

**Village of North Henderson  
Trustee Meeting  
April 11, 2019  
6:30 pm Village Shed**

The Village of North Henderson Trustees Meeting was called to order by President Carol Rogers at 6:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustees John Hoefer, Angie Chandlee, Don McGraw, and Karin Simkins

Also Present: President Carol Rogers, Treasurer Gary Whitcomb, and Clerk Melody Hall

Visiting: Jim Modglin, Rebekah and Jesus Morales, Jim Tucker, Don Adams and Michelle Adams

Absent: Trustees Tiffany Leffler and Vanessa Olson

President Rogers stated we have a quorum so we will proceed with the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Clerk Hall announced that Margret Johnson's lien has been filed and will remain until the property is sold and we receive the payment or Mrs. Johnson pays the bill including all cost of the lien.

Clerk Hall announced Lee's Tree Service has cut down the tree but has not gotten back to remove the stump due having to have Julie check the area and the weather. Clerk Hall continued to state that as soon as they finish jobs in another area and the weather conditions are better they will remove the stump.

President Rogers announced under new business Michelle Adams should be under Public Comment and that is where we will cover it.

**MINUTES:**

President Rogers stated under Motor Fuel Tax Document it says "investor" and should be "investigator".

Trustee Hoefer asked if the water ordinance has been changed to the flat \$20.00 yet. President Rogers answered yes. Clerk Hall stated as of the April billing the late charges will be the flat \$20.00. Trustee Hoefer asked if that could be done without notifying everyone first. President Rogers stated yes it can be done and she has included the information in her Spring Letter. Clerk Hall stated the ordinance with the changes has been put on the website.

Trustee Simkins stated the date for the next meeting is wrong it shows the 14<sup>th</sup> and should be the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to accept the minutes with the 2 corrections. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McGraw.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee Chandlee, Hoefer, McGraw and Simkins    Motion Passed

**Treasurer's Report:**

President Rogers stated there is a correction on the 1<sup>st</sup> page under Water Fund Bank Account CD#32722 says it is up 3/28/2019 should be 3/20/2019.

Trustee Hoefer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with the 1 correction. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McGraw.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Chandlee, Simkins, McGraw and Hoefer. Motion Passed

**BILLS:**

President Rogers stated there is an addition to the bills it is for Don's Market for the mowing ad in the amount of \$35.00.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to accept the bills with the 1 addition for Don's Market New. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McGraw.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Hoefer, Chandlee, McGraw and Simkins. Motion Passed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mowing Bids:

President Rogers stated there were only 3 bids and they are as follows:

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| 1. Lawn Envy | Ball Diamond   | \$166.50  |
|              | Village Park   | \$ 78.00  |
|              | Water House    | \$ 65.00  |
|              | Village Shed   | \$ 48.00  |
|              | Entire Package | \$ 275.00 |

Would consider lesser mowing parcel. Includes trimming, picking up litter/debris. Has certificate of insurance will provide before 1<sup>st</sup> mowing.

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| 2. Epperson from Opheim | Ball Diamond   | \$150.00 |
|                         | Village Park   | \$ 50.00 |
|                         | Water House    | \$ 25.00 |
|                         | Village Shed   | \$ 25.00 |
|                         | Entire Package | \$250.00 |

Would do lesser mowing parcel if it is the water house and the village shed. Did not state what is included in the cost.

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| 3. Big Moe's from North Henderson | Ball Diamond   | \$150.00  |
|                                   | Village Park   | \$ 100.00 |
|                                   | Water House    | \$ 30.00  |
|                                   | Village Shed   | \$ 30.00  |
|                                   | Entire Package | \$310.00  |



Will do what is needed in the village such as around buildings, fences or where needed

President Rogers stated if there are any questions Lawn Envy and Big Moe's are both present. Rebekah Morales from Big Moe's stated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the bid gives more details on the trimming. Trustee McGraw asked how often does the mowing need to be done. President Rogers answered typically once a week but there were times it needed to be done twice. Trustee Chandlee asked what we paid last year. President Rogers answered \$243.00 each mowing but picking up debris and sticks is time consuming.

Trustee Chandlee stated it is between Lawn Envy and Big Moe's. Trustee Simkins agreed with Trustee Chandlee. President Rogers stated they would have to look at the cost. Trustee Hoefer stated the difference is \$35.00. President Rogers stated times the \$35.00 by number of mowing, say 30 times, the difference would be \$1050.00 for the season.

Trustee Simkins stated she appreciated everyone for the bids even from right here in town and for them coming to the meeting but with there being over a thousand dollars difference she nominates Lawn Envy.

Trustee Simkins made a motion to accept the \$275.00 bid from Lawn Envy. 2nd by Trustee McGraw

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee Chandlee, Hoefer, McGraw and Simkins. Motion Passed

**Fence at the Ball Park:**

Clerk Hall stated since she could not locate anyone to give an estimate to repair/replace the fence the insurance company sent an adjuster out to get an appraisal. Clerk Hall continued to state the adjuster called her the day before the meeting and let her know he had been out to the ball park, took all the measurements, pictures, etc... and has sent the insurance company all the figures on what the cost to replace the fence also the adjuster stated he included the roof on the concession stand because it looked as though it had storm damage too. Clerk Hall stated she has not received anything from the insurance company yet but if we find someone to give an estimate and it is higher than what the adjuster quoted all we have to do is contact him and the insurance company will make up the difference.

Trustee Simkins asked if the insurance company had a name of someone who could replace the fence. Clerk Hall answered no; the adjuster came from the other side of Davenport. Trustee Hoefer suggested talking to Don Miles from Parks and Recreation in Galesburg. Trustee McGraw suggested speaking to Rick Bertelsen since he has all the ball diamonds in Alexis.

