

## **Village of Capron** **Business Meeting Minutes**

September 12, 2016 – 7 PM @ Capron Village Hall  
250 W. Main Street, Capron, IL 61012

**Pledge** 7:00 PM

**Call to Order** – by President JoAnn Cavaliere

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

**Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Steve Cavaliere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Jones. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes** – Approval of Business Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2016 – Motion by Steve Cavaliere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Gazda. Discussion: Elizabeth Kopacz stated she would like to make a correction to the minutes where stated she “called” Michelle Courier, she would like to correct that to “contacted” Michelle Courier. Minutes will be corrected before posting. Voice vote to approve the minutes – all ayes. Minutes approved.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2016 – Motion by Steve Cavaliere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Gazda. No Discussion. Voice vote: all ayes. Minutes approved.

**Approval of Bills-** Motion by Nancy Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Gazda. Discussion: Steve Cavaliere inquired about how often the Wifli bill gets paid and it was stated annually when they finish the audit. Roll call vote: Kim Gazda, Steve Cavaliere, Nancy Jones, Elizabeth Kopacz voted aye. Ken Hawes & Anna Kuzmiak absent. 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.

John Heeter started things off as he stated he had heard a nasty rumor people want to pass a vehicle permit sticker and ask permission to have people at our house – none of your business. As for vehicle sticker, we are passing it after Dearborn? We’re not Dearborn. We’re not Candlewick, we don’t want to be Candlewick! This is ridiculous. Stated if people want to live in Candlewick, move there. People are selling their homes there! At this point the crowd all joined in to voice their opposition to this subject. Reference to Dearborn was corrected to state Deerfield. John stated that no one there wanted this – We the People don’t want this. If this goes through, no one sitting here would be on board next year. Expressed the board was going to chase people out and there would be more vacant homes around like the Sherman house. Aaron Szeto stepped in to try and set some ground rules to let the person who signed up to speak do the speaking without everyone chiming in. Conrad Lobinsky jumped in to ask Aaron who told him he could speak. This was the audience’s time to speak. Von Stout said he didn’t know what this was all about and hadn’t heard of it until he saw the petition and asked the board to explain. JoAnn tried to state during audience comments, it’s not a question/answer session. Several questions were asked and Aaron stated it was up to JoAnn whether she wanted to try and answer these questions. So JoAnn tried to explain how this all came about..... it was an “idea” that was brought up as a possible solution to gain money for our streets. Kim Gazda then addressed the audience to explain she was the one who had suggested the permits and fees, obviously it wasn’t a good idea. Conrad Lobinsky stated he has been going thru the minutes and has seen where money is appropriated for the streets and asked where the rest of it was if not all of it was being use. He also stated that things show up on the agenda and are voted on before anyone really sees what is going on. Many times during this time the subject of code enforcer was brought up and the community’s opinion against him. Trying to get back to those who signed up to speak, Jennifer Heeter stated she would like to thank the person who put out ½ the information for at least they got half, better than none. Discussed costs for water and also flooding at 173 and Wooster and asked what is going to be done about that. Nick

Staver also stated he was against the stickers and the rumor he heard limiting vehicles with B plates. That would also limit buses etc... There are other ways to generate money. Expressed his dislike of code enforcement on private property. He also mentioned his high usage of water and not getting an answer as to why. Dan Dular against vehicle stickers and problem with code enforcer on private property. Stated trailer park is private property, well so are all their properties. And then Dan asked when the code enforcer was going to give back the money for mowing his property by his old bank building that the village has been mowing for years. Conrad Lobinsky was next on the list to speak and said he had been going thru old minutes. Violations in Virginia Court – what happened is the board didn't know if the violations had been taken care of so they needed to go check. Conrad then stated that the lawyer, who gets \$275/hour to sit at these meetings, suggested the fire dept. go check for smoke alarms and the code enforcer could come along and check to see if the violations had been taken care of. Stated Aaron is to sit there at the board, he isn't to talk, reference only. On subject of code enforcer, he is not an appointed official by the community. He was appointed by the board. No term for code enforcer and appointed by President. Keep increasing his hours from 20/mo. to 15/wk. Need to make sure petition gets signed, all of them need to go. Accountability is what we need. Spent 6 years in military holding people accountable, comes home, and will not put up with it here. Myrtle Munger – worried about TIF District. Discuss and approve a TIF district? That is serious. Wanted to let the board know that when she was on the board, no TIF district was promised. Jason Kruckenberg – speaking on the TIF District. Talked to former board members and ZBA members. They agreed to let Mr. Carlin explore TIF options. Does this mean the board is ready to hire these people to look into TIF? Jason then went on to explain to the audience that village employees do not have to live within the village. Even though many stated Bob as code enforcer doesn't have to live in the village limits. To be a board member, you do have to live within the village. None of the employees live in the village. JoAnn differed Jason's question to Aaron Szeto to answer. Aaron explained that this is not to approve the TIF but to hire an Eligibility Consultant whether or not the village wants to hire them and be reimbursed by the developer. Jason said we are way past our sunset date. Myrtle said we did approve to extend mobile home park 5 year extension with 2 year exit clause to July 18, 2015 – to break ground – not just submit plans to be within his contract. Myrtle wishes to speak to Aaron after the meeting regarding this further. Disa Fyfe, switching from 2 meetings a month to 1 was wondering if the board would get paid for 2 meetings. Also mentioned code enforcer picks and chooses, and mentioned the camper behind JoAnn's building. Doesn't feel a town this size needs a code enforcer. Disa also asked if it was legal to appoint JoAnn's son to the board. The answer was yes and at the time, no one was willing. Linda Wohlfarth stated that Kim and Steve had tried to remove the petitions from establishments. Removing the petition from the Post Office is a federal offense and it was removed twice. Kim said she went to Sunrise and asked to see the petition but was told it was already taken down. She did not take it, she just wanted to see what it was. Then Linda wanted to know why Liz was approached by Bob, a woman by herself, who yelled at her in the middle of the street for 45 minutes. Bob tried to respond, he did go to Liz's house because it was rumored she had written the petition so he wanted to ask her face to face. They had a discussion on her porch that did not last 45 minutes, Liz said it was 40 minutes, the audience got loud again so Bob wasn't able to continue. Linda said she'd like to call an executive meeting and discuss this, she feels Bob should have never approached her.

