

Village of Catlin  
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois  
January 21, 2014

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

Mayor: Jim Robinson

Commissioners: Fred Reddy, Butch Schmink, Kevin Kirk

Absent: Barry Voorhees

Also, present: Carl Barnes, Tim McFadden, Sharon Brady, Shelley Darnell, Cash Cook, Dave Trimmell, Brooke Trimmell, Zane Trimmell, Blake Trimmell, Tricia Richardson, Brandi Norton, Amy Pacot, Laine Carey, Rachelle Fretueg, Dianna Reddy, Max Prosser, Alisa Prosser, Heather Webb, Becky Jessup, Jennifer Parish, Amy Hird, Amanda Cox, Sharon Brady

A motion was made by Butch, seconded by Kevin to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2014 board meeting.

Aye Fred, Kevin, Butch, Mayor Robinson

Nay none

The following bills were presented:

General Fund bills to be presented:

17426	Payroll Clearing	\$5,212.43
17427	US Postal Service	\$10.58
17428	Walgreens	\$4.77
17429	Payroll Clearing	\$5,036.58
17430	US Postal Service	\$12.69
17431	Progressive Chemical & Lighting	\$647.38
17432	Ameren Illinois	\$992.61
17433	Cintas	\$129.14
	Vermilion Co. Dept of Animal	
17434	Regulation	\$25.00
17435	Ray O'Herron Co	\$320.00
17436	Verizon Wireless	\$76.08
17437	Rahn Equipment Co.	\$67.25
17438	Courtesy Ford	\$534.67
17439	Keep Vermilion County Beautiful, Inc.	\$100.00
17440	First National Bank of Catlin	\$30.00
17441	Dollar General	\$16.51
17442	The News Gazette	\$93.94
17443	AT&T	\$31.28

Water Fund bills to be presented:

11231	US Postal Service	\$16.05
11232	Payroll Clearing	\$1,535.42
11233	Payroll Clearing	\$1,178.33
11234	AT&T	\$40.00
11235	Cintas	\$87.61
11236	Aqua Illinois	\$16,830.47
11237	Julie Inc.	\$319.80

Wastewater Fund bills to be presented:

4801	Payroll Clearing	\$1,060.15
4802	Payroll Clearing	\$1,170.36
4803	AT&T	\$12.27
4804	Cintas	\$48.25
4805	Capp Inc	\$174.00
4806	PDC Laboratories, Inc	\$297.33
4807	Illinois EPA (L17-1076)	\$14,864.26

Payroll Clearing Fund bills to be presented:

5053	Carl Barnes	\$1,114.33
5054	Stanley Ed Bean	\$586.25
5055	Tad Beddow	\$156.36
5056	Vince Chambliss	\$306.60
5057	Cash Cook	\$234.66
5058	Jerry Cummings	\$333.54
5059	Shelley Darnell	\$539.68
5060	Ryan Ghibaudy	\$177.96
5061	David Harrold	\$98.66
5062	Tim McFadden	\$786.92
5063	Richard Oakley	\$208.33
5064	Nicoe Richardson	\$114.70
5065	Carl Barnes	\$845.18
5066	Stanley Ed Bean	\$645.76
5067	Tad Beddow	\$258.63
5068	Cody Benschneider	\$210.12
5069	Vince Chambliss	\$462.69
5070	Cash Cook	\$228.73
5071	Jerry Cummings	\$190.33
5072	Shelley Darnell	\$567.02

5073	Ryan Ghibaudy	\$206.91
5074	Toby Krabel	\$100.67
5075	Tim McFadden	\$634.05
5076	Nicoe Richardson	\$53.99

Kevin requested clarification on Check #17439 to Keep Vermilion County Beautiful. Shelley informed the board that this was membership dues that have been paid in the past. This was the organization that granted us the \$1,000.00 tree grant this past spring. Butch asked what was purchased from Safi Sani. Shelley stated this was the Catlin Car Wash and the payments were used to buy tokens for the police vehicles. Upon reading of said bills, a motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Fred that the Treasurer pay said bills.

