

Village of North Henderson
Trustees Meeting
March 14, 2019

The March 14, 2019 Village of North Henderson Trustees Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Carol Rogers.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees John Hoefer, Don McGraw, Karin Simkins and Vanessa Olson

Also Present: President Carol Rogers and Clerk Melody Hall

Visiting: Jim Tucker, Don Adams and Michelle Adams

Absent: Trustees Angie Chandlee, Tiffany Leffler, and Treasurer Gary Whitcomb

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Rogers commented since there are no announcements we will go to the minutes of the previous meeting.

MINUTES:

President Rogers stated there needs to be an amendment to the February 14, 2019 meeting, in the New Business under the Grant Check, we were going to change the CDAP account to be the Grant account but the bank stated they would rather have the village do a new account called the Grant Account and leave the CDAP Account in case the village ever receives CDAP fund. President Rogers stated that there is now a new account called Grants.

Clerk Hall stated there needs to be a second amendment to the February 14, 2019 meeting in the Old Business under Main Street Branch, the board had voted to have Giddings Tree Service cut down the tree on Main Street since his estimate was the lowest and the way the bid read it was for everything including grinding the stump. Clerk Hall stated when she called Giddings she was informed grinding of the stump was not included, Mr. Giddings was to have someone call with the cost, she did not receive a call so she spoke to President Rogers and a decision to call the next lowest bid was made. Clerk Hall stated the next lowest bid was Lee's Tree Service out of Monmouth at \$1200.00 for cutting, hauling and grinding of the stump. Clerk Hall commented as soon as "Julie" comes and checks the area Lee's will be out to remove the tree.

Trustee Olson made a motion to accept the minutes with both amendments; the Grant Check and the Main Street Branch. 2nd by Trustee McGraw.

Roll Call Vote:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Rogers suggested to the board to come back to the Treasurer's Report since Treasurer Whitcomb was not present at this time and may possibly be here later. The board agreed with President Rogers.

MOTOR FUEL TAX DOCUMENT REVIEW:

Clerk Hall stated she was sent this document from IDOT and it is just for review of the Motor Fuel Tax. President Rogers stated an investigator had come out on November 12, 2018 and went through all of Treasurer Whitcomb's papers from 2014 – 2017 and this is the report of what was found. President Rogers stated they used to do an audit of the motor fuel tax ever few years but they are now going to do it every year, and since she did not hear from the auditor everything must be okay.

OLD BUSINESS:**FENCE AT THE BALL PARK:**

Clerk Hall stated she spoke to the insurance company and the fence is covered under "Unscheduled Open Property", the max amount is \$5000.00 with a \$500.00 deductible. Clerk Hall continued to state she sent the claim in on 3/1/2019, the insurance company wanted some pictures and an estimate as to what the cost would be to replace or fix the fence. Clerk Hall stated pictures were sent but she does not know anybody who could do the estimate, if anybody knew someone to please let her know because that is the only thing holding up the claim.

Trustee Olson asked if the fence could be fixed or if it had to be replaced. President Rogers answered she thinks it could be fixed. Trustee Hoefer asked if the fence had to be there. President Rogers answered yes because it runs in front of the dugout and the foul line. President Rogers commented she would like to talk to Luke Sperry and see if the village could get the ball games back over here because that would bring more people to town. Trustee Simkins commented Luke Sperry may know someone to fix the fence.

Trustee Olson made a motion to table the Fence until we have further information. 2nd by Trustee Simkins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

HAND HELD READER:

Clerk Hall stated she hasn't had very much luck speaking to other villages, she has had wrong numbers or there have been no answers. Clerk Hall continued to state she spoke to Jenny McKeown and the system they use in Alexis is from LOCIS, they have used it for at least the last 6 years. Clerk Hall stated she contacted LOCIS and they are only the computer program and have nothing to do with the equipment. Clerk stated she did talk to Mr. Larson, the mayor from Oneida, he stated they still use the hand held where you walk the route and scan the meter. Mr. Larson also stated a lot of the village's still use the handheld and suggested that Clerk Hall speak to Bob Shull. Clerk Hall commented she hadn't had time to contact Bob but will do so. Visitor Jim Tucker suggested speaking to Stronghurst. Clerk Hall stated she would.

NEW BUSINESS:**WATER ORDINANCE:**

President Rogers commented the reason the ordinance is on the agenda again is that it states the village is to review it yearly. President Rogers stated one thing she would like to consider is all the charges the village adds on if the bill is late. President Rogers continued to state when Clerk Hall has spoke to other villages they have a flat fee for any late bills also when speaking to our water program customer

relations they could not believe how many different charges there are for late bills. President Rogers commented she would like to possibly go with a flat fee and remove all the percent charges for late fees.

