

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday October 4, 2016 at the village hall at 7:00 PM with Margaret Young, Debra Horan, Genny Eddy, Al Lunderville, Paul Harmer, Attorney Garrett Nix, Officer Mike Johnson, Superintendent Karl Miller, Fire Chief Wayne Lunderville, First Responder Coordinator Scott Loveland and Debra Green. Absent, Trustee Nancy Hindes. Also present were Sam Faust, Chuck Risch and Dan Ripp. Arriving later at 7:10 PM was Howard Gomer and arriving later at 7:34 PM was Dustin Pickert.

**1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM**

**2. Vouchers:** were approved and signed.

**3. Delinquent List:** Horan moved, seconded by Harmer to approve as printed. Carried.

**4. Countryside Free Church – 305 Green Street Sidewalk Changes and Added Church Parking Area:**

Sam Faust submitted to and answered questions of the Trustees regarding his proposal for the Church sidewalks and added Church parking area. After further discussion, Harmer moved, seconded by Horan to approve the proposed sidewalk and parking plans as submitted by Sam Faust and the sidewalk is to be constructed according to the village sidewalk specs. Carried.

**5. Communications with Village Volunteer Fire/1st Responders Department:**

a. September Activity Report: There were 15 1st responder calls and several fire calls some of which were cancelled in route. Have received the licenses for upgrading the 1st responder skills and Coordinator Loveland will be doing the upgraded training of the department. Have acquired a EpiPen that will be administered manually for a cost of \$12.00 and it is good for 4 shots. This is much cheaper than the automatic EpiPen which costs \$700.00. The Jackson County Bank has donated a water proof bag for the ATV Mule.

b. USDA Grant - Engine # 3 Loan Update: The Fire USDA grant funds of \$18,0000 has been received and was applied against the fire loan principle. The remaining fire loan balance, as of todays date, is \$4,920.00. Fire Chief Lunderville said that he would like to wait on paying off the remaining balance on the Jackson County Bank fire loan, due to the added expenses for detailing and outrigging the Engine # 3. Which will cost \$24,000.00 to do.

**6. Communications with Village Maintenance Department:**

a. September Maintenance Activity Report: Superintendent Miller reported on the following: the N East Street re-construct and several village street patches have been completed; Groundskeeper Randy Brown has resigned; would like to put more rip-rap at the Mill Street wayside, along the hillside area nearest HWY 12/27; Lunda Construction was here and looked at the Hydro wall and will submit a quote to repair it; the hydro was shut off for a couple of days during the high recent water time; all the non-water meters are now working in the village and the new Gile Park playground equipment has been installed.

b. 2015 Sanitary Sewer and Street Reconstruction Project Warranty Close-Out: there were no project construction related items that needed corrective action under the Contractor's warranty.

**7. General Public Comment:** Dustin Pickert reported the streetlight out in front of his bar is not working properly. Superintendent Miller will take check into that.

**8. Halloween Trick or Treat Hours - Day and Time:** Horan moved, seconded by Lunderville to set the Trick or Treat hours from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday October 31, 2016. Carried.

**9. Communications with Village Police Department:**

a. September Activity Report: Officer Johnson reported on the following: radar trailer vandalism, Lincoln Homecoming parade; would like to see a Merrilan quarterly newsletter similar to Alma Centers template; Click it or Ticket for the State is done; the radar trailer grant fund payment will be coming later this week; has purchased glow-in-the-dark bracelets to be handed out at Halloween to Trick-or-Treaters here in Merrilan and Alma Center; informed the Trustees that Brian Ferries is still in non-compliance with the clean-up of his property, located at 411 Washington Street, so he will be issuing Mr. Ferries another citation.

**10. Communication and Recommendations from Village Attorney:**

a. Ordinance NO. 05-16 – Amending Language of 8-1-6 - Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses: Attorney Nix introduced Ordinance NO. 05-16. This was tabled to the October 11, 2016 Board agenda.

b. Public Referendum Resolution/Procedure, re: for exceeding the State imposed Levy Limit: no action taken

c. Property Raze - 401 Lafayette Street and 105 N East Street: Consent to Inspect letters have been mailed to the two property owners.

d. Ordinance NO. 04-16 - Decrease Village Board Number of Trustees: Attorney Nix introduced Ordinance NO. 04-16. This was tabled to the October 11, 2016 Board agenda.

**11. Adjourn into Closed Session - Pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes** the Village Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding health insurance for Village Marshal and **Pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes** the Village Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of Bargaining Discussion of Union Contract.

Horan moved, seconded by Harmer to adjourn into Closed Session at 8:07 PM. Roll call vote as follows: "AYE", all. "NOES", none. Carried.

**12. Adjournment Back into Open Session:** Lunderville moved, seconded by Harmer to adjourn back into Open Session at 8:34 PM. roll call vote as follows: "AYE", all. "NOES", none. Carried.

No action was taken in the Closed Session.

**13. Meeting Adjournment:** Horan moved, seconded by Harmer to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debra Green*, Clerk 10.5.16