**Capron Code Enforcer** – Bob Lukes (Nothing at this time)

**Community Relations** – Kim Gazda

- Approve "Welcome Packets" to be given to new residents. – Kim made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Jones. Kim Gazda, Elizabeth Kopacz, Steve Cavaliere, Nancy Jones voted aye. Ken Hawes & Anna Kuzmiak absent. Motion passed.

**Health** – Anna Kuzmiak (Absent)

**Maintenance & Streets/Sidewalks** – Nancy Jones (Nothing at this time)

**Planning & Development** – Elizabeth Kopacz (Nothing at this time)

**Treasurer**- Laura Pisarcik (Absent)

**Water & Sewer** - Ken Hawes (Absent)

**Zoning & Ordinance** – Steve Cavaliere (Nothing at this time)

**Village Engineer**-Strand Engineering (Not present)

**Village Attorney** - Aaron Szeto

- Discuss/Approve **Kane, McKenna & Associates** as Eligibility Consultant to see if Manufactured Home Park qualifies for TIF District. Aaron Szeto explained that this was to vote on an eligibility consultant, not the formation of a TIF district. Elizabeth Kopacz expressed desire to hold over until a later date to wait for trustee Ken Hawes to attend. Elizabeth still had an issue as to how this discussion was discussed under executive session regarding employees at last meeting. Aaron said he would be happy to speak to Elizabeth regarding that. Elizabeth made a motion to hold over the approval of Kane, McKenna & Associates as Eligibility Consultants, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Gazda. No further discussion, roll call vote: Nancy Jones, Kim Gazda, Elizabeth Kopacz, Steve Cavaliere voted aye. Ken Hawes & Anna Kuzmiak absent. Motion approved to lay over until next committee meeting.

**Village President** – JoAnn Cavaliere

- Approve Well No. 3 USDA Rural Development Loan Application Task Order. Motion to approve by Nancy Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Cavaliere. Discussion: Elizabeth Kopacz stated she had no idea what that was about. Last committee meeting Ryan Wood was in attendance with and explained the task order to move forward with applying for a USDA Rural Development Loan/Grant for the new well. Roll call vote: Kim Gazda, Steve Cavaliere, Nancy Jones, Elizabeth Kopacz voted aye. Ken Hawes & Anna Kuzmiak absent. Motion approved.

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

Jason Kruckenberg stated that in the past when he was on the board, there was money set aside for the new well and asked if that money was still available or had it been used for something else. That would be a question for the Village Treasurer, Laura Pisarcik, as far as how much has been set aside but yes the money is still there and available to put toward the new well. Unfortunately Laura was unable to attend this meeting to answer the financial questions that were asked.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business**- Nancy Jones began to add to new business a quote for the road repair at State Hwy. 173 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We have a contract from IDOT dated 1990 that states that it's the Village's property to repair. IDOT will help by grinding up the blacktop but then Majestic would pave it for \$2050. Nancy just received this quote today. IDOT is available in 2 weeks to help us with this so Nancy asked for a consensus to approve so IDOT and Majestic could get it scheduled. At this time Conrad Lobinsky interrupted Nancy to state that what Nancy was doing was wrong and against the Public Acts of the IL Code of Conduct Rule. Discussing maintenance, streets & sidewalks under new business and was not dictated in the agenda so this discussion needed to end immediately and be discussed at the next meeting under the proper area.

Discuss/Approve Raffle Permit for Capron Rescue Squad Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser event. Motion to approve by Steve Cavaliere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Jones and wave the permit fee of \$25. Steve Cavaliere, Elizabeth Kopacz, Nancy Jones, Kim Gazda voted aye. Ken Hawes & Anna Kuzmiak absent. Motion approved.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Steve Cavaliere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Gazda. No discussion. Voice vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

*Meeting minutes taken and transcribed by Village Clerk, Linda M. Nelson*

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