

**VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, IL
"SPECIAL" VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHERRY VALLEY, ILLINOIS, WINNEBAGO AND BOONE COUNTIES, CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.

PRESIDENT JIM E. CLAEYSSEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00PM AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

A Roll Call was taken by Clerk Dana Ward.

STEPHEN APPELL	PRESENT	JOANN HUDSON	PRESENT
NANCY BELT	ABSENT	GARY MAITLAND	PRESENT
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	PRESENT	DAVID SCHROEDER	PRESENT

Also present: Treasurer Karen Melloch, Public Works Director Chuck Freeman, Chief of Police Larry Neville, Attorney Jim Stevens, Dennis McMullen, C.E.S. and Village Clerk Dana Ward.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Schroeder moved to adopt the agenda. Trustee Maitland seconded. All "Aye"; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to approve the Village Board minutes for October 20, 2014. Trustee Schroeder moved to approve the minutes for October 20, 2014. Trustee Appell seconded. All "Aye"; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to layover the Village Board minutes for October 21, 2014. President Claeysen noted the minutes are lengthy and the members just received a copy today. Also, Trustee Belt is not in attendance and she requested that these be held for approval. Trustee Schroeder moved to lay over the Village Board minutes for October 21, 2014 to the November 18, 2014 meeting for approval. Trustee Hollembeak seconded. All "Aye"; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes for October 21, 2014. Trustee Schroeder moved to approve the Public Hearing minutes for October 21, 2014. Trustee Hollembeak seconded. All "Aye"; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZENS VOICE: Bonnie Whitmer, Village resident. Ms. Whitmer stated that she is the "public" and stated her opinion regarding the recent IML conference. She stated that she understood there was \$6,000 in the budget for six persons to attend the IML conference. She understood that the motion to request the money was not stated in a format to divide equally, the money between the six persons allowed to attend. She stated her disappointed in the President/Budget Director for not "plugging the hole"

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in the ordinances and motions. Ms. Whitmer cites this as an abuse/loophole. Ms. Whitmer expounded on the charges of the Trustees and questioned, “Why do some Trustees feel superior to other Village employees?” “Why did (you) think you could ignore the Village ordinance that you wrote and voted for?” Ms. Whitmer cited Section 2-119 - Travel Allowances. As a citizen, Ms. Whitmer wanted to know “Who authorized these extra expenses in advance?” If they were not approved in advance, (in accordance with Section 2-119) “Why were they paid?” She further stated that Trustees are elected to uphold the rules and to set an example for all and continued stating that this situation is 100% unethical.

TREASURER’S REPORT: October 2014 Report by Treasurer Karen Melloch. Treasurer Melloch reported the following: For October, the General Fund revenues were \$386,000.00 and expenses were \$325,000.00, leaving an increase in cash of \$62,000.00; the Water Fund revenues were \$84,000.00 with expenses of \$63,000.00, leaving an increase in cash of \$21,000.00 and the Capital Improvement revenues were \$199,000.00 with expenses of \$33,000.00, leaving a positive cash amount of \$166,000.00. President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to file the report. Trustee Maitland moved to place the October 2014 Treasurer’s Report on file. Trustee Schroeder seconded. All “Aye”; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: JIM E. CLAEYSSEN.

1. President Claeysen entertained a motion to approve the Resolution for a temporary Zoning Officer. Trustee Hollembeak moved to adopt

Resolution 2014-16

**“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TEMPORARY ZONING
OFFICER: Dennis McMullen”.**

Trustee Schroeder seconded. Trustee Appell is concerned about the Zoning Officer position, while the Village is trying to resolve the Village Administrator issue. Trustee Hudson stated that she appreciated the work that President Claeysen did in regards to answering her questions and getting information to her and the other members. The Village needs to work hard to get the Village Administrator issues resolved as soon as possible. President Claeysen agreed. A Roll Call vote was taken:

STEPHEN APPELL	AYE	JOANN HUDSON	AYE
NANCY BELT	ABSENT	GARY MAITLAND	AYE
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	AYE	DAVID SCHROEDER	AYE

Motion carried by a vote of 5 “Aye” to 0 “Nay” and 1 “Absent”.

2. Informational update regarding the pending passenger train service to the Boone and Winnebago County Areas. President Jim E. Claeysen, Public Works Director Chuck Freeman and Dennis McMullen C.E.S. attended an informational meeting with Patrick Engineering, working with IDOT, the Illinois Commerce Commission and Union Pacific, regarding future rail service through the Village and counties. The tracks that will be used, are the tracks located behind the Village Hall.

