

VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, IL  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2015

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHERRY VALLEY, ILLINOIS, WINNEBAGO AND BOONE COUNTIES, CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

PRESIDENT JIM E. CLAEYSSSEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00PM, WELCOMING BOY SCOUT TROOP 181 FROM THE CHERRY VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ASKED THE SCOUTS TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President Claeysen noted that there are three former Eagle Scouts seated at the table: Attorney Jim Stevens, Trustee David Schroeder and himself.

A Roll Call was taken by Clerk Dana Ward.

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

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

**ADOPT THE AGENDA:** President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to adopt the amended agenda: Under *PERSONNEL*, in item 2, strike out “and possible Village Board action” and under *PUBLIC SAFETY* delete item 4. Motion that the Village Board authorizes President Jim E. Claeysen to sign the CherryVale Mall Agreement for 2015 regarding the Police Substation at the Mall, pending village attorney’s review. This amendment also changes the numbered order of business for the PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT. Trustee Schroeder moved to adopt the amended agenda. Trustee Belt seconded. All “Aye”; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:** January 6, 2015, January 20, 2015 and January 26, 2015. President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to approve the Village Board minutes for January 6, 2015. Trustee Schroeder moved to approve the minutes for January 6, 2015. Trustee Belt seconded. Trustees Belt, Hudson and Schroeder voted “Aye”, Trustee Hollembeak “Abstained”; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to approve the Village Board minutes for January 20, 2015. Trustee Belt moved to approve the minutes for January 20, 2015. Trustee Schroeder seconded. All “Aye”; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to approve the Village Board minutes for January 26, 2015. Trustee Schroeder moved to approve the minutes for January 26, 2015. Trustee Belt seconded. Trustees Belt, Hudson and Schroeder voted “Aye”, Trustee Hollembeak “Abstained”; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

**CITIZENS VOICE:** Village resident, Kevin Coyne, commended the Public Works department for their efforts in snow removal during the snowstorm this past weekend. Also, he would like to thank the Village of Cherry Valley for the much needed repairs to Madigan Creek East.

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He truly hopes that these repairs will prevent any and all future erosion of Madigan Creek. President Claeysen commented that the final seeding will be done in the Spring. Also, Mr. Coyne voiced his opinion regarding what he sees as a personal vendetta against President Claeysen by others and that this has been nothing but a distraction to the operations of the village. (See attachment of Mr. Coyne's comments).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Karen Melloch is not present. All Trustees have received this report and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: JIM E. CLAEYSSEN.**

1. President Jim E. Claeysen noted that all the Road Rangers are being sold throughout the Midwest: GPM Midwest, LLC is purchasing the Road Ranger in Cherry Valley and needs to apply for a license to cover the time to the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, this is a prorated license. Monies have been received for the fees. President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion that the Village Board approves a Liquor License for GPM Midwest, LLC for the Road Ranger Convenience Store. Trustee Hollembeak moved that the Village Board approves a Liquor License for GPM Midwest, LLC for the Road Ranger Convenience Store at 2406 Bell School Road (Class B / E / K) packaged beer and wine sales. Trustee Schroeder seconded. A Roll Call was taken:

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE", 2 "ABSENT".

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JAMES STEVENS.** No report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT: DENNIS McMULLEN, C.E.S.** No report.

**EX-OFFICIO'S REPORTS:**

**STEPHEN APPELL - PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.** President Jim E. Claeysen reported that there is a meeting February 18, 2015 at 7:00PM. There are two items on the agenda; both are rezoning requests on Rotary Road to become Light Industrial. This is next to the I-39 TIFF district.

**DAVE SCHROEDER - RECREATION BOARD.** Trustee Schroeder reported that the first annual Moonlight Bowl event was held at the Cherry Bowl. It was successful. There were about 45 people in attendance. The next event will be March 21, 2015 at the Carlson Ice Arena from 6:30-8:30PM. Skate Night is solely sponsored by the Cherry Valley Area Men's Club. This is a free event. All are welcome to attend.

**ORDINANCE REPORT BY TRUSTEE: NANCY BELT.**

1. Trustee Belt moved that the Village Board waives the rules of the first reading of "An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Cherry Valley, Illinois, Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-176 Full Time Front Desk Receptionist". Trustee Schroeder seconded. Trustee Hudson voiced her concern: She was surprised that this item was on the agenda; she was under the understanding that this ordinance would be reviewed through the ORDINANCE committee and then would then be referred back to PERSONNEL for

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final discussion before approval. A Roll Call was taken:

STEPHEN APPELL	ABSENT	JOANN HUDSON	NAY
NANCY BELT	AYE	GARY MAITLAND	ABSENT
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	AYE	DAVID SCHROEDER	AYE
		JIM E. CLAEYSSSEN	AYE

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE" by Belt, Hollembeak, Schroeder and Claeysen, "Nay" by Hudson and 2 "ABSENT".

