

Village of St Anne

President's Report

April 11, 2011

1. **Eastern Illinois Street project.** - Neil has offered up a few different scenarios on how to complete this project. As I have stated earlier this month to all of you, I would prefer to spend a little more money to get this road fixed right the first time, than to have to go back in 3 or 4 years to replace or repair the road again. I've spoke with Bill and Terry on this issue and they both feel the same way. We'll have this issue go to committee this month so that we have a recommendation next month that we can vote on.
2. **Bar open after hour's complaint** – This past month, Kelly prepared and sent the Station Street Pub an official notice of ordinance violation. I copied the letter to each of you this past month. Hopefully, this will address the issues that we have had with this business.
3. **4th of July Celebration** – We're going to need a motion to approve the \$2500.00 to be spent on the Fireworks for our July 2nd celebration. My wife, Carol and I attended one of this groups meetings this past month. I have to say, they are going strong on the plans for this celebration and fundraiser. They currently are seeking donations for a variety of items that they will need for the event. If anyone is interested in helping donate or work with this group, please contact Julie Schoon or Donna Simmons.
4. **Pumpkin festival Committee** – We have received a letter of interest for the Director position. Terry and Emily Sifrit have sent me a letter stating their interest in taking over this position. I am attempting to put together a meeting to discuss their interest as per our instruction of the Director search letter that we have posted. I'll keep you posted on this issue.
5. **Beautification Committee** – The Beautification Committee has had two meeting in the last month that I have attended. They are moving forward with a couple projects of the Village Plan. They are currently pulling together the information and pricing for the planting of 6 trees in the downtown area. Once they have all their information for this step of the plan, I will have them meet with our Planning Committee to discuss their findings for this project. They then will present their plan to the Board at our May Meeting.
6. **Consolidated Chamber of Commerce** – As most of you know, the Bradley Bourbonnais Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce have decided to unify and form one united chamber. The name of the new chamber is the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce. The new chamber to gage our interest in joining the new Chamber has contacted me. They would like to have our village as a member in this new chamber. One of the goals of the new chamber is to include more of the smaller towns and villages in the county. I

know that a couple of other smaller village chambers in our county are looking into possibly merging with the new chamber. Joining this new chamber might be something that we want to consider as we continue to market our Village as a viable option for businesses owners and families. This could be something that we assign to the new Business Economic Committee. I would like to see one or two of their members maybe represent our community. Please let me know what your thoughts are on this matter.

7. **New and old Board Members** – As a result of this past election we will be losing two board members and gaining two new members. To the Trustees that we are losing, Jeremiah Romein and Mark Meier, I want to personally thank you for your time and dedication to the Village of St. Anne. One of the things I respect the most in both of you is your undying love of the Village and the people who make up our town. You have helped to make the Village of St Anne a better place. To our two new Trustees’ Dustin Duncan, and Ron Grubbs, I want to welcome you to the Board. I respect anyone who wants to serve his or her communities and commend you in stepping up and taking on this challenge. There is a certain sense of honor and humility that comes from serving others. I’m sure both of you will fit in nicely with our current board and will be willing to help the Village and us in planning for the future.