**Clean Up Days:**

Clerk Hall stated she made several calls; Peterson Disposal, Waste Management, Quality, and Eagle. Waste Management did not get back with her, Quality sold out to another company and no longer comes to North Henderson, and Eagle does not do the clean up days because they are too busy with the recycling and farming. Clerk Hall continued to state Peterson Disposal is going to be \$800.00 a truck load and \$50.00 for appliances and the soonest date they have open is Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Hoefer asked if they are the same company as last year. President Rogers answered yes and they have been the ones who have done it the last 3-4 years.

Trustee Hoefer made the motion to have Peterson do the clean up days. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Chandlee.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Simkins, McGraw, Chandlee and Hoefer. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS;**

**Easter Egg Hunt Donation:**

President Rogers stated we received a letter for Alexis wanting to know if we would like to make a donation to the Easter egg hunt again this year. President Rogers continued to state the village has given to Alexis each year and asked Treasurer Whitcomb how much we usually donate. Treasurer Whitcomb answered \$100.00. President Rogers stated it is set for Sat. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 0 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is at 1:30, 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> is at 8:30pm at the Elementary School.

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to donate \$100.00 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Smkins

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee McGraw, Hoefer, Simkins and Chandlee. Motion Passed

**Flower Boxes:**

President Rogers stated last year the village let the community adopt the flower boxes and decorate them. President Rogers then asked the board if they wanted to do it again this year, if so she would put it in the spring letter.

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to do adopt the flower boxes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McGraw.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Simkins, Hoefer, McGraw and Chandlee

President Rogers then asked the Morales if they still wanted to do the box they had and asked Diane Brown if she still wanted to do the flag pole. Both answered yes.

**Discussion on Public Comment:**

President Rogers stated the reason she decided to do the public comment like at the county meeting and having it just about what is on the agenda is because she felt the public comment was being used to criticize or make things look as though things are not being done correctly. President Rogers stated not everyone likes it this new way so she wanted to have a discussion about it. President Rogers stated that right now the discussion is limited to the table only that during the public comment section of the meeting the public can discuss the topic.

Trustee Simkins commented that it is only fair if the board has to stick to the agenda so should everyone else. Trustee Chandlee commented during the comments if someone brings up a problem that the



board is unaware of it can be put on the next month's agenda. President Rogers stated things not on the agenda can be discussed but not voted on. Trustee Hoefer stated there are things that are brought up that only needs to be discussed that it shouldn't have to be put on the agenda since it does not have to be voted on. President Rogers commented she did not choose to do it this way to pick on anyone or sensor the meeting, her goal is not to stir up the community but help everyone to get along.

Trustee McGraw stated everyone has a good point, if someone has a problem they can come to any board member and they can have it put on the agenda, also we should stick to the agenda because it helps to keep control of the meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

President Rogers stated Visitor Tucker wanted to be put on the agenda to comment on the public comment it was not put on the agenda because the discussion was put on the agenda, so Mr. Tucker will be going first.

Mr. Tucker commented the Attorney General ruled in August of 15 and March of 17 that you are allowed to "talk" about anything but it must be on the agenda of it needs to be voted on. Mr. Tucker stated he has 2 numbers that references this rule and they are 216PAC45349 and 216PAC38037. President Rogers asked if Clerk Hall could copy what Mr. Tucker has. Mr. Tucker answered no because he gave the reference number. President Rogers state okay, she will look them up.

Visitor Michelle Adams commented she has a few items so with the limit of 5 minutes to please let her ask her questions then answer them. President Rogers agreed. Visitor Adams asked what is the purpose of the village having ordinances how are they enforced and are there any exceptions to the ordinances. Visitor Adams commented the animal ordinance states no fowl in the village but there are geese in town and the junk yard ordinance states there are to be no junk yards are allowed but there is one just across the street from the village shed. Visitor Adams commented about the village shed, she asked if the shed was secured with an office that is secured with secured file cabinets, if so why the treasurer has plastic bags containing file folders with records that should be in a file cabinet. Visitor Adams continued to state if not could the village purchase the treasurer a briefcase.

Treasurer Whitcomb stated the files in the bags are his copies of what everyone else has the original copies are in a file cabinet in the office. Visitor Adams stated that anytime someone asked what how much something was is the past she sees him going through the bag of files why not just go into the file cabinet. Treasurer Whitcomb answered it saves time.

President Rogers stated as far as the junkyard ordinance she has spoke to the resident and that is why there has been Dell trucks over there the resident is working on getting everything out of there. Trustee Simkins commented at one time the resident was talking about getting a fence around there. President Rogers stated she asked the resident by he did not answer. Trustee Hoefer asked if a fence would allow him to collect the junk. President Rogers answered yes if it is behind the fence. Trustee Hoefer commented about under the penalty it states the village clerk would send a letter to cease and desist, who decides which property gets the letter. President Rogers stated the board decides then the clerk sends the letter and this can be discussed at the next meeting

President Rogers commented about the animals they are ducks not geese and have been there for 2 years and are not hurting anything. Visitor Adams stated the ordinance says no fowl allowed in the

village. Trustee Chandlee stated she would like to have the animal ordinance on the agenda next month because she would like to discuss the matter further.

Trustee Hoefer commented on the fact there is no way to enforce the ordinances, he asked about having the police do the fines. President Rogers commented that we could have the new sheriff come and speak again and had Clerk Hall put it on next month's agenda.

Trustee McGraw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Simkins . All were in favor

The Village of North Henderson Trustee meeting for April 11, 2019 was adjourned at 7:48pm with the next meeting scheduled for May 9,2019 at 6:30pm in the village shed.

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Melody Hall  
Village Clerk

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Carol Roger  
Village President

