

COLON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Colon Village Hall

REGULAR MEETING – December 12, 2017

Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 PM – Pledge of Allegiance was said

Present: Edith Doenges, Dick Delp, Ruth Ann Kuhlmann, Nancy Percival, Sharon Craun, Linda Norton, Diane Downs.

Also Present: Chief Brinkert, Jim Weinberg, Michael Mitchell, Tyler Sutkowi, Carl Thorton, Aaron Miller, and Kurt Kuhlmann.

Approve agenda: N. Percival made a motion to accept the agenda with the change to add item *b) Christmas Bonuses* under *New Business*. S. Craun seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Carl Thorton – Village office location

Consent Agenda – RA Kuhlmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14 meeting and the bills in the total amount of \$82,692.82. N. Percival seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Communications/Petitions/Miscellaneous –

- a) Water Reliability Study & Water Asset Management Plan – T. Sutkowi of Fleis & Vandenbrink
 - a. Water Asset Management Plan – The system is in good shape. Wells 2 & 3 will need to be replaced in year 6-10 in the plan. The estimated cost will be \$2,000,000. Needs to be acknowledged not approved.
 - b. SAW Grant rate study must be completed by May.

Monthly Reports

- 1. Department of Public Works – report as presented.
- 2. Police – report as presented. Credit Card fraud has been happening in the village.
- 3. Interim Office Manager – report as presented.
- 4. Village Manager
 - a. Christmas in Colon was a success
 - b. Re-financing the Bonds will be close on Thursday, December 14, 2017.
 - c. Real Estate Purchase is being crafted by Att. Davis for the property on South St.
 - d. CIP – capital improvements for the office were presented
 - e. Office Manager discussion – N & P will work with the Village Manager to develop a job description and procedures for the office manager.

- f. Credit Card – Sturgis Bank and Trust does not issue credit cards. The Village Manager will talk with Omni Community Credit Union to issue credit cards.

Unfinished Business

- a. Fire Agreement – copy presented to council.
 - i. The Township has already approved the Fire Agreement. It will be a five year agreement. Both the Township and the Village will add funds to the purchase of future fire protection equipment as stated in section 8.
 - ii. D. Delp made a motion to approve the Fire Agreement. RA Kuhlmann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: E. Doenges, D. Delp, RA Kuhlmann, N. Percival, S. Craun, L. Norton, D. Downs. Nays: None.
- b. 2000 Water Bond Refinancing – will take place Thursday, December 14th
- c. St. Joseph County Statement on Civility
 - i. Rep. Aaron Miller – spoke about the Civility statement.
 - ii. N. Percival made a motion to adopt the Civility statement. No seconded was given. Motion died.
- d. Real Estate Purchase Office of 210 W. South Street – Att. Davis working on it.
- e. New Village Office – Much discussion. Village President will look into other options.
- f. Goals for remainder of FY 2017-2018 & FY 2018-2019

New Business

- a. Water/Wastewater/Storm Water Level of Service Statements – RA Kuhlmann made a motion to adopt the water, wastewater and storm water level of service statement as presented by T. Sutkowi. D. Delp seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Christmas Bonus – RA Kuhlmann made a motion to accept wage enhancements as the same as last year. S. Craun seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comments – Carl Thorton – would like to see the financial statements made available to the public.

Council Comment

- a. Fire department meets Wednesday, December 13, at 7 PM.

Adjournment – RA Kuhlmann made a motion to adjourn. S. Craun seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt P. Kuhlmann, Clerk/Treasurer