

VILLAGE OF ST. JACOB
213 N DOUGLAS
PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009
REGULAR MEETING #09-16

- I. The Regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Raymond Muniz.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ray Muniz
Trustee Tim Thompson
Trustee Ken Miller
Trustee Laura Meyer
Trustee Ryan Junker
Trustee Hank Robards
Clerk Dawn Miller
Absent: Trustee Jared Reilson
Mike Muniz
Chief Larry Morietta

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Trustee Meyer moved to accept the agenda. Trustee Junker seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried. Mayor Muniz added a closed session to the agenda. No action will be taken.
2. Trustee Meyer moved to accept the minutes. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Mayor Muniz reported the Pavilion raising will be October 17, 2009. He also said there would be volunteers helping prepare the site the weekend before.
2. Mayor Muniz stated that he has a letter he wants to send to all the businesses in town to invite them for a photo opt and a lunch at Dew Drop on October 15, 2009. Dawn Mushill from the Chamber is going to do a presentation. Mayor Muniz wants to make sure the Village is willing to pay for the lunch. It should only be 50 people or so. Trustee Meyer asked if we should set a limit for the lunch. Trustee Miller doesn't think we need to set a limit. Mayor Muniz said he will send a letter to all board members. The photo opt will be at 11:30 by the welcome sign.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: MEYER

1. Movie in the Park October 16, 2009. There will be a costume contest before the movie.
2. The PTO is St Jacob is having a pumpkin Trunk. People bring there cars and get them decorated. They are also going to have a pumpkin contest. Mayor Muniz said he would report back with additional information.
3. Home Telephone Company is sponsoring the IL Chip Program at the St Jacob Grade School. Parents can bring there kids and get there picture taken and receive a child identification packet.

C. WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – REILSON:

1. Trustee Reilson is on his honeymoon in Jamaica.
2. Stonebrook sewers' meeting is October 8, 2009 at the St Jacob Lions Hall.
3. The new trash cans were delivered this week. Regular pickup will resume next Thursday.

4. Mayor Muniz reported that we received a fax from Bond/Madison Water Company regarding American Water asking for a rate increase. The Letter stated that they will need to increase water rates if the increase is granted. Mayor Muniz stated that the last couple years the Village has absorbed the increase. We will need to consider increasing our rates if we get an increase.

5. Mayor Muniz stated that we received another fax today from the City of Highlands Attorneys regarding our water purchase agreement with them. The agreement was for 40 years. The agreement is up for renewal. The City of Highland would like to renew the agreement. Mayor Muniz stated that he will be in contact with George Marron so we can start the negotiation process.

D. POLICE COMMITTEE – ROBARDS :

1. Trustee Robards stated that the police department continues to patrol the stop sign on Douglas. They have also increased patrolling in other areas as well.

2. Michelle will start providing reports to the board at the first board meeting of the month.

3. Trustee Robards also stated that there is a leash law in town and people need to start obeying that rule. Other wise we will be forced to take the loose animals to the pound.

E. ORDINANCE & FINANCE – MILLER:

1. Trustee Miller reported that we have a final budget. Trustee Miller thinks the budget reflects what we project will happen. Trustee Miller gave a report about the budget. We will have an over expenditure of \$89000.00 He hopes to cut that deficit in half since we over estimated expenditures and under estimated revenues. We will still have a fund balance around 51000 the only fund that will actually be in the red is the water fund. However the sewer fund balances that out. Mike, Tim and Dawn have been put on notice In terms of what we spend and overtime. We do need to look at water rates before April. We over estimated salaries and benefits but we do anticipate a 1% raise that will be retro active to September 1, 2009 and the health insurance benefit went up about 14%. He feels this is the reasonable thing to do so that the employees know that we do appreciate all that they do.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the budget as presented with the inclusion of the 1% increase to salaries for full time employees. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice Vote 3 ayes, 2 no, motion carried

Trustee Miller	ayes	Trustee Thompson	no
Trustee Robards	ayes	Trustee Meyer	no
Trustee Junker	ayes		

Trustee Thompson stated that at since we have a deficit every year at some point everything is going to come to a screeching halt. For that reason Trustee Thompson feels that we should cut the number of employees we have. That is why he is voting no.

2. Keith Frey was at the meeting to address the board regarding the new building code. He explained the changes of the current building code to the 2003 Boca code. He stated that we haven't changed anything since 1999. He also stated that the contractors are already following the 2003 Boca Code. He also feels that we should consider increasing the rates. Trustee Meyer asked if it would affect pools. She also asked if it would affect the current zoning. Keith stated that it has nothing to do with zoning. She also asked if it would affect set backs. He said it would stay the same because we follow our ordinance. Trustee Miller thinks we need to discuss in a committee meeting.

F. PUBLIC GROUNDS & BUILDINGS – THOMPSON

1. Trustee Thompson stated the new doors are finished at the Lion's Hall and a new door at the water tower.

G. STREET & ALLEY/MFT – JUNKER:

1. Mayor Muniz reported that he kept Keck Road on the agenda as a reminder to finish the ditches.
2. Mike is currently working on a major repair on 5th St. We are still on Schedule to do the Oil and Chip.

IV. PLANNING COMMISSION:

IV. ZONING BOARD:

1. Two requests have been made for rezoning 2 lots in the new subdivision. The meeting will be October 6, 2009.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Meyer asked Mayor Muniz if he received the email regarding the stimulus money. The email stated that we are scheduled for \$100,000 for a public work building and \$45,000 for 6th and Napoleon. However, they are having difficulty with funding.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The times Tribune asked if we would like to sponsor news in the classroom. We sponsored two classes at the middle school last year. Trustee Thompson made a motion to approve the sponsorship of two class rooms. Trustee Meyer second the motion. Voice Vote 5 ayes, motion carried.

VIII. CLAIMS:

Trustee Meyer moved to read the claims by total. Trustee Robards seconded the motion. Voice Vote 5 ayes, motion carried

	Water	\$4628.90	
	Sewer	\$285.00	
	Trash	\$	
	Water/Sewer/Trash Total		\$4913.90
	General Funds	\$4.50	
	Ordinance & Finance	\$	
	Ordinance & Finance Total		\$4.50
	Police	\$2311.52	
	Street & Alley	\$3314.27	
	Public Grounds	\$377.23	
	Community Development	\$923.07	
	MFT	\$89.90	
	Grand Total		\$11934.39

V. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Joe Beil asked if the new Boca Codes would affect the existing homes. Keith said it would only affect new construction.
2. Rich Scheifer asked if the board read the ordinance three times before we passed it tonight. Mayor Muniz stated that it wasn't an ordinance that was passed, it was a budget and that the board has never practiced that policy even when Rich was Mayor.
3. Trustee Robards stated the American Legion is having a BBQ at Dew Drop on October 14, 2009.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Trustee Meyer moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Trustee Meyer seconded the motion. Voice vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. The next meeting will be October 1, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Dawn Miller, Village Clerk

Raymond Muniz, Mayor