

Village of Catlin
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois
November 21, 2017

The Council of the Village of Catlin met in the Village Boardroom in regular session at 7:00 PM with Mayor Butch Schmink presiding. Mayor Schmink called the meeting to order and instructed the Village Clerk to call the roll.

Mayor: Present

Commissioners: Fred Reddy, Kevin, Kirk, Wanda Schmit

Absent: Jerry Cummings

Also present: Kim Luttrell, David Biggerstaff, Carl Barnes, Chuck Johnson, David Harrold, Rinda Maddox

A motion was made by Wanda, seconded by Fred to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 7th, 2017.

Aye Fred, Kevin, Wanda, Mayor Schmink

Nay none

A motion was made by Fred, seconded by Wanda to approve the Executive Session minutes from the October 21st, 2017 meeting.

Aye Fred, Wanda, Mayor Schmink

Nay none

Abstain Kevin

General Fund bills to be presented:

184913	Salt Fork High School	\$100.00
184914	Payroll Clearing	\$5,366.88
CC	Menards	\$42.60
CC	Dollar General	\$4.26
CC	Dollar General	\$50.53
CC	CoolGlow.com	\$142.78
CC	Action Targets	\$46.09
CC	Action Targets	\$47.22
CC	Intuit Quickbooks	\$171.98
184915	Payroll Clearing	\$4,648.29
184916	Acton & Snyder	\$400.00
184917	Arnold's Office Supply	\$49.87
184918	AT&T	\$17.97
184919	Cintas	\$115.60
184920	Danville Paper Supply	\$39.50
184921	Danville Tile & Sewer	\$175.00
184922	Illini FS	\$1,113.27
184923	Martin Equipment	\$2,350.00

184924	Municipal Electronics	\$140.00
184925	PowerNet Global Communications	\$24.91
184926	Progressive Chemical & Lighting	\$1,256.42
184927	Ray O'Herron Co.	\$330.00
184928	Service Termite & Pest Control	\$65.00
184929	Verizon Wireless	\$76.02
184930	Vermilion Co. Dept. of Animal Control	\$46.00

Water Fund bills to be presented:

12233	Payroll Clearing	\$1,499.24
CC	Deluxe Checks	\$96.58
12234	Catlin W&S	\$86.30
12235	Matt Wolfe	\$13.70
12236	Payroll Clearing	\$1,458.33
12237	Aqua Illinois	\$15,573.49
12238	AT&T	\$17.96
12239	Cintas	\$115.60
12240	Illini FS	\$98.23
12241	Midwest Meter Inc.	\$2,498.00

Wastewater Fund bills to be presented:

5564	Payroll Clearing	\$1,062.10
5565	Payroll Clearing	\$927.29
5566	AT&T	\$17.97
5567	Cintas	\$115.60
5568	Illini FS	\$98.23
5569	Kistler Excavating	\$250.00

Payroll Clearing Fund bills to be presented:

8458	Carl Barnes	\$763.28
8459	Ed Bean	\$593.17
8460	Tad Beddow	\$320.13
8461	Vince Chambliss	\$275.90
8462	Shelley Darnell	\$587.91
8463	David Harrold	\$219.16
8464	Dwayne High	\$182.90
8465	Charles Johnson	\$180.55
8466	Tim McFadden	\$722.52
8467	Sean Nicholson	\$167.12
8468	Nicoe Richardson	\$215.88

8469	David Trimmell	\$244.41
8470	Robert Wahlfeldt	\$148.05
8471	Derek Weston	\$352.20
8472	Carl Barnes	\$750.63
8473	Ed Bean	\$521.73
8474	Tad Beddow	\$483.92
8475	David Booe	\$100.94
8476	Vince Chambliss	\$270.58
8477	Shelley Darnell	\$587.90
8478	Dwayne High	\$356.01
8479	Tim McFadden	\$762.13
8480	Richard Oakley	\$291.05
8481	Nicoe Richardson	\$124.98
8482	Derek Weston	\$96.38

Kevin asked if General Check #184923 to Martin Equipment was for the annual maintenance agreement. Shelley confirmed that it was that it was and that she would pull the contract and give a copy to Kevin. Upon reading of said bills, a motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Fred that the Treasurer pay said bills as presented.

Aye Fred, Kevin, Wanda, Mayor Schmink

Nay none

No public expressions were made.

David Biggerstaff read the following statement into the minutes:

Mr. Mayor and Commissioners of the Village of Catlin,

Unfortunately, we are once again being thrown into dealing with other people's irresponsible choices in a public forum, it is not my desire, and I'm sure it's not yours, but it is the appropriate format that mature adults utilize unlike face book or other social media.

Now to be clear and on record, I love dogs, I am not wanting any harm done to any dogs and I am not making any claims of aggressive behavior by any. Even further, if someone wants to neglect their pets and blatantly disregard the pet rules that everyone else in Catlin abides by, as long as it doesn't affect my family, I don't care. But I do care very much about my mother who lives across the street and if there is something that could negatively affect her I am going to do something about it, just like any of you would if it were your family.

