

**VILLAGE OF NORTH HENDERSON
TRUSTEE MEETING
VILLAGE SHED
MARCH 8, 2018 AT 6:30**

Village of North Henderson Trustee meeting for March 8, 2018 was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Carol Rogers.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Trustees: Angie Chandlee, John Hoefer, Don McGraw, Vanessa Olson, Karin Simkins (arrived late)

Also Attending: Pres. Carol Rogers, Tres. Gary Whitcomb, Clerk Melody Hall

Visitors: Jim Tucker, Don Adams, Michelle Adams

Absent: Tiffany Leffler

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Rogers announced that the Alexis Fireman's Breakfast will be Sunday March 18, 2018 from 6:00 am – 11:00 am at the Alexis fire station and it is a free will donation.

Jim Tucker announced that the Galesburg Railroad Club is now at Half Court Pizza and they will be having an open house Saturday March 10, 2018 Mr. Tucker also stated they will be open Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoon's. Trustee Vanessa Olson commented that it is the club that use to be at the Galesburg Mall.

MINUTES:

Trustee Vanessa Olson made a motion to accept the minutes, Trustee Don McGraw 2nd the motion.
Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Chandlee, Hoefer, McGraw, Olson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Vanessa Olson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, 2nd by Trustee John Hoefer. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Chandlee, Hoefer, McGraw, Olson. Motion carried.

President Rogers mentioned that under the Water Fund bank account, CD number 32722 is up for renewal and she would like to know how the board would like to handle it. President Rogers asked Treasurer Whitcomb what he would recommend. Treasurer Whitcomb recommended that the CD be rolled over because it is only a 1 year CD and if it was to be cashed in it would go into the deprecation account where there are enough funds to handle anything immediate.

Trustee Vanessa Olson made motion to roll over the CD, 2nd by Trustee Don McGraw. Roll call vote: Ayes Chandlee, Hoefer, McGraw, Olson. Motioned carried.

BILLS:

Trustee Vanessa Olson made a motion to accept and pay the bills, 2nd by Trustee Don McGraw. Roll call vote: Ayes: Olson, McGraw, Hoefer, Chandlee. Nays 0. Motion carried.

President Rogers commented that she had something to address and she felt this was the best time to address it. President Rogers stated that she was approached by 2 separate people in the community this month, and both wanted to know about the secret bank account that Treasurer Whitcomb has using the Village's money. President Rogers stated that these are very serious allegations, and these allegations have been mentioned before. President Rogers stated that she addressed the people who started the malicious rumor in the past.. President Rogers said that she told the people who started the rumor, just how serious the allegation is and if it is true to bring her proof so she can take it before the board to be addressed. President Rogers was then told, by the people who started the rumor, that if she wanted to know where the proof was to find it herself. President Rogers commented that by being told that, she feels the rumor has no creditability. President Rogers stated that she has spoke to the bank and to Treasurer Whitcomb and both say there is no secret bank account. President Rogers then stated that all the Village's books go to an auditor and have passed every time.

President Rogers then publically asked Treasurer Whitcomb "Are there any secret bank accounts that you have using the Village's money?" Treasurer Whitcomb replied "No, all of the accounts are right here in the treasurer's report." Treasurer Whitcomb stated the only account that does not show up is the seed up account, which is for grants and it has a zero balance. President Rogers then asked if anyone at the table had any questions for Treasurer Whitcomb. Treasurer Whitcomb stated that any accounts with the bank have to be signed by President Rogers, Clerk Hall and himself. President Rogers stated that the only time Treasurer Whitcomb signed checks was when the old clerk, Nancy, was gone. Because all checks written has to have 2 signatures, usually the president and the clerk, but without a clerk Treasurer Whitcomb had to sign the checks. President Rogers stated that Treasurer Whitcomb gives copies of all the deposits, bills, and bank statements to Clerk Hall that shows all money that comes in and goes out. President Rogers then stated that even the auditors say that all money is there and there are no secret accounts.