- Trustee Belt moved that the Village Board consider this the second and final reading of "An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Cherry Valley, Illinois, Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-176 Full Time Front Desk Receptionist". Trustee Hollembeak seconded. An "Aye" vote was called: Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE" by Belt, Hollembeak, Schroeder and Claeysen, "Nay" by Hudson and 2 "ABSENT".

- Trustee Belt moved that the Village Board pass and approve "An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Cherry Valley, Illinois, Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-176 Full Time Front Desk Receptionist"; Ordinance #2015-1. Trustee Hollembeak seconded. A Roll Call was taken:

STEPHEN APPELL	ABSENT	JOANN HUDSON	NAY
NANCY BELT	AYE	GARY MAITLAND	ABSENT
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	AYE	DAVID SCHROEDER	AYE
		JIM E. CLAEYSSSEN	AYE

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE" by Belt, Hollembeak, Schroeder and Claeysen, "Nay" by Hudson and 2 "ABSENT".

Trustee Belt stated that ORDINANCE passes.

**FINANCE REPORT BY TRUSTEE: GARY MAITLAND.** No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT BY TRUSTEE: SALLY HOLLEMBEAK.**

- Trustee Hollembeak moved that the Village Board authorizes Chief Neville to purchase (2) Heckler & Koch USP-45 handguns for the Police Department from Heckler & Koch Inc. Columbus, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$1,503.00 under line item 5375 P equipment. Trustee Belt seconded. A Roll Call was taken:

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE", 2 "ABSENT".

- Trustee Hollembeak moved that the Village Board authorize Chief Neville to purchase (2) 2015 Dodge Chargers for the Police Department from Thomas Dodge Chrysler of Highland, Indiana (on State Bid) for a total cost not to exceed \$28,394.00. (Two 2012 Dodge Chargers will be traded in for \$9,000.00 each for a net cost of \$14,197.00 each). This is from line item 5420 Vehicles under Capital Improvements and is a budgeted item. Trustee Belt seconded. A Roll Call was taken:

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NANCY BELT	AYE	GARY MAITLAND	ABSENT
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	AYE	DAVID SCHROEDER	AYE

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE", 2 "ABSENT".

3. Trustee Hollembeak moved that the Village Board authorize Chief Neville to purchase (2) Mobile Defense Brand Ballistic Shields for the Police Department from Police One Equipment, Inc. of South Elgin, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$1,530.33 from line item 5375 P equipment. Trustee Belt seconded. A Roll Call was taken:

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE", 2 "ABSENT".

4. Trustee Hollembeak moved that the Village Board approve Chief Neville to attend a 2-day seminar, March 2- 3, 2015, by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, Executive Series Session titled Recruitment, Selection and Retention at the Public Safety Building, Rockford IL. (There is no cost for this seminar; the Chief will be absent from the office). Trustee Belt seconded. A Roll Call was taken:

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE", 2 "ABSENT".

Trustee Hollembeak stated that PUBLIC SAFETY passes.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BY TRUSTEE: DAVID SCHROEDER.** No report.

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

**PERSONNEL REPORT BY TRUSTEE: JOANN HUDSON.**

1. Trustee Hudson moved that the Village Board hire Heather Church as a Full Time Front Desk Receptionist for the Administration Department at an hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour, with a starting date of February 9, 2015. Trustee Hollembeak seconded. A Roll Call was taken:

STEPHEN APPELL	ABSENT	JOANN HUDSON	NAY
NANCY BELT	AYE	GARY MAITLAND	ABSENT
SALLY HOLLEMBEAK	AYE	DAVID SCHROEDER	AYE
		JIM E. CLAEYSSSEN	AYE

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE" by Belt, Hollembeak, Schroeder and Claeysen, Hudson "Nay" and 2 "ABSENT".

Trustee Hudson commented she made this motion because she agreed to do so however that this motion was not put on the agenda by her. This motion was not discussed by her and noted that this motion should have come from the PERSONNEL committee. President Claeysen noted her comment.

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Trustees Hollembeak and Belt added that this hiring was discussed at that meeting because of the ordinance, which then was forwarded to the ORDINANCE committee.

