

Village of Indian Point

Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 14, 2010 @7p.m.

Indian Point Municipal Center 957 Indian Point Rd

Members present; Jim Daily –chair, Dave Canaday, Carole Kurtz, Tim Stout & Attorney Diana Breazele

Absent –Bill Turner – vice chair

Called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance

Approval of Agenda for Nov. 9, 2010

Dave wanted to add changing the budget to the agenda. He was told that to amend the budget we needed to have two public meetings. A motion by Dave, second by Carole to approve the agenda as written; motion carried

Approval of minutes Nov 9, 2010 Meeting; motion by Carole, seconded by Dave, motion carried

Approval of minutes Nov 24, 2010 Meeting; motion by Carole second by Tim, motion carried with Dave abstaining

Treasurer’s report for November given by Donna Kustron. Dave asked what the \$8,000 in administrative lawn mowing was for. Donna will check into that. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning- Greg Maycock - Trustees to sign plans for Treehouse. P&Z did not sign, as the subdivision pre-dates P&Z. A motion by Tim second by Carole to approve the signing of the plans; carried.
Debbie Huffman is buying property as 220 John the Diver. She wants to add an attached laundry/garage. A motion made by Carole, second by Tim to approve a P&Z Compliance Permit, carried.
Phil & Jennifer Schuplah want to replace a broken concrete patio/sidewalks with larger concrete patio.
A motion by Carole, second by Tim to approve P&Z Compliance permit, carried.
Rex & Sharon McSpadden want to remove and existing deck and build new larger deck with a portion screened in, and stairs off the deck. A motion by Carole, second by Tim to approve a P&Z Compliance permit, with stairs either on the side or back to comply with setback issues that might arise; carried.

Roads- Larry Stenzel– The snow plow has had the oil changed, and it was taken to a shop for the brakes to be checked. Larry asked about purchasing the salt. It was approved at the last Trustees meeting that the salt be ordered. Larry was going to take care of purchasing the salt.

Police & Emergency Management – no report

Board of Public Works –Kevin reported that the new Engineering firm has been working hard, and they may have a resolution to the problems with the waste water plant. Shelia said that they were going to look again at the rates people were being charged. The charges were based on the system which we did not end up with. They would have to look at the rates as the BPW is not self sufficient, and should be.

Transportation Report-- No report

Trail update- No report – Jim talked about getting an appraised value of the trail. We may be able to submit funds from the Grant. Many citizens had offered to handle In-Kind work.

Recycle Report- Betty was absent, but submitted a report, which Jim read.

First reading of Ordinance 10-04 Bill 150 – Ordinance Planning and Zoning/ Roll Call Vote.... All yeas except 1 absent.

Reading of Resolution 10-8 – Update DNR contacts – moved by Dave seconded by Carole to accept the Resolution as amended from SRF Grant/Loan to Jakes Creek Trail Project. All trustees signed the Resolution except 1 absent.

Special Reports

IP-PEMA- Contributions are coming in for an 8-camera system for the Village and Indian Point Road. Police will have access to the video. This is a Police Project and tapes can be looked at in the event of a problem. Installation will be before year-end or early next year.

Welcome Center – no report

Old Business

Municipal Court – After the meeting last night, we need to talk again with Mike Selby. We should table the Municipal Court until information is gleaned from Mike. Motion by Dave, second by Carole to table the Municipal Court, carried.

Audit – Tim moved that Lisa Officer do the audit for 2009 / 2010, seconded by Carole. Dave expressed concern that lay people could not understand the reports. Donna commented that Audit Reports were not meant to be understood by lay people. Vote – Carole, Tim, Jim yea, Dave no, carried. Donna to talk to Lisa Officer tomorrow.

Grant for Head of Trail – Chief said we did not get the grant.

Attorney – out for bid. To date we have received 2 bids for Attorney for 2010.

Accountant – out for bid. To date we have received 2 bids.

New Business

Second Reading Ordinance 10-04 Bill #150. Roll Call Vote was unanimous except 1 absent; motion carried.

Trustee Elections – forms can be picked anytime, and are due by January 18, 2011.

Ideas for increasing income for Roads – Carole suggested that we find a way to “tax” each resident (including each condo owner) \$100 per year for 3 years. That money would be used strictly for Roads. It is estimated that it will take about \$300,000 to fix our roads, and that amount will only increase the longer we wait. We discussed a transportation sales tax. We were told that we could increase the tax 1/2%, but that would be all we would have available. Steve McGuinness expressed concern that increasing the sales tax would make the resort owners less competitive. It was pointed out that we have a much lower sales tax than any of the surrounding areas. The idea of the road tax was proposed in 2003. The tax was defeated. The people were not behind it. Several folks said that the community did not have this explained properly. Greg Maycock said this was the last form available to the Village, the 1/2%, and by law it is very targeted...it can only have one use. We would have to have open meetings to educate the community. Steve McGuinness said that folks call wanting inquiring on a room price with tax. We don't have to choose between the roads falling apart and this tax. The road tax is something we need to do. It will raise tax on resort rooms maybe \$1 or \$2. We

voted to pursue the road tax. Tim made a motion to have open meeting and try to get this on the April ballot; seconded by Carole. Dave decided that the board should pay attention to the sentiment at the open meetings. The only other option might be a property tax. Business owners look at this tax as the lesser of two evils, more sales tax, but without property tax. Votes 3 ayes and 1 nay, with 1 absent; passed. We will contact Stone County to see how we can proceed getting information on this tax.

A register of checks issued for November was presented. Motion by Dave, seconded by Carole to approve the register, motion carried.

Comments by Trustees – Tim brought up a conflict of interest between Dave & Shelia and the Village. Dave pointed out again that we are spending more than we are taking in. Diana commented that changing a vote that was publically recorded, by e-mail was probably a sunshine law issue. To withdraw a vote was not changing the outcome. Diana will look into the sunshine laws.

Comments from the floor – The cause of the Raccoons' dying is canine distemper, which is a virus. It causes no public health issues, but can be passed in the air, so citizens were warned to watch their dogs. Maybe it may take care of some of the feral cat population.

Boyd Hamilton officially resigned as code enforcer. He talked to Tim and said from now on; when he goes to the bar, keep his name out of the conversations. Tim stated that he had not, that the conversation was taken out of context.

Jim thanked Boyd for his years of service.

Motion for adjournment. A motion by Dave, seconded by Carole.

9:12 pm