Aye Kevin, Fred, Butch, Mayor Robinson

Nay none

Shelley Darnell presented the Village Board with plans to add a water sprinkle park to the Village Park. Shelley informed the board that the sprinkle area was 1,134 square feet with multiple water features, including a 9 ft. tall tennis racket, a large basketball slide and multiple in-ground sports balls that spray water. Shelley stated that while this is a large dollar commitment, it is very much wanted by the community. Using Homer's water park as an example, Shelley took the average from the past two years and determined, using Catlin's water rates that the water would cost between \$80-\$90 per month. The Village's current liability insurance would cover the water park and the premiums wouldn't change due to the addition of a water sprinkle park. The property insurance is based on the cost of the fixtures bought. For \$55,500 worth of fixtures, the property insurance would raise \$100 per year. Shelley stated she had spoken with a couple different Lion's Club members and had plans to ask the Catlin Lion's Club to sponsor the sprinkle park by donating \$500 per year to cover the property insurance and water each year. Mayor Robinson asked if Shelley had contacted Homer about how they had paid for their sprinkle park. Shelley stated that she had spoken to Sharon, the Village Clerk of Homer and was informed that the park was added prior to her becoming the Village Clerk but she did know that there was a committee formed that helped fundraise for the addition. Kevin asked about where the controls for the sprinklers would be kept? It was stated that Homer had a yarn barn that was believed to hold their controls. Shelley stated that the current plan had two activators that would conserve water. Butch asked if Homer had any vandalism to their park. Tricia Richardson spoke up and stated that with more people using the park, there would be more parents in the park which would lower the risk of vandalism. Shelley stated we don't stop doing good things for the community in response to a few bad actions by just a few kids. Mayor Robinson asked when is the deadline? Shelley responded that it depended on when they would want it opened. Since the Annual Strawberry Festival is on June 7<sup>th</sup> this year, to have it open prior to that, we would need to have the fixtures bought by the end of January, beginning of February. If we were to have it opened after that but before the Annual Catlin Lion's Club Fish Fry, there is another month of time. Kevin questioned the cost of the property insurance, stating that replacement insurance should be on the \$110,000, the true cost to replace the entire sprinkle park, not just the fixtures. Shelley stated that after speaking to the Village's insurance representative, and explaining what we were wanting to add to the park, the representative gave her the price of \$100 on the \$55,500. Shelley stated she would call and verify what the replacement insurance cost would be and would update the board. Kevin also asked if it was

worth the cost of \$1500.00 to hire their expert for a two year warranty when we have a lot of talented and licensed workers within the Village and that the board would need to see the specifications of the park. He also stated that since this is not currently budgeted in the budget, can the board take the money out of savings. Shelley stated she would contact the Village attorney have report back an answer. The board asked Shelley what was she wanting specifically from the board. Shelley stated there were a couple of different options. First option would be for the board to approve the design and pay for the fixtures and installation. Shelley stated at a minimum, to allow her to go out to the community and form a committee to help with this project, she would like the board to approve the design in the proposal given to each of them on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with a commitment, if the specifications meet their standards, of financial help. A motion was made by Butch and seconded by Fred to approve the sprinkle park design at \$55,245 to allow the committee to be formed.

Aye Butch, Kevin, Fred, Mayor Robinson

Nay none

Tricia Richardson addressed the Board due to a large water leak she had at her home the previous month. Tricia stated that her current water and sewer bill was close to \$1,000.00 and was hoping to get a sewer credit since the water went under and into her house and not into the sewer. She also requested that she be allowed to pay half of the bill this month and the other half the following month. Mayor Robinson stated that the Village would give her a sewer credit of \$414.17 leaving her bill at \$540.75 based on her past average and current sewer rates.

