to the TPHS to hold their 5K and Fun Run on April 28, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Submitted by Barbara Hahn, Village President