- Continued Village Board discussion regarding the possible restructuring of the village's Administration Office. Trustee Hudson turned over the conversation to President Claeysen. Packets went to all the Trustees with information regarding restructuring the Administration Office. Also, Attorney Stevens sent a memo regarding questions raised by the members. Included in this information, but not limited to, was the highlighted changes proposed for ordinances for the treasurer, clerk and administrative assistant, current ordinances and a document regarding proposed wages. Discussion ensued. Members weighed in with their thoughts and comments. Some concerns were in regards to proposed salaries, budgeting and funding of salaries, supervisory duties/additional duties of the treasurer, cross-training of employees and proposed changes occurring within a term of an appointment. Attorney Stevens responded to Trustee Hudson's concern regarding the changing of an ordinance in mid-term: Both referenced 65ILCS 5/3.1-10-40, regarding additional duties which may be prescribed by law.

Trustee Hollembeak commented that it is our obligation to serve this community, and to make sure this community is well served, and by changing the office structure make it a better flow of communication and to serve our community is our priority and that is what we have to do. Trustee Hudson responded that she is for anything that is to the benefit of Cherry Valley. We (the Board of Trustees) took an oath of office, to uphold the constitution of the State of Illinois, our own code of ordinances and state statutes. President Claeysen stated that this is the beginning of discussion for the restructuring. More discussion ensued regarding treasurers duties, seminars being approved and language in current ordinance compared to language in proposed ordinances. Discussion will continue at the February 17, 2015 meeting.

Trustee Hudson stated that PERSONNEL passes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to convene into Closed Executive Session. Trustee Hollembeak moved to go into Executive Session at 7:54PM under 5ILCS 120/2 (C) (1) (Personnel Matters). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. (Police). Trustee Belt seconded. A Roll Call was taken:

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4 "AYE", 2 "ABSENT".

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**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** President Jim E. Claeysen reconvened into Open Session at 8:00PM and called the meeting to order. A Roll Call was taken by Clerk Dana Ward.

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

Also present: Chief Larry Neville, Attorney Jim Stevens, Attorney Derron Burke and Village Clerk Dana Ward.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jim E. Claeysen entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hollembeak moved to adjourn at 8:00PM. Trustee Belt seconded. All "Aye"; none opposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Recorded by Dana Ward, Village Clerk.

Minutes reviewed by President Jim E. Claeysen on February 11, 2015.

## Statement by Kevin Coyne at Village Board meeting February 3, 2015

his is my belief and opinion:

I believe that the personal vendetta against President Claeysen has been nothing but a distraction from the operation of OUR VILLAGE, and an attempt to bring discredit toward him. I do believe that any and all appointments must receive a majority approval from the boards trustees. Are the recent allegations directed towards the village trustees, no they are against him. I have stood by for over two years now while a constant onslaught of allegations have been presented by numerous puppets. The recent allegations concerning his different positions has recently reached a new low. A minority of people are now stooping to having others do the presentation of their objections. There have been articles published recently in the newspaper by people who I believe never attend the village meetings. The recent article claiming "we will next hear that he is now public works director and chief of police". This is a clear example of the mentality of some of the people. They go on to state in the recent article that "president/budget director/temporary village administrator and the treasurer of the village are the only two people running the village." What are the trustees of the village doing when they sit up here in their individual committees and during the village meetings then? What are the public works director and the chief of police doing then? To those that are trying to undermine the direction that the village is being taken, step up and become involved, do not just become someone's PUPPET. I have to applaud those that will stand up for their beliefs whether others agree or not, but I do not condone those who resort to the use of other parties to present their beliefs through the media. This is my belief and I will take the heat from the parties involved.

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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:** January 6, 2015, January 20, 2015, January 26, 2015.

**CITIZENS VOICE:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: JIM E. CLAEYSSEN.**

1. Motion that the Village Board approve a Liquor License for GPM Midwest, LLC for the Road Ranger Convenience Store at 2406 Bell School Road (Class B / E / K) packaged beer and wine sales.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: JAMES STEVENS.**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT: DENNIS McMULLEN, C.E.S.**

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**STEPHEN APPELL - PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

**DAVE SCHROEDER - RECREATION BOARD.**

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2. Motion that the Village Board consider this the second and final reading of "An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Cherry Valley, Illinois, Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-176 Full Time Front Desk Receptionist".
3. Motion that the Village Board pass and approve "An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Cherry Valley, Illinois, Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-176 Full Time Front Desk Receptionist"; Ordinance #2015-1.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT BY TRUSTEE (cont.): SALLY HOLLEMBEAK.**

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2. Continued Village Board discussion and possible Village Board action regarding the possible restructuring of the village's Administration Office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

5ILCS 120/2 (C) (1) (Personnel Matters). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. (Police).

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JEC (01/30/15)