Max Prosser addressed the board regarding his upcoming Eagle Scout project. He stated he was a Junior at Catlin High School and that his Eagle Scout project must be completed by the time he turns 18 in June. He is required to organize and plan a project that gives back to his community. He was hoping to organize groups of scouts to repaint all the fire hydrants in Catlin. He asked if the Boy Scout Council approved this idea, if the Board would pay for the paint and supplies. Kevin asked Carl who usually had the responsibility of painting the hydrants. Carl stated that the Village is but it hasn't been done for a couple years. Mayor Robinson instructed Max to contact Tim McFadden once he received approval. Max asked if they knew how many fire hydrants were in Catlin in order to organize efficiently. Tim stated there were about 100 hydrants in Catlin.

Commissioner Voorhees:

- Mayor Robinson stated that Barry was unable to attend the meeting but wanted to inform the board that two bonds were to mature on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He would have information distributed prior to the next meeting. The Board would have to vote next meeting on what they would like to see done with these two CD's.

Commissioner Schmink:

A motion was made by Butch and seconded by Kevin to issue a building permit to the James Jones, 502 N Sandusky, new siding and windows, plumbing, roof and electrical, \$4,000.00, Self, Liggett, Berry's, Self.

Aye Fred, Butch, Kevin, Mayor Robinson

Nay none

Commissioner Kirk:

- Kevin thanked the Christmas committee for packing away the Christmas decorations. He stated that the Lighting of the Community Christmas tree was a wonderful event and hoped to see it continue for years to come. The current Christmas tree is getting rather large and the committee has to look at new ways to decorate it.
- Kevin thanked Tim McFadden for helping clear the streets the previous week when Carl and Vince were both off of work.
- Due to the heavy amount of snow this year, the Streets Department has used more salt and sand than the three previous years combined. This cost will take a hit on our budget, but it is a necessity to keep the streets safe.
- The Safe Routes to School Grant would place a new sidewalk the entire length of Northview, which currently does not have a sidewalk at all. It would replace and build up the entire Webster Street sidewalk, which is needed due to the amount of water, snow and mud that blocks the sidewalk and this is a route most school age children use when walking to school. It would also place a new school crossing at Jackson and Vermilion and replace the current crossing at Vermilion and Webster to the solar power flash beacon crossing sign. The grant, if received, requires the Village to pay twenty percent of the proposed \$199,998.11. The grant, if received, would pay the additional eighty percent. The cost to the Village would be taken out of the Streets Department Budget and would have to be figured into the next fiscal years' budget.

A motion was made by Kevin seconded by Fred to approve the application to the Safe Routes to School Grant with the funds, if the grant is received, coming out of the Street Department Budget from the General Account in the next fiscal year.

Aye Butch, Kevin, Fred, Mayor Robinson


Nay none

Commissioner Reddy:

- Fred stated that we qualified for the Merrill Street Grant. It would be a construction grant, written by RCAP Agency out of Springfield, IL at no cost with the expectation that they would be allowed to administer the grant if received.
- Fred stated that he had instructed the engineer to put the water tower out for bid.
- Fred also stated that Shelley had been working on getting old, outstanding water bills paid and had collected nearly \$800.00 in past due water bills. Kevin asked if we were using the company that was hired and what the cost was to the Village. Shelley stated that there is a program to use the State of Illinois to have them collect debts from tax returns or payments from the state. Shelley stated there is not a cost or fee to the Village, but there would be a fee to those that owe the debt. Shelley also stated that she had not currently turned anyone over to the State of Illinois since she has had success by sending the letter requesting payment.

Cash informed the board that a donation was received by the Catlin Police Department from Robison's Funeral Home for a \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Butch seconded by Fred to adjourn the meeting by vote.  
Aye Kevin, Fred, Butch, Mayor Robinson  
Nay none



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James I. Robinson, Mayor



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Shelley Darnell, Village Clerk