President Rogers asked that if anyone hears this rumor that they would help to stop the rumor, because if anybody has proof they can bring it before the board to have it addressed. Clerk Hall stated that she by getting the mail she sees all the bank statements that comes in and after Treasurer Whitcomb balances them he then gives her copies. Clerk Hall then stated that there are none of the statements missing and each one is balanced. President Rogers again asked if anyone hears the rumor to please help stop the rumor. Thank You

OLD BUSINESS:

President Rogers asked if anyone had any old business, she believes all old business had been covered at last month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association:

President Rogers commented that while Clerk Hall was cleaning and organizing the office she found, in a stack of papers, this packet from the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association which she brought it to my attention. President Rogers stated that she believes it goes with the village's Illinois Municipal League Insurance. President Rogers stated she had Clerk Hall call and see if anything had been done with the paper work. President Rogers stated that when Clerk Hall called the company stated that it still needed to be signed and returned. President Rogers commented that she's not an insurance agency but after reading the forms they seem to explain the village's policy. President Rogers stated that even though we received the approved copy last week the association still needs the paperwork signed and dated to show that the village agrees with the policy. President Rogers commented that she had noticed the date on the bottom read July 2017, since it had been so long, that if the board wanted to table it until next month so everyone has a chance to review the paperwork that would be entertained.

Trustee Vanessa Olson made the motion to table the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association until next month's meeting. Trustee Don McGraw 2nd the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Olson, McGraw, Hoefer, Chandlee, Simkins. Motion carried.

Mowing Bids:

President Rogers commented that it is getting to be that time of the year to start mowing again. President Rogers stated that usually the clerk would put an advertisement in the paper for bids, having the bids due by the next meeting, where the bids will be opened, reviewed and voted on.

Trustee Vanessa Olson made the motion to place an advertisement in the paper. Trustee Karin Simkins 2nd the motion. Roll call vote Ayes: Olson, Chandlee, Simkins, McGraw, Hoefer. Motion passed.

Alexis Easter egg Hunt:

President Rogers commented that the board received a request from Alexis for a donation to help with their Easter Egg Hunt again this year. President Rogers mentioned she did not remember what the village donated last year and asked Treasurer Whitcomb if he remembered. Treasurer Whitcomb, having the reports from last year, looked up the donation and stated that it had been \$100.00. President Rogers commented that the board did not have to donate, if they choose, or could donate the \$100.00 again or if they wanted to, donate more. Trustee Olson commented that she did not know how much they spent on the Easter Egg Hunt, but North Henderson residents do take their children to it. Clerk Hall commented that in the last few years that she has taken her grandson, they have had not only thousands of eggs but also larger items. Clerk Hall continued to comment that in the past they have used almost every grassy area; behind the bus barn, the ball diamond, east side of the school and the grass area by the play ground. Clerk Hall stated that last year they sectioned off the area by the play ground equipment from the driveway across to the concession stand then just north of the play ground all the way to the fence and that they even had a special prize of a bike for a special egg. Clerk Hall commented that she wasn't sure about the evening hunt. Trustee Olson said they did the same for the evening hunt. President Rogers commented that the village does not have their own Easter Egg Hunt. President Rogers was asked for the information on the Easter Egg Hunt. Saturday, March 24th at the United Elementary School. Times: 0-3rd grade 1:00, 4th and 5th grade 8:30. Jenny McKeown and Kate Brown are in charge.

Trustee Vanessa Olson made the motion to donate \$100.00 to the Alexis Easter Egg Hunt. 2nd by Angie Chandlee. Roll call vote: Aves Olson, Chandlee, Simkins Hoefer, McGraw. Motion passed.

Clean Up Days:

President Rogers stated that in some of the past years, during the spring, that the village has had a village wide clean up, where the residents would put their unwanted stuff on the curb and the village would pay to have it hauled off. Trustee Chandlee asked if anyone could remember when it was last year? Trustee Olson commented she thought it was sometime in June because of graduation and a lot of other things going on. President Rogers stated that the last couple years they have used Peterson Disposal, and it depends on when the company could do it. President Rogers continued to state that last year Peterson Disposal was completely booked in May so that is why it was in June. Trustee Olson then mentioned that we should get a couple dates, cost and other information from several companies such as Peterson, Waste Management and others then decide.

Trustee Vanessa Olson made a motion to table clean up days to get information until next meeting. 2nd by Trustee Don McGraw. Roll call vote Ayes: Chandlee, Olson, McGraw, Hoefer, Simkins. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

President Rogers asked if there were any public comments. Jim Tucker commented that he has a question for Treasurer Whitcomb. Mr. Tucker continued to state that what he calls special accounts, are the bank loan, depreciation, and roof repair accounts. Mr. Tucker then asked "Why do these accounts go for 2-3 months underfunded then all of a sudden they are overfunded, why is there no consistency?" Treasurer Whitcomb stated that they are based on the water bills. Mr. Tucker then stated that there are 73 customers, so there should be so much entered into each of those accounts each month. Treasurer Whitcomb replied "No, because of the penalties and fines." Mr. Tucker again asked why the special accounts would be underfunded then way overfunded. Treasurer Whitcomb stated that it depends on how much is collected each month. Mr. Tucker again asked why, say the depreciation account, can be underfunded for months then \$3000.00 dumped in it? Treasurer Whitcomb stated that the amounts are what he receives from the reports in the water program.