Trustee Hoefer asked if the village still has any delinquent accounts or have they all been taken care of? President Rogers answered they have all been taken care of except the account we are going to place a lien on. Trustee Hoefer then asked what the late fees are. Clerk Hall answered 10% of all the charges. Clerk Hall commented that if there is any other charges not paid such as reconnect fee or NSF Fee they also receive a 10% charge if paid late. President Rogers commented generally it is the same people who we chase down each month. Trustee Hoefer suggested raising the penalty to \$20.00 and getting rid of the 10% charges.

Trustee Hoefer made a motion to raise the penalty fee to \$20.00 and remove the 10% charges. 2nd by Trustee McGraw.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MARGARET JOHNSON LIEN:

President Rogers asked Clerk Hall where we are at on the lien for the Johnson residence. Clerk Hall stated she sent a certified letter to Mrs. Johnson on February 8th stating if payment of \$252.95 was not received within 10 days of receipt of the letter there would be a lien placed on the property. Clerk Hall continued to state she heard from Mrs. Johnson's daughter on February 26th and she stated she knows the bill has to be paid that they would be there the following weekend to pay the bill. Clerk Hall stated she told the daughter she had until Monday the 4th and if the payment was not there the lien would be started. Clerk Hall continued to state as of the 4th there was no payments so she went to the court house and obtained the information for the lien and has it prepared to file, but needs a check for Mercer County Recorder in the amount of \$77.00 to file the lien and then when the house is sold or the payment is made in full she will need another check for \$77.00 to release the lien. Clerk Hall stated the \$144.00 plus \$1.00, for the deed information, has been added to the total of the bill so we will get the \$145.00 back.

Trustee Olson made a motion to approve a check in the amount of \$77.00 to the Mercer County Recorder for the filing of the lien on the Johnson residence. 2nd by Trustee McGraw

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOWING BIDS:

President Rogers stated it will be mowing season soon so did the board want to get the ad in the paper for the bids. Trustee Hoefer asked if Clerk Hall has heard from the gentleman from last year yet. Clerk Hall answered yes he was the first to call to see if bids were being taken yet along with a few others.

Trustee Olson made a motion to have the ad for bids put in the paper. 2nd by Trustee Simkins

Roll Call Vote:

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

CLEAN UP DAYS:

President Rogers asked if the board would want to do clean up days again this year. Trustee Olson commented she did believe there were a lot of residences who did it last year. President Rogers stated there was but you really didn't notice because of the Junkers picking it up as quickly as it went out. Trustee Olson asked who we called last year. Clerk Hall answered Perterson, Quality, Waste Management and Eagle.

Trustee Olson made a motion to get dates and prices for clean up days. 2nd by Trustee McGraw

Roll Call Vote:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Rogers stated now we will go back to the treasurer's report but if there are any question from the board it will have to be address to Treasurer Whitcomb next month.

Trustee Olson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Trustee Hoefer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

President Rogers stated CD#32722 in the water fund for the amount of \$ 1559.30 is due on March 28th did the board want to roll it over or cash it in.

Trustee Olson made a motion to roll CD#32722 over. 2nd by Trustee Simkins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

BILLS:

Trustee Olson made the motion to pay the bills. 2nd by Trustee McGraw

Roll Call Vote

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

Trustee Hoefer ask if a load of gravel could be ordered. President Rogers answered yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Rogers asked if there was any public comment on anything that is on the agenda.

Visitor Jim Tucker commented on the roof fund, the reason it had been set up is when the roof was done on the water house it was \$4000.00 so in about 20 years when it may need done again the cost may have doubled so the village will have the money and will not have to get a loan to do the roof. President Rogers stated she understands why there is a roof fund but why charge interest to just build up the account.

Visitor Michelle Adams commented she would like to be put on the agenda for next month's meeting. President Rogers stated okay just let Clerk Hall know what you want to discuss and she will put it on the agenda.

Trustee Hoefer commented the public needs to know how the Public Comment is going to be done so if someone needs to comment on something they can have it put on. President Rogers stated she will write a "Spring Letter" and inform every one of the changes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Trustee McGraw. Motion Passed

The Village of North Henderson Trustees Meeting for March 14, 2019 was adjourned at 7:30 pm with the next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Village Garage.

Melody Hall
Village Clerk

Carol Rogers
Village President