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Concerns raised were that the trains initially will run through the Village twice a day at 59 miles per hour and in 2016 the trains will run through the Village four times per day at 79 miles per hour. Chain link fence will be utilized. "Drop" crossings will also be used at all road crossings. The ICC is concerned with having to stop traffic on the four line highway (US 20); warning devices will be installed. All ties and rails will be replaced. This project is slated to begin in December 2014. There will be no cost to the Village for the upgrade of this rail system. Costs will be covered by Federal dollars.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JAMES STEVENS. Attorney Stevens reported that he will be unable to attend the next meeting. Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski will be attending in his absence.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: DENNIS McMULLEN, C.E.S. Mr. McMullen stated that he will be meeting with Copenhaver Construction; they expect to begin the spillway project next Monday and hope to have this finished by Thanksgiving. Stenstrom Excavating will be starting the alley/pathway project tomorrow or Wednesday and should be done in about four days. Materials have been ordered for the East Madigan Creek Project and Mr. McMullen anticipates that this project will begin within the next two weeks. The material (articulated block) for this project is expected to be delivered the week of November 17, 2014.

EX-OFFICIO'S REPORTS:

STEPHEN APPELL - PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. No report.

DAVE SCHROEDER - RECREATION BOARD. Trustee Schroeder reported that the RECREATION BOARD will meet this Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00PM. There will be discussion regarding a visit from Santa Clause scheduled for November 30, 2014 and a new event, Adult Moonlight Bowl. All are welcome to attend.

ORDINANCE REPORT BY TRUSTEE: NANCY BELT. No report.

FINANCE REPORT BY TRUSTEE: GARY MAITLAND. No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT BY TRUSTEE: SALLY HOLLEMBEAK. No report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY TRUSTEE: DAVID SCHROEDER.

1. Trustee Schroeder moved that the Village Board approves the Engineering Agreement (for construction engineering fees) with C.E.S. Inc., for the regional Detention Phase 3 - Spillway Project at Madigan Creek at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 from line item 5095 Capital Improvements. Trustee Appell seconded.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

STEPHEN APPELL	AYE	JOANN HUDSON	AYE
NANCY BELT	ABSENT	GARY MAITLAND	AYE
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2. Trustee Schroeder moved that the Village Board hire Four Seasons Inc. to install the Holiday Lights in the downtown area at a cost not to exceed \$9,800.00 from line item 5170 Building and Grounds. Trustee Appell seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken:

STEPHEN APPELL	AYE	JOANN HUDSON	AYE
NANCY BELT	ABSENT	GARY MAITLAND	AYE
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	AYE	DAVID SCHROEDER	AYE

Motion carried by a vote of 5 "Aye" to 0 "Nay" and 1 "Absent".

Trustee Schroeder stated that PUBLIC WORKS passes.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT BY TRUSTEE: STEPHEN APPELL. No report.

PERSONNEL REPORT BY TRUSTEE: JOANN HUDSON. No report.

1. Trustee Hudson moved that the Village Board approve the Employee Benefit Systems (EBS) Third Party Administration Services Contract (PSF Renewal) for the Plan Year December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015. The premiums are \$250.00 per plan (there are two plans) and \$6.75 per employee per month. Trustee Appell seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken:

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Motion carried by a vote of 5 "Aye" to 0 "Nay" and 1 "Absent".

Trustee Hudson stated that PERSONNEL passes.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: ADJOURNMENT: President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hollembeak moved to adjourn at 7:25PM. Trustee Appell seconded. All "Aye"; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Recorded by Dana Ward, Village Clerk.

Minutes reviewed by President Jim E. Claeysen on November 17, 2014.

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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: PRESIDENT JIM E. CLAEYSSEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY: VILLAGE CLERK DANA WARD

VILLAGE TRUSTEES:	STEPHEN APPELL	JOANN HUDSON
	NANCY BELT	GARY MAITLAND
	SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	DAVID SCHROEDER

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MINUTES: October 20, 2014 and October 21, 2014.

APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: October 21, 2014.

CITIZENS VOICE:

TREASURER’S REPORT: October 2014 Report by Treasurer Karen Melloch.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: JIM E. CLAEYSSEN.

1. Motion to appoint a temporary Zoning Officer for the Village of Cherry Valley.
2. Informational update regarding the pending passenger train service to the Boone and Winnebago County Areas.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: JAMES STEVENS.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: DENNIS McMULLEN, C.E.S.

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BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

JEC (10/30/14)