Mr. Tucker commented that he has a spread sheet of all the water bills, the \$2.00 and something for the roof repair, times the number of the bills is what should be put into that account each month. President Rogers stated that the accounts go underfunded because not everyone pays their bill on time, so if you take the amount of the account times the 75, yes, that is what should be in the account but if a bill is not paid that amount will not go into the account. Mr. Tucker asked, why, in a month or so, is the account overfunded? President Rogers answered that during that month or so the customer paid their bill. Mr. Tucker asked why the account goes unfunded for 2-3 years. President Rogers had to confirm that Mr. Tucker meant to be saying years. Mr. Tucker stated, that when Treasurer Whitcomb came into office, that the account was underfunded by \$2000.00 for 3 years then it became way overfunded. Treasurer Whitcomb stated that the information he receives is what comes to him from reports in the water program. President Rogers stated that the amounts go by what comes in each month. President Rogers stated she would like Mr. Tucker to show her what he is talking about. Mr. Tucker then stated that he would make a chart to show President Rogers and explain what he's talking about.

Treasurer Whitcomb stated that the numbers in the reports in the water program are what is transferred in. Mr. Tucker stated the water program is based on all the customers, not just the paying customers. Treasurer Whitcomb stated that the water program is based on the money that comes in. Mr. Tucker stated that it's all money coming in, but the water program is based on each customer, which is how the tax is set up, per the water ordinance, the tax and water program are based on each customer. President Rogers stated that the charges are what are based on each customer. President Rogers stated when a payment comes in, Clerk Hall then enters the payment into the computer and the computer automatically applies the payments under each account, and at the end of the month Clerk Hall prints out a report, that shows how much money is entered into each account and gives the report to Treasurer Whitcomb. Treasurer Whitcomb stated that the water program is based on the amount of each payment that is made during the month. Mr. Tucker asked, why would the computer come up with a big chunk every 3 years? Treasurer Whitcomb commented that it could be because of the auditor, deciding that there needs to be more funds in that account. Mr. Tucker stated he would run a second spread sheet, with just the paying customers, to see how far off his figures are. Treasurer Whitcomb then commented that if there are any fines or penalties that those also go into each of the accounts. Mr. Tucker restated that he would do the 2nd spread sheet and show it to President Rogers.

President Rogers commented that if Mr. Tucker could remember back when he was President, the auditor told him he had been collecting money for an account, but there was no money in that account, so the board voted to take the money from another account to balance the account. President Rogers commented that she thinks at the end of the year, when people haven't paid their bill, the accounts do not balance, so the auditor will take the money from another account to balance the accounts out. Mr. Tucker commented that if not everyone was paying their bill the village needs to be shutting off their water, and the village has not been doing so. President Rogers stated "Yes we have been shutting off water; as a matter of fact we just shut someone's water off this week." Mr. Tucker commented the village hasn't been doing it in the past. President Rogers stated that does not matter, because that is not what was being discussed. President Rogers stated that Mr. Tucker is not the president nor on the board, he is a citizen who has the right to come to the meeting and give an opinion, but the board does not have to do what he says. President Rogers stated that the board has its own way of doing things. Mr. Tucker stated that he would print off the spread sheets to show President Rogers. President Rogers commented that she would appreciate it.

President Rogers asked if there was any other comment. Trustee Karin Simkins asked if there was anything the village could do about the recycle bins? Trustee Simkins stated that it is ridiculous how people throw things around and in them. Trustee Vanessa Olson commented that a letter could be sent out in the water bills as to how and what things are to be put in the bins. Trustee Simkins stated that it was not just North Henderson residence that are using the bins, that there are people from Alexis using the bins. Trustee Simkins stated that she followed a lady all the way to Galesburg who had just left the recycle bins and she knows the lady was from Alexis. Trustee Olson stated that she has an idea of what could be done but would like to discuss it at the next meeting. President Rogers stated that it would be put on the agenda.

Trustee Olson asked if the dog ordinance could be sent out again because she has seen a dog running loose around the village garage and knows the dog lives nearby. Trustee Olson also stated that it is getting to be that time of year where the dogs are going to try and sneak out and the residence do need a reminder. Clerk Hall stated that she will send out the ordinance with the next water bills.

With no other business or comments Trustee Don McGraw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Karin Simkins 2nd the motion. The March 8th Village Trustee meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Melody Hall, Village Clerk


Carol Rogers, Village President