



*Village of South Jacksonville  
Regular Session - Board of Trustees  
Village Hall Board Room  
May 1, 2008  
7:00 PM*

**- Minutes -**

The Village of South Jacksonville Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, May 1, 2008 in the Board Room at the Village Hall.

***Present for Roll Call:*** Village President Gordon D. Jumper, Village Clerk Linda Douglass, Trustees; Steve Douglass, Steve Waltrip, Sonie Smith, John Gotschall, Mike Elliott and Dick Samples. Also present were Police Chief Richard Evans, and Superintendent John Green. Absent: Fire Chief David Hickox, and Office Manager/Treasurer Kathy Simpson.

Motion was made by Sonie Smith to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting. Steve Douglass seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

***Correspondence:*** Received from the Illinois Department of Revenue: Revenue Sales Tax in the amount of \$11,085.73, Telecommunications Tax in the amount of \$1,073.02, Local Use Tax in the amount of \$3,760.08. Received from the Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Allotment in the amount of \$7,498.80.

There were no additions to the agenda. Motion was made by Mike Elliott to approve the agenda as presented. Dick Samples seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There were numerous comments from the floor from residents of Victoria Lane who are concerned about their water pressure in their homes. Following the discussion, it was decided that a meeting would be scheduled sometime in May with the Victoria Lane residents to discuss their concerns further.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Jumper turned the meeting over to Steve Turner with Turner Insurance and Eric Little with IMLRMA (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association) who presented to the Board the summary of the Workers Comp, Liability and Fleet insurance for the Village of South Jacksonville for the period of May 1, 2008 through May 1, 2009. Steve Turner suggested after his research in insurance comparison that the Village switch from Illinois Public Risk Fund and Travelers Insurance to IMLRMA for a savings

to the Village of over \$10,000 or 15%. He stated that the premium last year was \$71,754 and the new premium with the switch to IMLRMA will be \$61,1331. Mayor Jumper asked for a motion to cancel the work comp policy with IPRF and to write the insurance with IMLRMA for work comp, liability, property, fleet and other and that we join IMLRMA and that we do that with the adoption of Ordinance No. 911. Motion was made by Mike Elliott with a second by Steve Douglass. The motion carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Dick Samples, Sonie Smith, Steve Douglass, Steve Waltrip, Mike Elliott and John Gotschall. There were no dissenting votes.

Mayor Jumper turned the meeting over to Patty Caldwell Anderson; Executive Director of the Jacksonville Visitors & Convention Bureau who updated the Board on the events of the past year in our community and then spoke briefly regarding what is scheduled for South Jacksonville and the Jacksonville area in the coming months. She provided printed travel guides and brochures for the Board to view. Ms. Anderson along with the assistance of Teddy Rammelkamp, Chairman of the JVCB Board, presented their position on why they felt that the Village Board should approve an increase of the Hotel Operators Tax from 3% to 5%, but they were unsuccessful. Following a short question and answer session, Mayor Jumper stated that this issue of the tax increase would be reviewed further and that it would be discussed again at a later date.

Mayor Jumper spoke briefly regarding a private grant application for the Play For All Park, which had been submitted by Village Trustee Steve Douglass through his employer, Southern Wine & Spirits of Illinois. Trustee Douglass stated that this grant application totaled \$105,000 and was submitted as part of a 40 for 40 Campaign offered through his employer, Southern Wine & Spirits as part of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. He said that he would advise the Board as soon as it was decided who the recipients of the grants would be.

Mayor Jumper stated that the Play For All Park water toy opening date is May 22, 2008 and that the restrooms are scheduled to open on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Jumper stated that the Village has been presented the "Platinum Ward" from Prairieland United Way, Inc. This award is the highest award given by this agency. The Platinum Award was given to the Village because of their generous employee contributions during the 2007 Campaign.

Mayor Jumper spoke briefly regarding the Village burning ordinance. He stated that while burning is allowed, there are guidelines that must be complied with.

Mayor Jumper stated that today, May 1, 2008 is National Day of Prayer. He asked for a motion to approve the National Day of Prayer Proclamation. Motion was made by Sonie Smith, with a second by Steve Waltrip. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jumper asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for the closing of parts of South Main for the Village Celebration parade scheduled for July 26, 2008. Motion was made by Steve Douglass with a second by Sonie Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jumper asked for a motion to approve the salary adjustments as outlined in the schedule provided to them for fiscal year 2008-2009 which reflects a 3.6% aggregate rate increase to be effective May 1, 2008. Motion was made by Sonie Smith with a second by Dick Samples. The motion carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Sonie Smith, Dick Samples, Steve Waltrip, John Gotschall, Mike Elliott and Steve Douglass. There were no dissenting votes.

