

August 2, 2017

Village of Broadlands Special Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Second by Zurich. Motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Cole made a motion to approve the August bills and accept the June 2017 financial report. Second by Hall. Motion passed 5-0. The board discussed beginning next month the salaries attributed to work

Public Participation: A resident stated she would like to have each board member introduce themselves. Each board member did so. An additional resident stated he has concerns about junk vehicles on properties. A third resident stated she only received half a water bill. The new postcard is breaking off in the middle and some of the bills have been lost in the mail as a result. The same resident stated weeds and debris on several homes are creating a public nuisance. The Mayor reported the board is strongly pursuing violators of village ordinances including legal action after no response to notifications from the board of these violations.

Old Business

Mayor Block stated he has left repeated messages to the owner of a home construction company. At the May meeting a resident came to the board to discuss a drainage issue. A tile that ran through where the house across from him was built was capped off by the home builder and the resident has encountered \$13,000 worth of damage to his basement as a result. Numerous basement flooding has occurred since then. The home builder who agreed to hook back up the drainage to the creek failed to follow through on this commitment.

Mayor Block stated there is an open Trustee position. Allen Nelk came to the meeting and voiced his interest in this open position. Mayor Block appointed Mr. Nelk to the open trustee position beginning with the Sept. meeting.

Ron Gast stated the contract to inspect the water tower is \$2,750 as opposed to the \$2,500 presented at the July meeting. The board approved this expenditure. Trustee Cole inquired about the operation of the water tower. Mr. Gast gave a detailed description of the size of the tower and how water flows through the tower to resident's homes. In the next 2-3 years the tower will need to be painted at a cost of \$25,000.

Committees

Water: Trustee Zurich presented the water billing. Billing increased by \$3,000 in the past month with the average rate increase per household at \$18. Gallons metered is on par with expenditures through Embarrass Area Water District. As was discussed previously, the new card stock has had issues in delivery. Trustee Zurich is collecting quotes on the heavier card stock. Trustee Cole inquired about bills going out late. Trustee Zurich stated bills went out on the 26th this month. A

resident voiced concerns that the number for the water billing clerk was not correct. When residents call the water number please leave a message and your call will be returned by the water billing clerk. You may also contact the clerk at the following email address: broadlandswater@gmail.com. Trustee Zurich stated this error has been corrected with the new billing. The billing deposits will be made weekly. Trustee Zurich stated he received a complaint that a meter could not be read on North Main due to weeds. A letter will be sent to the resident to abate this nuisance.

Drainage: Mayor Block stated that he has assessed catch basins in town needing cleaning. He will work to get these cleaned this month. Jake Dohme will be assisting with this work.

Streets and Alleys: Trustee Hall stated oil and chip will cost \$10,000 and work will be completed this August.

Maintenance: No report.

Ordinances: Trustee Cole stated he has a list of 13 properties in violation of village ordinances, Letters will be sent to those residents. Mayor Block stated he attended a meeting in Mattoon on enacting an international property maintenance code to expedite cleanup of abandon properties

Park: Trustee Garrett stated one of the spring ride on toys is broke and needs repaired. She will be following up. She has been emptying garbage weekly. She stated weeds have been removed.

New Business

Brandon Gast presented the Village with a mock-up of a Village of Broadlands website. The board discussed posting minutes, ordinances, events and other public documents on the website. The cost of the site would be \$25 a month. Brandon proposed \$160 a month for labor for site upkeep. The board will review the mock up and discuss at the next meeting. The board discussed the possibility of accepting water payments through the site. Further discussions on this option as well as moving forward on the website will be held at the next board meeting.

A resident stated his disappointment that there would not be a Broadlands Festival this year. Discussion ensued about the Broadlands Community Group decision to not hold a festival this year. Present community club members discussed that declining membership had a great deal to do with the decision to cancel the festival this year. The community club is interested in attracting new members both male and female. Please contact Bruce Block or Allen Hall if you are interested in joining the community club.

Trustee Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:24pm. Second by Garrett. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be September 6th, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Krista Jones, Village Clerk