

Village of Capron

Business Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016 – 7 PM @ Capron Village Hall
250 W. Main Street, Capron, IL 61012

Pledge 7:00 PM

Call to Order by Village President JoAnn Cavaliere

Roll Call – Nancy Jones, Ken Hawes, Kim Gazda, Elizabeth Kopacz, Steve Cavaliere, Linda Nelson, Laura Pisarcik, Aaron Szeto. Anna Kuzmiak absent.

Approval of Agenda- Motion by Ken Hawes, 2nd by Steve Cavaliere. Discussion: please add Discuss Enterprise Zone under Steve Cavaliere. Under Laura Pisarcik, change the work Appropriation to Abatement. Motion to approve agenda with these additions by Ken Hawes, 2nd by Steve Cavaliere. Voice vote: all ayes. Anna Kuzmiak absent. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes – Approval of Business Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2015. Motion by Steve Cavaliere, 2nd by Ken Hawes. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion approved.

Approval of Bills- Motion by Ken Hawes, 2nd by Steve Cavaliere. Nancy Jones, Ken Hawes, Elizabeth Kopacz, Kim Gazda, Steve Cavaliere voted aye. Motion approved.

Audience Comments – Those who wish to address the board must sign in at the beginning of the meeting and will have **5 minutes** to speak.

Capron Code Enforcer – Bob Lukes

- a. Status Reports – Dumpsters/Enclosures cases closed except one resident who has until the end of January to comply. Had some garbage cans left out at street that letters had to be sent out. Sidewalks in front of businesses: Sunrise and the Post Office hire people to plow their sidewalks/driveways. Piles of snow were left on sidewalks. Bob spoke to business owners. Having issues with repeat offenders as far as vehicles and trailers. Some like to play the game of moving trailers/cars by date requested or be fined, but then put them back to start the process again. Bob asked the board if we want to amend the ordinance to speed up the process for repeat offenders. The consensus of the board was to have Aaron amend the ordinance to shorten up days to comply and in some cases double fines.
- b. Discuss drainage issue complaint by Joseph Pellitieri. Flooding or Ponding caused at 125 Morning Sun Trail because 145 & 155 Morning Sun Trail properties drainage ditches or water ways have been filled in. Development site plans clearly state that these water ways are not to be obstructed in any way, and it is the home owners responsibility to make sure of this. These home owners may not even be aware as maybe a previous owner filled them in. Aaron Szeto stated that it is an issue between Mr. Pelletieri and his neighbors. It is not a village issue or the village's responsibility to correct the problem.
- c. Discuss Steve Bennett water issue & complaint about Church gravel. Public Works and the water/sewer department have looked over this issue and stated that the gravel the church put in is not causing a problem with sub pumps running non-stop at Mr. Bennett's property.

Community Relations – Elizabeth Kopacz

Health – Anna Kuzmiak

Maintenance & Streets/Sidewalks – Nancy Jones

Planning & Development – Steve Cavaliere

ENTERPRISE ZONE – The State has now approved the Enterprise Zone which includes the Village of Capron. The Village of Capron had applied to be part of this several months ago but was held up by the State. Originally designed to help business fix up their business appearance and such. All through downtown Capron, Capron Mfg, Surface, KKO, and H&H Storage are included. This opportunity allows for a tax break on materials, discount on building permits & rebate on taxes over 5 years. The Village of Capron is checking to see if "sidewalks" would fit into this program. There are still some unanswered questions so more information as we move forward. If anyone is interested in taking advantage of this program, there will be an application to fill out.

Treasurer- Laura Pisarcik

- a. Discuss/Approve ~~Appropriation~~ Abatement Ordinance 16-01. Reduced another \$15,000. Motion to approve by Nancy Jones, 2nd by Steve Cavaliere. Elizabeth Kopacz, Steve Cavaliere, Ken Hawes, Nancy Jones, Kim Gazda voted aye. Anna Kuzmiak absent. Motion passed.

Water & Sewer - Ken Hawes

Zoning & Ordinance – Kim Gazda

Village Engineer-Strand Engineering

Village Attorney - Aaron Szeto

- a. Discuss well funding. We are still unable to refinance the bond with traditional bond financing due to the water/sewer not being able to stand on its own as of yet. (Not borrowing from General Fund). However, there are “alternative” refinancing options Aaron Szeto and Laura Pisarcik are looking into.
- b. Dawn Kline Pre-Annexation: Bank wants to amend configuration which means we would have to go thru the Public Hearing process again and approve. Aaron Szeto stated that if the board wants him to go ahead, he will let them know that all the fees need to be paid first. The board told Aaron to go ahead.

Village President – JoAnn Cavaliere

- a. Discuss/Approve amending Ordinance for service fee on accounts. (Currently ordinance states \$5/mo. service fee.) Residential and commercial would be charged the \$5/mo. Industry \$15/mo.) Industry (Mfg.) uses a lot more water & sewer than residential/commercial. Motion to approve Ordinance 16-02 amending the service fee by Ken Hawes, 2nd by Nancy Jones. Kim Gazda, Nancy Jones, Steve Cavaliere, Elizabeth Kopacz, Ken Hawes voted aye. Anna Kuzmiak absent. Motion passed.
- b. Discuss/Approve regular maintenance on Village Hall furnace. When bank owned the building, Ceroni Piping took care of the furnace. The board suggested we not only get maintenance pricing from Ceroni Piping, but look into Axberg and Fleming to see what they offer. Linda will make some calls and we will discuss again at the next committee meeting 1/28/15.

Audience Comments – Those who wish to address the board regarding the material discussed at this meeting will have **5 minutes** to speak.

Charlie Frank – commented about the \$5.00 service fee. The rates were just increased not that long ago and now another fee? Aaron Szeto stated we are playing catch up from what should have been done decades ago.

Unfinished Business – Nancy Jones would like to get an update on 127 W. Main St. & 165 E Main. (Property that we want to tear down.) Aaron Szeto reported that owners of 127 W. Main have deed and Aaron will send a contract to transfer property to us. 165 E Main, they have one to serve. 330 N. Wooster – Aaron has been in contact with them before the holidays but needs to follow up.

New Business-

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Ken Hawes, 2nd by Steve Cavaliere. Voice vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Minutes taken and transcribed by Village Clerk, Linda M. Nelson

Date: _____