Mayor Jumper stated that West Central Mass Transit has paid rent through the end of May. They are expecting to be in their new building by the end of May.

Mayor Jumper stated that the South Jacksonville Fire Department Auxiliary is planning a fundraiser called, "Friday Night Fortune". The fundraiser is scheduled for May 16, 2008 at Gee Whillikers Banquet Hall in South Jacksonville. The fundraiser includes dinner for two, music and cash prizes. He stated that anyone interested could contact any auxiliary member.

Mayor Jumper proposed to the Board his desire to disband the committees as they are now except for the Personnel Committee and go to a workshop type forum that could be held the last Thursday of the month. He stated this would allow all Trustees to meet as a group, which gives them the opportunity to know what is going on throughout all areas of the Village.

Mayor Jumper asked for a motion to dissolve the committees except for the Personnel Committee and switch to a workshop session on the last Thursday of the month as needed. Motion was made by Steve Douglass to try this arrangement for a couple of months and discuss it again to see how it is working. Sonie Smith seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote with the tie being broke by Village President Jumper. (YES) votes were cast by Steve Douglass, Sonie Smith and Dick Samples. (NO) votes were cast by Mike Elliott, John Gotschall and Steve Waltrip. Mayor Jumper cast the tie-breaking vote. There were three dissenting votes.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Water, Sewer & Streets – Mike Elliott, Chairman**

Chairman Elliott stated that the Water, Sewer & Streets committee met on April 23, 2008 and several issues including the options to purchase a new backhoe for the Village were discussed. Chairman Elliott made a motion to waive advertising for bids for the purchase of a backhoe. Dick Samples seconded the motion and the motion carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Mike Elliott, Steve Waltrip, Dick Samples, Sonie Smith, Steve Douglass and John Gotschall. There were no dissenting votes.

Chairman Elliott made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2006 CAT 420E ST backhoe from Altorfer Caterpillar at a purchase price of \$72,921 with a \$20,000 trade-in for the old backhoe, leaving a net cash purchase price of \$52,921. Steve Waltrip seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Mike Elliott, John Gotschall, Dick Samples, Steve Waltrip and Sonie Smith. (NO) votes were cast by Steve Douglass. There was one dissenting vote.

Chairman Elliott made a motion to approve the resolution appropriating MFT funds in the amount of \$83,550 for the general maintenance program for 2008-2009. Steve Waltrip seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Dick Samples, Sonie Smith, Steve Douglass, Steve Waltrip, Mike Elliott and John Gotschall. There were no dissenting votes.

Chairman Elliott made a motion to approve the engineering agreement with Benton & Associates for the MFT general maintenance program for 2008-2009. This agreement amount is not to exceed \$3,250. Sonie Smith seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Steve Douglass, Sonie Smith, Steve Waltrip, John Gotschall, Mike Elliott and Dick Samples. There were no dissenting votes.

Chairman Elliott stated that recycling was also discussed at the committee meeting and different options are being looked into regarding continuing with the recycling bins or going to curbside recycling.

Chairman Elliott stated that this is the last month for summer sewer sign up. He stated that during the month of May, there is a \$5.00 processing fee assessed.

**Planning / Economic & Development – Dick Samples, Chairman**

Chairman Samples made a motion to approve the updated zoning map. Mike Elliott seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Samples stated that building permits for the month of April 2008 had an estimated cost of construction at \$49,288 with revenue to the Village of \$142.00 with a \$450.00 plumbing permit fee.

**Administrative / Finance – Steve Waltrip, Chairman**

Chairman Steve Waltrip made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for March 2008 with a second by Sonie Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Steve Waltrip made a motion to approve the payables for April 2008. Mike Elliott seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Dick Samples, Sonie Smith, Steve Douglass, Mike Elliott, Steve Waltrip and John Gotschall. There were no dissenting votes.

**Police – Steve Douglass, Chairman**

Chairman Steve Douglass reported that the McGruff golf outing will be held on Monday, July 21, 2008 at the Links Golf Course in Nichols Park.

**Fire / Rescue – John Gotschall, Chairman**

No Report

**Personnel – Sonie Smith, Chairman**

Chairman Smith stated that the Personnel Committee met and discussed employee compensation as mentioned in the Mayor's Report earlier.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Trustee Mike Elliott made a motion to move into executive session. Steve Douglass seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Mike Elliott, Steve Waltrip, Dick Samples, Steve Douglass and John Gotschall. There were no dissenting votes.

The Board returned from executive session by roll call.

There being no further business, John Gotschall made a motion to adjourn the May 1, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:35 P.M. Mike Elliott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Gordon D. Jumper, Village President

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Linda Douglass, Village Clerk

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