

**VILLAGE OF ANDALUSIA**

Village Hall  
221 First Street  
Andalusia, Il. 61232

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

**October 5, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees met in a public meeting on Monday October 5, 2020 at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tiem Pittard at 7:00 pm. He led the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Pro Tiem Pittard, Trustee Brackney, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Einfeldt, Trustee Koopman

Absent: President Morrow, Trustee Schmidtke

**TRUSTEE ANDERSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE KOOPMAN. VOICE VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Brackney, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Einfeldt, Trustee Koopman

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4-0 (1 absent)

**TRUSTEE ANDERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR OCTOBER 5, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,194.98 SECONDED BY TRUSTEE EINFELDT. VOICE VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Brackney, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Einfeldt, Trustee Koopman

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4-0 (1 absent)

GENERAL FUND	\$	4,012.84
GARBAGE FUND	\$	5,060.16
POLICE DEPT FUND	\$	6,440.80
VILLAGE PARK/HARBOR FUND	\$	681.18

**TRUSTEE EINFELDT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRACKNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Brackney, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Einfeldt, Trustee Koopman

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4-0 (1 absent)

Jim Taylor from Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard & Assts was present via telephone to discuss the FYE 2020 Audit.

Jim explained that the General Fund is slightly down from last year but the finances are slightly better than last year. He stated that the Village can sustain operations without any revenue for a period of about 8 months, which is better than most Villages our size. He explained that most Village our size have operating funds for about 4 months.

Jim said that for the most part, the Audit was prepared through remote communication, but it went well and that our overall finances are in good shape.

**TRUSTEE ANDERSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FYE 2020 AUDIT REPORT. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRACKNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Brackney, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Einfeldt, Trustee Koopman

**NAY:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4-0 (1 absent)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Streets and Alleys:** No Report

**Finance and Audit:** No Report

**Buildings and Grounds:** No Report

**Harbor:** Trustee Anderson reported that the river levels are low, about 5 feet. He explained that the boats have a hard time getting in and out of the Harbor when the water is so low.

Chad Kelly would like to rent the slips for next year, however the renters want assurance that

they will be able to get their boats in and out of the Harbor, so Chad has been renting the slips 1 month at a time.

Trustee Anderson mentioned getting with Chad later this year or at the beginning of next year to discuss dredging. The other Trustees want Chad to participate monetarily for the dredging; in fact, Trustee Einfeldt asked how much Chad is planning to invest in the effort.

Trustee Brackney asked if Chad could charge a launch fee to help pay for the upkeep. Chase Schwigen mentioned that the ATV, Side-By-Side & Golf Cart drivers have to pay for a permit to drive on Village roads, why not a fee for the Harbor.

There has also been some discussion about letting Chad Kelly rent the old Police Station to use for his business. No decision has been made and the subject was tabled for future discussion.

**Parks & Recreations:** No Report

**Police:** Officer Beaulieu reported that the biggest complaints in the Village over the last couple of weeks is the Political Signs.

The new radar sign is helping to pin point the times and locations of the speeders. The report shows that 40 – 50% of the drivers on the Bank Road are violating the speed limit.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Village Clerk:** Clerk Hoffman reported that the Village will have a Special Open Meeting on October 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm, before the regular Board Meeting, to discuss the possibility of abandoning a portion of the road next to Tony Bopes house. Tony has maintained the road for many years and has asked to purchase the land.

**Department of Public Works:** Justin Parchert reported that the Village Wide E-Waste Day was a huge success. When all was said and done, we collected 10 gaylord boxes and 11 pallets of electronics to recycle. Justin wanted to send a thank-you to Clerk Hoffman, Deputy Clerk Parchert, Stacey Schmidtke and a huge thank-you to Chuck Hoffman for the help that they provided during the event.

Justin reported that he did a camera study of the culvert at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West. He said that there are no big holes, just a little bit of rust where water stands. It will need some repairs in the future, but it can go on the 5-year plan. He did however, mention that the Corps hasn't inspected it yet and the timing of the repair may change when they do. He estimates that the project will cost around \$70,000.

Justin put a swing at the Harbor. He encouraged everyone to go down and take advantage of our view.

Justin presented several bids to the Board at the September 21, 2020 Board Meeting. The lowest bid and the recommendation went to Taylor Ridge Paving for the 2020 Fall Intersection Project. The bid was for 19,234.

**TRUSTEE KOOPMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT BID FOR THE 2020 FALL INTERSECTION PROJECT BID BY TAYLOR RIDGE PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,234. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BRACKNEY. ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**AYE:** Trustee Brackney, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Koopman

**NAY:** Trustee Einfeldt

**MOTION CARRIED:** 3-1 (1 absent)

Justin decided to put off the bid and vote for the 2020 Chip seal Project until after the new fiscal year.

**Mayor Pro Tiem:** Mayor Pro Tiem Pittard mentioned that the County has changed the rules regarding the storm siren. The siren needs to be a solid sound, instead of ramping up and down. With this change, the siren keeps blowing the circuit at the Fire Department. The Fire Department has requested that the Village put in a storm siren, since it should have been put in by the Village in the first place. The cost of putting in a siren would be between \$7,000 - \$10,000.

There was a discussion about the residents being able to hear the siren when it goes off. There are some areas in town that residents can't hear it when it goes off. The solution would be to put a siren in on the water tower if Illinois American Water would permit it.

This subject was tabled for future discussion.

**Citizen Comments:** Chase Schwigen was present to inform the residents that he is running for the County Board as a write in. He stated that he's running as a non-partisan with the backing of Ron Oelke. His platform is to try to reduce the number of County Board Seats. His biggest platform is working with the youths of today. He believes that with the corona virus and school being out most of the time, the kids need something to do to keep themselves out of trouble. This is what he plans to work on.

Chase is looking for community support for his bid to win the seat. He explained that since there is no other write in for our district, writing "Chase" or "Schwigen" Or "Chase Schwigen" would still result in him getting the vote.

**TRUSTEE ANDERSON MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE KOOPMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 PM.**

Minutes written by:  
Shelly Hoffman, Village Clerk