

VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA

Village Hall
221 First Street
Andalusia, Il. 61232

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS

May 22, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees met in a Special public meeting on Friday May 22, 2020 at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Curt Morrow at 2:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Morrow, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Pittard, Trustee Schmidtke, Trustee Koopman.
Trustee Einfeldt attended via Zoom

Absent: None

President Morrow opened the meeting by discussing the sale of the Water & Sewer systems. He explained that the closing date will be on May 27, 2020. The Village accepted the price of 3.3 Million for both systems. 1.7 Million for the Water system and 1.6 Million for the Sewer system. The Village plans to purchase 4 bonds of \$250,000 each immediately after the closing. The remaining money will go into the Village General Fund.

He explained that, until the Corps of Engineers approves the transfer of the easement agreement from the Village to Illinois American water, \$500,000 will be placed in an escrow account. The money will be released to the Village when the easement agreement is transferred. Once the money is released, the Village will purchase more bonds to secure the money.

Resident Larry Flaherty asked, what if the Corps decides not to transfer the easement? The board assured him that they don't anticipate that happening. Illinois American Water is a highly reputable company. They hold easement through the Corps, they don't believe this one will be an issue.

Mr. Flaherty also wanted to state that he feels like it's wrong to sell the systems. He explained that he worked hard, as Mayor, to obtain a grant and build the sewer system. He feels like the Trustees are selling a big source of revenue and once it's gone, it's gone.

Resident Marty Flaherty stated that, although the Village will be debt free once the sale takes place, the Village will still have bills to pay. He asked Mayor Morrow how the Village plans to pay them. Mayor Morrow stated that he would research the question and get back to him. Mr. Flaherty also asked if the Village will address the loss of income by cutting back on personnel hours. The Board stated that they will address it.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:20 PM.

Minutes written by:
Shelly Hoffman, Village Clerk