



# Village of Savoy

Savoy Municipal Center  
611 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

DATE: August 3, 2016 PLACE: SAVOY MUNICIPAL CENTER  
611 North Dunlap Avenue  
Savoy, IL 61874

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Robert C. McCleary, Trustees John Brown, Joan Dykstra,  
Jan Carter Niccum, Rebecca Pittman, Dee Shonkwiler, and  
William A. Smith

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

STAFF/PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Helton, Village Manager  
Levi Kopmann, Director of Public Works/Engineer  
Dan Davies, Zoning Administrator  
Dennis Donaldson, Director of Planning & Economic Development  
Paul Hendren, Village Attorney  
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

STAFF/PERSONNEL  
ABSENT:

GUESTS PRESENT: Julia Leatherwood, County Star  
Chris Kloepel, President of Unit 4 School Board  
Dr. Gianina Baker, Unit 4 School Board Member  
Dr. Judy Wiegand, Superintendent of Unit 4 Schools  
Lynn Stuckey, Unit 4 School Board Member

CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 8:45 P.M.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1 – REQUEST FOR A REZONING OF 107 E. CHURCH STREET IN SAVOY, IL BY THE OWNER, KURT BEAUMONT**

President McCleary opened Public Hearing No. 1 at 7:00 p.m. President McCleary read the public hearing notice on the public hearing that had been duly published in the News-Gazette on 7-9-2016.

President McCleary asked for public comment on this public hearing no. 1. The Village Clerk stated she had not received any written comments on this public hearing matter.

Public comment as follows: None

Trustee Smith moved to close public hearing no. 1, seconded by Trustee Shonkwiler;

By Trustee vote:

Ayes: Brown, Dykstra, Niccum, Pittman, Shonkwiler, and Smith

Nays: None

Absent: None

President McCleary closed public hearing no.1 at 7:02 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2 – REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR LOT #2 MARKETPLACE AT SAVOY SUBDIVISION FOR AN INDEFINITE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A VETERINARIAN PRACTICE AND INDOOR BOARDING SOUGHT TO IMPROVE VACANT LOT WITH A VETERINARIAN CLINIC**

President McCleary opened Public Hearing No. 2 at 7:02 p.m. President McCleary read the public hearing notice on the public hearing that had been duly published in the News-Gazette on 7-9-2016.

President McCleary asked for public comment on this public hearing no. 2. The Village Clerk stated she had not received any written comments on this public hearing matter. Public comment as follows: None

Trustee Shonkwiler moved to close public hearing no. 2, seconded by Trustee Brown;  
By Trustee vote:

Ayes: Brown, Dykstra, Niccum, Pittman, Shonkwiler, and Smith

Nays: None

Absent: None

President McCleary closed public hearing no. 2 at 7:03 p.m.

**3. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL TAKEN, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President McCleary called the open and public Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll was called of President McCleary and the Trustees, with President McCleary and all Trustees being present and a quorum declared. President McCleary led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

President McCleary asked for public comment on the agenda items and non-agenda items. No public comment on agenda or non-agenda items.

**5. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

President McCleary asked for other agenda items to be added. None added.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. MINUTES – Board of Trustees Meeting of 7-6-16

**Trustee Dykstra moved to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of 7-6-16, as presented, seconded by Trustee Shonkwiler; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

B. MINUTES – Closed Executive Session of 7-6-16

**Trustee Smith moved to approve the Closed Executive Session Minutes of 7-6-16, as presented, seconded by Trustee Brown; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

C. MINUTES – Board of Trustees of 7-20-16

**Trustee Brown moved to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of 7-20-16, as presented, seconded by Trustee Shonkwiler; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

D. MINUTES – Closed Executive Session of 7-20-16  
**Trustee Shonkwiler moved to approve the Closed Executive Session Minutes of 7-20-16, as presented, seconded by Trustee Dykstra; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra; yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

## 7. BUSINESS

### A. CHAMPAIGN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION ON FACILITY PLANNING

Chris Kloepel, President of the Champaign Unit 4 Board, presented a power point on Facility Planning 4 Future and the Champaign Unit 4 School District 2016 Community Survey Results that he also separately included the breakdown for Savoy residents.

