

Village of Capron
Committee Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2017 – 7:05 PM @ Capron Village Hall
250 W. Main Street, Capron, IL 61012

Pledge 7:05 pm

Call to Order by Mayor Conrad Lobinsky

Roll Call – Ken Hawes, Elizabeth Kopacz, Linda Wohlfarth, Steven Plumley, Larry Goodall, Shirley Berghorn, Conrad Lobinsky, Attorney Russ Baker

Absent – Ryan Wood Strand Engineering, Trustee Steven Bank

Approval of Agenda- Motion by Trustee Ken Hawes, Seconded by Trustee Larry Goodall - Voice vote: all ayes.

Community Relations – Trustee Steven Plumley

Trustee Plumley stated that everything was beautiful

- Robert Kizer – the think tank will have to get together. It is too late in the season for a carnival but they are not giving up for next year. They would like in the middle of July a car show, street dance with live music a beer trailer, bouncy houses. They will post when the next meeting gets together at the post office. Someone from the audience stated for the car show they will be having a raffle, donations not money coming from the village. They could block off route 173 and Ogden through the fire department. They are having a dunk tank and possibly have the mayor in the tank. Bob Lukes asked about insurance. Robert Kizer stated that he is a food vendor and has insurance, they could go through his insurance. The liability would not be on the village.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Ken Hawes – Nothing now.

Maintenance & Infrastructure – Trustee Larry Goodall – Nothing now.

Planning & Development – Trustee Elizabeth Kopacz – Nothing now.

Village Attorney – Russ Baker – Nothing now.

Village Mayor – Conrad Lobinsky

) Update of village policy and procedures

The village will no longer taking credit/debit cards over the phone, is too much of a risk. That is why PSN was set up. They take checks and debit cards.

We will rework the process of getting permits, to streamline the process. Mayor Lobinsky stated the water bills and turning of off water is something he is not pushing. A delinquent account with a significant amount will be looked into.

) Restructuring of employee policy/handbook

There are policies, guidelines, standards we let go.

) Guidelines on business appearance and upkeep

The village is going to come up with a color scheme for the businesses. We need to maintain our history. The still standing businesses we have are historical landmarks. The businesses have looked better in recent history. They will bring in more residence. If color scheme is not adhered to there will be fines. We will not allow buildings to crumble.

Board votes Trustee Steven Plumley aye, Trustee Ken Hawes not at this time, Trustee Elizabeth Kopacz aye, Trustee Larry Goodall aye, Trustee Linda Wohlfarth aye. Motion carried

) Designation of village equipment and means outside village property.

Regarding uncut properties, we will no longer be cutting the grass at uncut properties. It is not the village's responsibility. Using the equipment degrades our equipment, it could cost

us \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 for a lawn mower. We will not keep charging properties, placing liens. Liens are hurting us. If someone purchases the property they have to pay all the liens. Someone in audience stated the bank paid hers. Mrs. White stated before she could buy her home she had to pay all liens against her home. She almost didn't buy her home.

We charge a lien and one of our machines brake. Neighbors need to help mow one another's lawns.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

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.

➤ Steven Cavaliere – He would like to continue on the budgetary water program, it goes through a standard boiler plate. The computers run on Windows 7. They were updated late last year. We had an extra computer. We do have a computer expert here in town. He can help with computer problems.

➤ Colleen White – is concerned about the empty lot there are vacant foundations. Someone stated that someone died there. There are empty beer bottles all over.

Mayor Lobinsky stated that Blackhawk Bank owns them. He has driven around and it is a hazard. It is a dumping ground. Mayor Lobinsky saw a toilet sitting there. Building is on hold, the mayor will find individual(s) responsible. The foundations are not structurally sound.

➤ Bob Kizer – With the recent tornado we need to open a place for branches. We need to set up procedures that the area opened to the public be monitored by employees. Some people were not informed of the tornado. Sirens were not heard.

Mayor Lobinsky stated we have a system for phone calls. Make sure name and number is given to Shirley to update your information. Regarding the storm, storm chasers were in the village. Some of which were not properly licensed. One business had a business card, and a flyer with a different name. When he took pictures of license plates they were irate. Some questioned the permits what were they for. Mayor Lobinsky stated these would be addressed at another time. Someone asked if our permits were to pay for our building inspector.

➤ Miranda Arenlt – her question was answered.

➤ Gail Kruckenberg – she has concerns regarding the sirens they could not hear it when it went off for the tornado. Can someone check the sound level or have a second siren put in. It only went off for a short period of time. Some couldn't hear the siren outside.

➤ Linda Lammersfeld – is the president taking away assignments as a form of punishment? She asked that decisions not be made off the cuff. She then asked if Shirley had been vetted. Mayor Lobinsky said he looked at her resume. Mrs. Lammersfeld said she would take that as a no. She asked about trustees being locked out of the village hall. Shirley asked to address the village hall – The mayor agreed. Shirley stated that she is alone in the village hall 98% of the time and when she has to walk to the back room she locks the door. The front doors are open if there is a trustee needing their mail she unlocks the door to hall.

Mayor Lobinsky stated that due to those who contacted the state's attorney's office no one that is not bonded will be in the office area.

Adjournment – Mayor Lobinsky asked for adjournment. Trustee Hawes asked for adjournment, Trustee Wohlfarth seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Village Clerk, Shirley Berghorn

Shirley Berghorn Date: June 12,2017