



Village of Savoy

Robert C. McCleary Municipal Center
611 North Dunlap Avenue
Savoy, IL

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

DATE: February 12, 2020 PLACE: ROBERT C. MCCLEARY MUNICIPAL CENTER
611 North Dunlap Avenue
Savoy, IL 61874

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Joan E. Dykstra
Trustee John P. Brown
Trustee Jan Carter Niccum
Trustee A. J. Ruggieri
Trustee Dee Shonkwiler
Trustee Bill Vavrik

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee Heather Mangian

STAFF/PERSONNEL
PRESENT: Dick Helton, Village Manager
Dan Davies, Zoning Administrator
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

STAFF/PERSONNEL
ABSENT: Dennis Donaldson, Director of Planning & Econ. Dev
Levi Kopmann, Assistant Village Manager/
Public Works/Engineer
Marc Miller, Village Attorney

GUESTS PRESENT: Lt. Tony Shaw, Champaign County Sheriff Dept.

CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.
ADJOURNED: 7:50 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Dykstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called of President Dykstra and all Trustees with President Dykstra and all Trustees answering present, except Trustee Mangian was absent, and a quorum declared.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGAIANCE

President Dykstra led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Dykstra asked if there was any public participation. No public participation.

4. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

President Dykstra asked for other agenda items to be added. None were added

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of Board of Trustees of 1-8-2020 and Board of Trustees of 1-22-2020:

Trustee Vavrik made a motion to approve the Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of 1-8-2020 and Board of Trustees Meeting of 1-22-2020, as presented, seconded by Trustee Shonkwiler;

By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Niccum, yes; Ruggieri; yes; Shonkwiler; yes; and Vavrik, yes.

Absent: Trustee Mangian

Motion carried.

6. BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ON HOME RULE VS. NON-HOME RULE

President Dykstra and the Trustees discussed the pros and cons of Savoy becoming a home rule community and putting this question for a referendum on the ballot and they have until August to decide whether to have a referendum.

Trustee Niccum stated he had been a proponent on the home rule topic for five to six years now, because he thought this would allow Savoy to raise its gas tax. Niccum stated he had talked with the Mayor of Tuscola, who, at first, was fearful of abuse of the system, but that Mayor said there had been no complaints from its residents on how that Village handled the home rule status.

Niccum stated having the home rule status could possibly generate funds for a project like the Pheasant Run improvement project in Savoy, but he believed the Trustees need to talk about it more and keep up with legislation.

President Dykstra brought up the matter of the Municipal Motor Fuel Tax Law Update regarding SB 119 which amended the new municipal motor fuel tax law and maybe as a municipality the legislature could give Savoy the ability to levy an additional \$0.03 motor fuel tax.

Trustee Vavrik stated he did not believe home rule is just for raising the gas tax and he would like to find out what other benefits there are for Savoy residents and would it be possible to put on the ballot a question about motor fuel tax, rather than home rule.

Trustee Brown stated he believed home rule is authority to fund like the state and being a non-home rule municipality is like what we are now and can do what the statues say you can do and he doesn't think he would vote for becoming a home rule municipality and should give the voters the decision. He is kind of torn if the only reason for becoming home rule is for the gas tax issue.

President Dykstra stated she believed there are pros and cons of putting it on the ballot, and as a Board, we need to better understand the home rule aspect.

Niccum thanked everyone for putting this topic on the agenda and for all of the good discussion.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. VILLAGE MANAGER

Village Manager Dick Helton presented his written monthly report for the month of January, 2020.

Helton also updated President Dykstra and the Trustees on the status of the purchase of the Brown Woods property on Church Street and Dunlap Avenue.

B. ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER/PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEER and ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Assistant Village Manager/Public Works/Engineer, Levi Kopmann presented the Public Works Department's written monthly report for the month of January, 2020.

C. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Dan Davies, Zoning Administrator, presented the Zoning Report for the month of January, 2020, together with Building Permit Detail Report for the month of January, 2020.

D. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dennis Donaldson presented his written monthly report for the month of January, 2020.

E. CLERK

Billie Krueger presented the Village Clerk's written monthly report for the month of January, 2020

F. VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Village Attorney Marc Miller not present. President Dykstra and the Trustees reviewed his January, 2020 Status Report.

G. CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Lt. Tony Shaw was present to give a report from the Champaign County Sheriff's Department for the month of January, 2020 as follows:

- No problematic areas in Savoy to report on at this time.
- Colbert Park, continuing problems – Sheriff's Dept. still looking into surveillance equipment at the front of the entrance. They do take it seriously.
- April, 2020 will be distracted driver's month.
- Tax time in April – Lt. Shaw warned everyone to be vigilant on possible problems with persons trying to get SS numbers, etc.

8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNICATIONS

- President Dykstra reminded everyone of the retirement open house for Dick Helton on 2-27-2020 4-6 p.m.
- Trustee Shonkwiler gave a report on a recent Champaign County EDC meeting he attended
- Trustee Niccum gave a report on a recent Rotary event he attended in Effingham and also gave an update on a recent meeting of Champaign Unit 4 School District.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the open and public Board of Trustees meeting, President Dykstra adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billie Jean Krueger

Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

This meeting was recorded.

Approved this 4th day of March, 2020.

Billie Jean Krueger