Kloepel explained the results of the phone survey Unicom conducted of 500 registered voters with 50/50 male/female respondents within the school district during July 2016 which revealed 64 percent of the respondents from Savoy were in favor of a \$158 million plan to update both high schools and 18.5 percent opposed. The survey questions touched on a variety of topics, asking participants everything from what letter grade they would give the school district to how much they think the district should prioritize different construction projects to how informed they felt about different issues facing Unit 4.

Kloepel stated that “in the eyes of Savoy” – Grading Public Schools, Savoy graded as follows: A – 2.4%, B-24%, C-46%, and D – 15.4%.

Also, with respect to the proposed \$257 million plan to update 60.8 percent in favor from Savoy and 34.9 percent opposed. Those opposed said they did not want to pay more taxes, no matter the cause.

Kloepel stated that, after reviewing the results, he thinks “hitting the ceiling” of \$257 million is concerning and the \$158 million plan would cost the owner of a home valued at \$150,000 about \$242 per year more, and the \$257 million plan would cost the owner of a home valued at \$150,000 about \$393 per year. He was thinking the referendums could be between \$158 million and \$257 million, but with the data from Unicom showing an estimated 55 percent in favor, they recommended proceeding with the referendum in November.

Trustee William Smith noted that most taxpayers are thinking about the fact that there will be several referendums in November 2016 with County and School District referendums. President McCleary also pointed out that the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District has also raised its assessment by 10.4%.

Kloepel stated he realized it is going to be a burden, but he hoped everyone would come together as a community. He also mentioned the importance of land banking for future boards.

President McCleary thanked the members of the Unit 4 School Board for coming tonight. He stated that the Village of Savoy has always helped Unit 4 in the past and to let Savoy know how they can incorporate help within its Comprehensive Plan like Savoy did with the developer of Prairie Fields Subdivision and their donation of the land for Carrie Busey School.

**B. ORDINANCE NO. 2016-06 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ANIMAL CLINIC AND/OR HOSPITAL FOR LOT 2 OF THE MARKETPLACE AT SAVOY SUBDIVISION, 1107 NORTH DUNLAP AVENUE, SAVOY, IL**

**Trustee Smith moved to pass Ordinance No. 2016-06, as presented, seconded by Trustee Niccum; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. 2016R-15 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF PRAIRIE FIELDS SUBDIVISION NO. 14**

**Trustee Smith moved to pass Resolution No. 2016R-15, as presented, seconded by Trustee Brown; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

**D. PUBLIC WORKS JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

Dick Helton presented the updated Public Works Job Descriptions for Fleet Maintenance/Mechanic, Maintenance Worker (Operator), and Operations Foreman explaining that the Operations Foreman description will be implemented to replace the Parks Superintendent position and one that we can use to identify two current staff members that will have operational management of jobs in the field.

**Trustee Brown moved to approve the updated Public Works Job Descriptions and Department of Public Works Reorganization as presented, seconded by Trustee Dykstra; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, yes; Shonkwiler, yes; and Smith, yes; motion carried.**

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. VILLAGE MANAGER**

Richard Helton presented his written monthly report for the month of July 2016.

**B. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEER**

Levi Kopmann presented the Public Works Department written monthly report for the month of July 2016.

**C. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Dan Davies presented to the Trustees his Zoning Report for the month of July 2016.

**D. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Dennis Donaldson presented to the Trustees his Planning and Economic Development Report for the month of July 2016.

C. CLERK

The Village Clerk presented her written monthly report for the month of July 2016.

D. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

E. The Village Attorney's Status Report and statement for legal services for July 2016 were presented to the Trustees for review.

9. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the open and public Board of Trustees meeting, upon motion by Trustee Smith to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Brown, President McCleary adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Billie Jean Krueger*

Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

**This meeting was recorded.**  
**Approved 9-7-16.**