

MINUTES
Special Village Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Blue Mounds was called to order by Audra Anderson, Village President, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. The meeting was posted on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 and accepted.

Roll call: Audra Anderson, Glenn Ignatius, Tim Klecker, Phil Solchenberger and Gary Friske
Absent: none

The Board, in unison, led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

5. Approval of bills presented for payment: Motion made by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Glenn Ignatius to approve payment of bills as presented. All present in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6a. Village of Blue Mounds Proposed Budget, potential action: Discussion was held regarding the budget and needs of the departments. Trustee Friske discussed the needs of the sewer plant and that fact that there is a need for new head works. A generator is also needed and soon may be required by code. In addition there is a need for a plow truck, Christmas decorations and some type of a vehicle to drag the field at the park and the siding on the public works building is in disrepair. In addition discussion was also held regarding the replacement fund. The building can be re-sided with fiberglass or steel, there would be a savings by using steel. Trustee Friske also discussed that fact that both wells and the water tower have been taken care of and shouldn't need any upcoming costly repairs in the near future. Public Safety budget was also discussed and it was noted that it was a large part of the budget. This category included police, fire, fire hydrants, wages, and safety inspections.

Trustee Friske questioned where the money that was earmarked for the building was located. Trustee Solchenberger asked whether those funds are in the general fund banking accounts. Clerk Michek will discuss this with the accountant and report to the Board. Clerk Michek explained the bank accounts and shared last month's financial report and bank account balances. Trustee Friske discussed the loan that was paid off in July and the fact that there may be money available to set aside for future road projects.

Lengthy discussion was held on the public works, streets and parks equipment. Trustee Ignatius reviewed the estimated costs and how best to plan for future purchases. Discussion was held regarding a short term loan, perhaps one to three years in length and what the impact would be on the Village's budget. Clerk Michek will be in discussion with the accountant. Trustee Klecker suggested that paying off loans sooner will allow the Village to take on other projects that will benefit the Village.

President Anderson questioned fund 600 and the cost of the meters and the additional ones that were budgeted for.

Motion by Glenn Ignatius, seconded by Gary Friske to approve the 2014 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

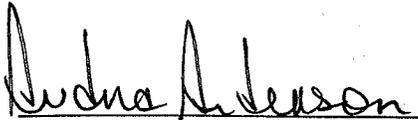
Discussion was held on the tax levy and what the impact would be on the residents.

6b. Resolution R13-08 to Approve the 2014 Budget and Set the 2013 Property Tax Levy Payable in 2014: Motion made by Glenn Ignatius, seconded by Phil Solchenberger to approve the 2014 Budget and set the 2013 Property Tax Levy payable in 2014. Motion carried, four for and one against.

6c. Draft of Employee Handbook: The handbook and forms were reviewed by the Board. Certain forms were chosen by the board members. Each member will review one final time. This item will be placed on the December 11, 2013 regular Board Agenda for passage.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Glenn Ignatius, seconded by Gary Friske to adjourn meeting. Adjournment time: 8:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Mary Jo Michek
Typed by Mary Jo Michek
Approved December 11, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audra Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Audra Anderson, Village President