*To review the facts of this situation, dog issues at 412 N Sandusky have been going on for 5 years this month, 18 months ago seven complaints were submitted regarding the dogs running around the neighborhood harassing people, since that time the owners have received 4 tickets from Village and 1 from the County not to mention other documented complaints, does this sound like an effective ordinance? But the part that is hardest to understand, **THEY HAVE A FENCED IN BACK YARD**, they just make the choice not to use it and then they don't want to*

be responsible for that choice and complain of being harassed, singled out, and blame others trying to divert attention away from their own poor decisions.

On November 12th when I came around the corner onto Sandusky street and saw a Husky looking dog in plain view in the middle of the street just south of 412 N Sandusky and the owner of the dog pulling out of her drive I had no intent to call 911, I was going to ignore it again like we do so many times. However, after I spoke with my mother and she told me "the dog was in her garage a few minutes ago", that's when I made up my mind to report the situation and this is why.

Just last year out of concern for her own safety my mother made the very difficult and heartbreaking decision to get rid of her own cat after it tripped her multiple times. So just because we are not dealing with an aggressive animal, even a sweet loving well intended dog can get excited or overly friendly and pose a health risk to children and elderly by jumping on them, getting caught up in their legs, or just startling them. The number one injury to elderly in their own home is due to falls, so why should someone else's pet be allowed to put anyone at risk literally inside their own home?

18 months ago after I asked for a change in the ordinance and after you "looked into to it" you told me "Catlin had the best dog ordinance in the county" and when it comes to dangerous or vicious dogs you may be right. However, this case does not involve aggression and proves that with some people the number of tickets means nothing and a modification to the ordinance is warranted.

I get that you don't want to make changes to the ordinance process, but after speaking with the Vermilion county animal control they suggested making changes to the results for convictions just like other towns the county do such as:

First, have the fines increase with each conviction, with some towns it doubles each time. Second, add a forfeiture clause, after 3 convictions or guilty pleas the animals would automatically become property of the county because at a point this is neglect.

As a board over the last year you have been well documented that you felt the building at 206 S Sandusky street presented a threat to public safety even though it's nowhere near any homes and in no way, was that owner allowing potential safety issues onto other people's property, but you spent an untold amount of money, time, and energy with attorneys and engineers going beyond village ordinances, is there a reason you cannot put similar efforts and resources into this matter?

In closing, I have tried to find logic in how a person that works in the health care profession and is responsible for the wellbeing of others would not have empathy or respect for others nor the desire to prevent potential problems, let alone be the cause of them, but there is none. This type of habitual self-centered behavior sadly re-enforces why a civilized society needs rules that work! I am now asking the board to make a motion and vote on modifying the dog ordinance.

Mayor Schmink thanked David for his comments. Fred stated that if an Ordinance was to be changed, it would need to be reviewed by the Village Attorney. Wanda stated she would talk to Animal Control regarding other options for the Village Ordinances and review what other villages have in place.

A motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Fred to approve Ordinance 741: Tax Levy for the Village of Catlin, Vermilion County, Illinois for Year 2017-2018 at 4.9%
Aye Fred, Kevin, Wanda, Mayor Schmink
Nay none

A motion was made by Fred, seconded by Wanda to approve Christmas bonuses at \$200 net for all full-time employees, Vince Chambliss, and Nicoe Richardson and \$75 net for part-time employees and Joyce Hussar.
Aye Fred, Kevin, Wanda, Mayor Schmink
Nay none

Commissioner Cummings:

- In Jerry's absence, Kevin read the following building permit: A motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Fred to approve the following building permits:
 - ❖ Phyllis Nightlinger, 301 W Vermilion, yard barn, \$500.00, Family.
Aye Fred, Kevin, Wanda, Mayor Schmink
Nay none

Commissioner Schmit:

- Wanda stated an appraisal company has been contacted and would be doing the appraisal soon.
- The original tennis court company that was contacted out of Indianapolis has been very difficult to reach. Wanda asked for suggestions of another company to contact. Kevin suggested Wanda reach out to Midwest Asphalt, stating he didn't believe they resurfaced tennis courts but they may know who to reach out to.

Commissioner Kirk:

- After the one to two inches of rain that was received earlier this week, the new storm sewer at Webster and Center Street did well, but some grating was still needed
- The Christmas decorations are up on the poles. Some of the boxes on the poles will need to be replaced. Kevin stated that this would have to be hired out and would be added to the next budget and added to the agenda in June.
- A request was received from a business owner to have Christmas decorations added to the poles on Douglas St. Kevin stated this wouldn't be able to be done this year, but something to plan on for next year.
- The tree removal service hired at the October 17th meeting has not completed those jobs. Wanda stated that now that the Holiday Parade was quickly approaching, she doesn't want the tree at the Village Hall removed until after the parade.

Commissioner Reddy:

- A pump has went out at the pump station. The engineers were contacted and a new one would be purchased at \$12,000.00. This expense is already within the water budget under capital improvements.

A motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Fred to adjourn the meeting by vote.

Aye Fred, Kevin, Wanda, Mayor Schmink

Nay none


Butch Schmink, Mayor


Shelley Darnell, Village Clerk