

January 3, 2018

### **Village of Broadlands Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor Block, Village Clerk Jones, Treasurer Hockett, Trustees Cole, Garrett, Hall, Nelk, and Propst, and Zurich

Absent:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Trustee Nelk made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Second by Zurich. Motion passed 6-0.

Trustee Zurich made a motion to approve the January bills and accept the November 2017 financial report. Second by Trustee Garrett. Motion passed 5-1.

### **Public Comment**

Brandon Gast presented at the meeting to discuss producing a Broadlands website. Trustee Zurich suggested in lieu of a monthly fixed fee that Mr. Gast provide an upfront time and materials proposal for billable hours. The board discussed the pros and cons of having a Village website including costs. Trustee Cole made a motion to hire Brandon Gast to develop a Broadlands website for a 6 month trial basis for \$26 a month plus hourly wages. Second by Garrett. Motion passed 6-0.

Jeff Riehle presented to the meeting to discuss his water bill rates. He stated he has used limited amounts of water at his residence for the past few months due to kitchen remodeling. His water bill tripled during this time. He contacted DJ Stewart who stated that electronic readers were put on the meters. This was because the previous meters were underwater and were unable to be read by the meter reader. He is concerned that the meter is not reading correctly. He also raised the issue that the village water clerk does not place a year on each of the bills so he was unable to track his usage for previous years. He is additionally concerned that he pays a higher water rate than those living in the Village. The board advised Mr. Riehle that those living in the town pay taxes to the Village of Broadlands thus those living outside of the community are charged a higher rate to support the water infrastructure not collected by taxes. His final request was that the Village set up a water spigot outside of town to sell water to farmers. The board advised the cost to install such a system and the cost prohibitive nature of this venture. The board advised Mr. Riehle that they would follow up on the meter reading issue and work with DJ Stewart should any future discrepancies occur.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Block stated he has been working on a list of trees that need trimmed or possibly removed in the Village. He will get prices on this work and report back at the next meeting.

Mayor Block stated the county is going to put in a new road through Broadlands. Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the Champaign County Highway Agreement to allow this work to commence this Spring. Second by Nelk. Motion carried 6-0.

## **Committees**

**Water:** Trustee Zurich stated that bills were estimated this past month due to weather. The board discussed concerns regarding what is billed and what receipts are received. Trustee Zurich to follow up and report back at the next meeting.

**Drainage:** Mayor Block had no report.

**Streets and Alleys:** Trustee Hall had no report.

**Maintenance:** Trustee Propst had no report.

**Ordinances:** The board approved starting fines at \$50 per day for garbage and debris offenses as stated in village ordinances. Residents are advised to address violations to avoid fines and possible litigation.

**Park:** Trustee Garrett stated there have been issues with individuals playing Pokemon Go at the Park late at night. The board set Park hours to be open from Dawn to Dusk.

Village Clerk Jones presented the Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the Village of Broadlands. Motion to approve by Trustee Nelk. Second by Cole. Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Propst made a request to receive her payment for Village Trustee in March as opposed to the April meeting. The board approved this request.

Trustee Garrett made a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm. Second by Trustee Propst. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be February 7th, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Krista Jones, Village Clerk