

Mayor Hahn called the July 24, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Cullom Village Board to order at 7 p.m. at the Cullom Village Hall.

Members Present: Hahn, Flessner, Mills, Rock, J. Meister, K. Meister, and Wallrich

Absent: Whitman and Krause

Also Present: Attorney Gabor

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: All present took part in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes: Motion to accept, by consent agenda, the June 26, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the July 19, 2018 Special Board Meeting minutes was made by Mills/Meister. M/C

Public: Jim Pozzi, representing Republic Services, addressed the board concerning the recycling program in the village. He reported that Republic has limited options to handle recyclable items since China has decided to drastically reduce their importation of recyclable materials from anywhere in the world. He is requesting an increase in fees from residents/villages that recycle to help defray the cost of disposing of recycled items. The increase asked for is \$.47 per household per month. This would be an increase of \$129.25 per month or \$1551 per year. He explained the need to educate residents who do recycle that there needs to be better knowledge on what is recyclable, what is not recyclable, and the difference between garbage and recycle. The following options will be taken into consideration at the next regular board meeting.

- The board is not required to pay the increase for the duration of the five year contract that is in place with Republic Servie, but Mr. Possi informed the board that he will be at future meetings asking for an increase as company policy dictates. These increases and the increase at the end of our contract year may not stay the same as offered at present
- The board could vote to pay the increase and then reevaluate the recycle program at a time when more information is available
- The recycling program could be stopped in the village at no cost and all materials will be deposited in the landfill. When asked about additional containers for residents who would need more garbage space, Mr. Possi informed the board that the present contract would apply that residents may call Republic Services directly, request receptacles, and be billed directly from Republic at the rate of \$9.75 quarterly per receptacle

Maintenance Report:

- Grass has been sown and is up on seven locations in the sidewalk project
- Mosquito spraying is scheduled for July 25 and August 1
- Village streets have been chipped for the first time and those that need a second chipping will take place if needed
- Grosso Trucking is scheduled to spray patch by have no specific date

- Haley's have completed three of the ditches that were scheduled and should finish with all work by the end of the week
- The fire hydrant and broken valve have been replaced on Main Street
- Benches have been installed at the village park
- One load of mulch has been put in the playground area of the village park. Board members gave the go ahead if more mulch is needed
- Ameren has been notified to turn on electricity for the Celebration
- Cullom Celebration/Fair signs have been placed on each end of town

Attorney Report: Gabor reported on-going litigations and presented the Appropriations Ordinance

Clerk Report: Rock/Wallrich made the motion to approve the bills totaling \$16,593.32. All voted in favor and M/C

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Wallrich/Meister to accept the Monthly report

Old Business:

- North Side Business Sidewalk Project – railings have been installed and the project is 98% finished
- Drain Maintenance – Lovell is talking with Haley's
- 2018 Street Work – Waiting on Grosso Trucking
- Livingston County Fines – Still investigating
- Cullom Community Building Property Agreement – Waiting for Township Attorney to respond
- Ordinance Violations – After discussing the policies of other local towns, the board made the recommendation to hold a meeting with the Chatsworth mayor/board to see if collaboration between the two villages would be beneficial to both villages. Hahn will contact Chatsworth and set up a meeting date for the Ordinance Committee to meet with them
- Motion to accept the Appropriations Ordinance was made by Wallrich/Mills. Roll call was taken and all present voted in favor. M/C

New Business:

- Mosquito Spraying is scheduled for July 25 and August 1. Any further spraying was not ordered unless a need arises

Any Other Business

- The CAB Committee's Play Day at the Park has been cancelled and a future date will be announced

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Nancy Flessner, Village Clerk