

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. ANNE
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Village Hall, February 8, 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. Chief Abrassart, Attorney Tebo, Police Chaplain Ron Murphy, St. Anne tavern owner Scott Albert, liquor license applicant Judy Hanson and village property owners Larry and Nancy Janczak were also in attendance. Treasurer Leveque and Deputy Clerk Sifrit were absent. 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, Mrs. Hanson said that she was in the process of buying the Station Street Pub from Mr. Albert and was present to obtain a liquor license. Mr. Albert expressed his view that Mrs. Hanson and her husband were "good people and would be good business owners in the village." Trustee Romein said that he recommended the approval of a license contingent upon the completion of all requirements. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Lee that the above recommendation be followed and the license authorized upon completion of requirements. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

LIQUOR
LICENSE
APPROVED

When recognized, Mr. Janczak said that the water problem in the basement of a house he and his wife are trying to sell had not improved. He said that pump failure had caused more damage. The Janczaks had made an earlier appearance to request that a leak detection company be employed and the water leak repaired. The residence in question is located at 150 S. Dixie Highway. Trustee Sirois said that the detection would be done if the Board of Trustees approved. There was general agreement to get the job done.

WATER LEAK TO
BE DETECTED &
REPAIRED

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.

MINUTES
APPROVED

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'S
REPORT
APPROVED

President O'Connell reviewed the items in his written report. [A copy of this report follows these minutes]. He said that he was again going to call the Governor's Office concerning the released of the grant funds owned to the village. He then said that another \$5,000. should be sent to the water tower contractors if there was no good news from

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Springfield. Trustee Romein then said that he might need to call a special committee meeting since his work schedule did not allow him to meet at the regularly scheduled time. Clerk Blum said that he would need to know the time, place and agenda so that any such meeting could be posted forty-eight hours in advance.

Attorney Tebo explained that the legislature had adopted a new and complicated Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. Part of that legislation requires that public entities appoint a FOI Officer. She then presented a resolution appointing Clerk Blum as St. Anne's freedom of information officer. It was moved by Trustee Romein 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.

ATTORNEY'S
REPORT:

FOI OFFICER
APPOINTED

Trustee Lee then read the monthly Police Department report as follows: 7 traffic citation(s), 7 written warning(s), 1 misdemeanor traffic arrest(s), 0 DUI(s), 0 accident report(s), 0 vehicle(s) towed, 16 general case report(s), 14 miscellaneous report(s), 0 felony arrest(s), 1 misdemeanor arrest(s), 0 arrest(s) on warrant, 2 juvenile detention report(s) and 4 agency assist(s). Officer worked 545 regular hours and no over time hours. In so doing, officers drove 3,332 miles. \$272. in fines were received from the county. Chief Abrassart read a statement and handed out a written statement. [A copy of this statement follows these minutes].

POLICE
REPORT

Trustee Sirois reported that the well project was just a bit behind because of weather problems. He said that the water line was installed from the well site to the water line at the north end of W. Circle Drive. He said that the line was not yet connected. He then reported that site preparation for the new well house had begun. On the matter of collecting delinquent utility accounts, the trustee then reported that there had been good response to the shut off orders. He said that thirty-eight letters threatening shut-offs had been sent originally and that thirty-three more will be sent. These new letters are not all going to the same people. He said that he had asked the treasurer to red tag any who do not pay the next month and have them shut off in forty-eight hours. Trustee Sirois then said that the much discussed street light at the south end of Elm Avenue may actually be on a village easement. He said that the light should be repaired. If the resident of the house next to the light wants rid of it, he would have to prove that there is no easement. Trustee Sirois reported that the lift station behind 4 Circle Drive had failed, and the alarm didn't work. Gasvoda and Company was called, and the service technician bypassed the controller to get the pump running. A part was to be shipped for installation. The controller had quit because of "dirty power." Trustee Lee asked if a new hydrant could be installed along the highway at the end of W. Circle Drive. Trustee Sirois said that there were hydrants included in the plan for the new well including one at the well house.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:

NEW WELL

UTILITY BILL
COLLECTION

ELM STREET
LIGHT?

LIFT STATION
FAILURE

Trustee Romein said that the Building Inspector had not reported any building permits for January. It was moved by Trustee Jennings and seconded by Trustee Lee that a special event liquor license be issued so the St. Anne Knights of Columbus could use their license for the Pumpkin Festival fund raiser on March 20. Upon voice vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

BUILDING
& LICENSE
REPORT

Trustee Blanchette asked if the village could spend money to rid the park ponds of weeds. He said that it could cost up to \$6,000. to treat them. Trustee Jennings expressed his view that the ponds should wait until the village receives its bond grant funds. Several officials agreed with this statement. When asked, Chief Abrassart said that there are 20 to 30 fishing permits issued per year.

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 Meier and seconded by Trustee Lee that the bills be authorized for payment. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried. Clerk Blum then explained that a resolution was needed to extend the two \$25,000. loans at the National Bank of St. Anne and pay interest in the amount of \$876.72. It was moved by Trustee Romein and seconded by Trustee Meier that the above resolution be adopted. Upon roll call vote, all trustees present voted favorably, and President O'Connell declared the motion carried.

FINANCE
REPORT:

BILLS PAID

BORROWING
RESOLUTION
ADOPTED

President O'Connell reported that most trustees were now NIMS compliant. Trustee Sirois then asked how much was still owed on the water tower. The President said that the amount was over \$30,000. He said that the Kankakee County Mayors Association was supporting the routing of the proposed Illiana expressway along the Witaker Road route. He said that they would be asking the village board to adopt a resolution of support for that position. Trustee Meier said that the siren on the water tower has failed to work.

NEW &
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

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 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved by me this _____ day _____

VILLAGE CLERK

of _____, 2010

VILLAGE PRESIDENT