



Village of South Jacksonville
Regular Session – Board of Trustees
Village Hall Board Room

November 1, 2007
7:30 PM

Minutes

The Village of South Jacksonville Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, November 1, 2007 in the Village Hall Board Room.

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

The minutes of the regular session of the Board of Trustees meeting held on October 4, 2007 were approved as presented. Motion was made by Mike Elliott with a second by Steve Waltrip. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Received from the Illinois Department of Revenue: Revenue Sales Tax in the amount of \$16,675.02, Auto Rental Tax in the amount of \$32.48, Telecommunication Tax in the amount of \$1,574.72, Local Use Tax in the amount of \$3,429.38, and Income Tax in the amount of \$17,682.92.

There were no additions to the agenda. Motion was made by Sonie Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Steve Douglass seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the floor.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jumper asked Office Manager Kathy Simpson to present the tax levy, tax levy calculation analysis and road district #15 resolution to the Board which will be submitted for final approval at the December 2007 Board of Trustees meeting. Kathy Simpson discussed with the Board the highlights of the Tax levy. She stated that the 2007 rate setting EAV is \$41,135,581. This represents estimated new construction of \$1,291,468. This year's total levy is proposed to be \$381,000, which is about a \$4000 tax savings for our property owners. We are not required to have a truth in taxation hearing because the levy is below the

5% tax increase. Mayor Jumper stated that we did not levy any property tax for the park.

Mayor Jumper asked for a motion to approve the ordinance for the Birdsell Redevelopment Agreement. Motion was made by Steve Douglass with a second by Sonie Smith. The motion carried by roll call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Sonie Smith, John Gotschall, Dick Samples, Steve Waltrip, Mike Elliott and Steve Douglass. There were no dissenting votes.

Mayor Jumper asked for a motion to allow a garden area to be constructed and maintained by the Sunrise Rotary, Midwest Group Services and various other organizations. The garden is to be located west of Labor Drive and east of our Fire House on Sequoia. Trustee Sonie Smith spoke briefly regarding the garden. She stated this garden will be available for various groups and Labor Drive residents to plant, maintain and harvest from it. Motion was made by Sonie Smith with a second by John Gotschall. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jumper provided to the Board for their review, a job description for an Enforcement Community Economic Development Officer for the Village. He stated that we are getting more development in our TIF district and this area needs to be marketed. He stated he feels that we should consider putting someone on staff that is our Building Inspector and also a Community Developer.

Mayor Jumper stated there will be a Veterans' Day Parade on Saturday, November 10, 2007 starting around Dewey Drive and traveling north on South Main to Community Park.

Mayor Jumper stated that he attended the IML conference held in October. He stated there were some very interesting information on Ethanol and Rural Fire Districts at this years meeting.

Mayor Jumper stated the League of Women Voters will be holding their State of the Village, City and County address at the Village Hall on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

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

Mayor Jumper reminded everyone that the Village Christmas Party will be Friday, December 14, 2007 at Gee Whillikers. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Committee Reports

Water, Sewer & Streets – Mike Elliott, Chairman

Chairman Mike Elliott made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford F150 pick up truck from the State of Illinois vehicle contract from Morrow Brothers Ford for an amount not to exceed the \$14,000 budgeted amount. Dick Samples seconded the motion and it carried by roll call vote. (Yes) votes were cast by Dick Samples, Mike Elliott, Sonie Smith, Steve Douglass, John Gotschall and Steve Waltrip. There were no dissenting votes.

Chairman Elliott stated that the West Vandalia road project is almost fully completed. He stated that some sodding and landscape work are pending, which we expect to be completed the week of October 29th. The contractor also needs to repair a service line water leak that was damaged during construction. The 10" water line installation is complete, in service and tested.

Chairman Elliott stated that the work on the Greenwood Estates water loop line is underway and going well. He stated that with the addition of this water line, it should greatly improve water pressure in that area.

Chairman Elliott stated that the Village will be offering the free leaf pickup program starting Tuesday, November 6th and then each Tuesday thereafter for the rest of the month. The Village will be picking up bagged leaves left at curbside only. The Village will accept plastic or paper bags, but prefers plastic.

Planning/Economic & Development – Dick Samples, Chairman

Chairman Samples stated that building permits for the month of October 2007 had an estimated cost of construction at \$144,753, with revenue for the Village at \$282.00 for building permits.

Administrative / Finance – Steve Waltrip, Chairman

Chairman Waltrip made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for September 2007 with a second by Mike Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Waltrip made a motion to approve the payables for October 2007. Sonie Smith 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.

Police – Steve Douglass, Chairman

No report

Fire / Rescue – John Gotschall, Chairman

Chairman Gotschall stated that Midwest Portraits will be taking pictures on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at the Fire House on Sequoia. He stated there had been approximately 285 donations received.

Chairman Gotschall stated that the Fire Department has received their new fire hats and bunker boots. These items were purchased through the Fire Marshall's office on a small equipment grant in the amount of \$9520. The Fire Department portion to pay was \$788.

Chairman Gotschall stated that a grant application for air packs was reviewed and bid specifications are being drawn up.

Personnel – Sonie Smith, Chairman

No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business, John Gotschall made a motion to adjourn the November 1, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:10 PM. 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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