

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. ANNE
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Village Hall, April 12, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

President O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Clerk Blum called the roll, and the following trustees answered present: Sirois, Jennings, Blanchette, Lee, Meier and Romein. Attorney Tebo and Trustee Meier arrived later, as indicated below. Treasurer Leveque, Deputy Clerk Sifrit, Chief Abrassart, Police Chaplain Ron Murphy and local residents Les Fox, Michael Holtzman, Andy Pristach and Joe Cote were also in attendance. Area business people Cindy and Aaron DeGroot; Richard, Debby, Dave and Richard, Jr. Michniak and Tony Perry were also present. Clerk Blum reported the roll, and the President declared a quorum to exist for the transaction of the public business.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

QUORUM

When recognized, the senior Mr. Michniak showed the assembly a full sized model of his wind turbine. He said that he was already producing the turbine but was looking for a larger facility in a community where he was welcome. He then explained how his energy systems worked. He said that he currently employed six people but expected to eventually hire up to twenty. Trustee Lee asked how tall the wind generator would be when installed. He was told that they would be ten to twenty feet above the ground. [A brochure follows these minutes]. Mr. Michniak added that his machines do not have any new technology. Trustee Meier and Attorney Tebo arrived at this point]. Trustee Sirois asked how much space they were looking for. Mr. Perry said that he had some information on a building. He said they would need space for manufacturing, offices and a show room. He said that St. Anne would be seriously considered if space could be found.

WIND ENERGY
PRESENTATION

When recognized the DeGroots explained that they were purchasing the house at 140 S. Dixie Highway which is the property south of the Village Car Wash. They asked what was necessary to allow the garage of the house to be converted into a laundromat. Trustee Sirois said that they would need to get a special use permit. He said that he could provide them with the application information.

SPECIAL USE
REQUEST

When recognized, Mr. Fox said that the water main in front of his Eastern Illinois St. house was leaking again. Trustee Sirois said that there was something wrong in the construction of that line. He said that normal patching claps had not worked. He said that the best clamps recommended by the manufacturer were used in previous attempts to stop the leak. He said that the village would keep trying until the problem was fixed. Several expressed their views that the problem may be an old field tile. Trustee Meier said that the water could be tested for chlorine.

EASTERN ILL.
ST. WATER LEAK

President O'Connell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last regular meeting. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve those minutes. It was moved by Trustee Jennings and seconded by Trustee Blanchette that the minutes of the last regular meeting be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and the President declared the motion carried. President

MINUTES
APPROVED

O'Connell then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 8, 2010 special hearing. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve those minutes. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Meier that the minutes of the above hearing be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and the President declared the motion carried.

The President then asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the Treasurer's report. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the report. It was moved by Trustee Blanchette and seconded by Trustee Romein that the Treasurer's report be approved. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and the President declared the motion carried. Treasurer Leveque reported that more had been spent than received in the general fund last month, but the water fund was the other way around. She said that another \$5,000. had been sent to the water tower contractors.

Clerk Blum reported that the St. Anne Chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America was disbanding and had sent a \$200. donation for the Civic Center, a \$50. donation to the Police Department and a \$50. donation to the Fire Protection District. He also read a letter from the former owner of the Station Street Pub thanking the village board for its guidance and assistance during his six years as a St. Anne business owner. He then asked that May 14 and 15 be set as the dates for the annual spring community garage sales and that no garage sale permits be issued for those dates except through the organized project. He also asked that May 17 be set as the date for the annual spring clean-up. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the above requests be approved. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The Clerk then explained that Terri Lindstrom and Deputy Clerk Sifrit would again be managing the garage sale project. Clerk Blum then announced that there would be special hearings at 6:45 p.m. and at 6:55 p.m. before the regular May 12 board meeting.

President O'Connell then went over his written report [A copy of that report follows these minutes]. The President and Trustee Sirois both * presented the idea of paying \$5,000. per month to pay off the two existing \$25,000. loans at the National Bank of St. Anne. Trustee Sirois expressed his view that the public should be made aware of how much interest the village had to pay because of the state's not paying its financial obligations.

Attorney Tebo then said that she had prepared a resolution to appoint Deputy Clerk Sifrit as the Deputy Freedom of Information Act Officer for the Village of St. Anne. This was needed in case Clerk Blum was away when a request was made under the above act. It was moved by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the above resolution be adopted. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S
REPORT
APPROVED

CLERK'S
REPORT:

DONATIONS

ANNUAL GARAGE
SALES APPROVED

CLEAN-UP DAY

HEARINGS
ANNOUNCED

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

ATTORNEY'S
REPORT:

DEPUTY FOIA
OFFICER
APPOINTED

Trustee Lee then read the monthly Police Department report as follows: 5 traffic citation(s), 10 written warning(s), 0 misdemeanor traffic arrest(s), 0 DUI(s), 1 accident report(s), 0 vehicle(s) towed, 21 general case report(s), 6 miscellaneous report(s), 2 felony arrest(s), 1 misdemeanor arrest(s), 0 arrest(s) on warrant, 1 juvenile detention report(s) and 1 agency assist(s). Officers worked 596 regular hours and no overtime hours. In so doing, they drove 3,519 miles. \$2,110.02 in fines and \$80. for the vehicle fund were received from the county. Trustee Lee then said that his committee was still working on an ordinance that could allow the use of golf carts on village streets. He said there would be a committee meeting on Monday, April 19.

POLICE
REPORT

Trustee Sirois said that the new well project was nearly complete, but the contractor had stopped work because he had not received any money from American Environmental. When the contractor had called to complain about the above, he was told that the village had nothing to do with the project. The project was a responsibility of American Environment and Mac's Convenience Stores, owner of the gas station which had had leaking tanks. Trustee Sirois then reported that the collection of past due utility bills was going well but that more red tags might be needed. Trustee Sirois said that the Department of Commerce and Economic Development had requested more documentation that residents of Eastern Illinois Street had requested the drainage and street repairs for which the village had applied for a grant.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:

NEW WELL

PAST DUE
UTILITY BILLS

GRANT
APPLICATION

Trustee Romein reported that four building permits were issued in March for \$16,783.84 in improvements with \$216. in permit fees collected. The trustee then reported that applicants for 2010-2011 liquor and coin operated amusement machine licenses had completed all requirements, and he recommended that the applications be approved and the licenses issued. It was moved by Trustee Jennings and seconded by Trustee Sirois that the above recommendation be approved and the licenses issued. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

LICENSE &
BUILDING
REPORT:

LIQUOR
LICENSES
APPROVED

Trustee Blanchette Reported That the Village Now Had the Necessary Chemicals to Kill the Weeds in the Park Ponds. He would now locate someone to apply those chemicals. He also reported that the St. Anne Youth Group had sponsored a clean-up at the park and had done a good job.

PARK
REPORT

Trustee Meier reported that the finance committee had examined the bills, found them to be correct and recommended their approval for payment. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Jennings that the bills be authorized for payment. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. Trustee Meier then presented suggested wage and salary adjustments. [A copy of this committee report follows these minutes]. Since the matter had not been placed on the agenda, the report was tabled until the May meeting.

FINANCE &
PERSONNEL
REPORT:

BILLS PAID

WAGE & SALARY
REPORT TABLED

Trustee Meier reported that the Youth Group had removed a tree from the park because it was blocking the lights for the small ball field. Trustee Lee reported that the lights may be out in the pavilion. Chief Abrassart said that vandals had again been at work.

NEW &
UNFINISHED

President O'Connell then asked if there was any further public business to come before the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Lee that the meeting be adjourned. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. The President then adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved by me this _____ day _____
of _____, 2010
VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT