

**CRAINVILLE VILLAGE BOARD**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday February 11, 2020**

Mike Harbin	Yea	Sam Jones	Yea
Julie Aue	Nay	John Oetjen	Yea
Martin Bruyns Jr.	Yea	Jim Rains	Yea
Brad Olson	Yea (6:35)	Jaci Chapman	Nay
Ron Mitchell	Yea	Tena Steinacher	Yea

A quorum was present:

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the January 14, 2020 regular Board Meeting were presented. There were 3 corrections. On page 1 the amount that the Treasurer brought down from the Illinois Funds was \$25,000 instead of \$20,000, on page 2 last paragraph an “is” should be deleted, and on page 5 the flag contract should be for \$400.00 instead of \$350.00.

There were no corrections on the minutes from the continued meeting on January 21, 2020.

**Motion 1:** Oetjen made the motion and Harbin seconded the motion to approve the January 14, 2020 Village Board Meeting minutes as corrected, and to approve the January 21, 2020 Continued Board Meeting as presented. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Steinacher presented the Treasurer’s Report.

Steinacher recommended to the Board that they approve bringing down \$30,000 from the Illinois Funds to the Village General Fund.

**Motion 2:** Harbin made the motion and Jones seconded the motion to approve bringing \$30,000 from the Illinois Funds to the Village of Crainville’s General Fund. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

**Bills:**

February 2020 bills were presented.

**Motion 3:** Oetjen made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to pay the February bills as presented. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

**Visitor Participation**

Jodi Watts who lives on Brandy Lane submitted a water/sewer appeal at the January Board Meeting. Her appeal was over a sewer back-up that occurred in her back yard and, into her house. She contacted an excavator to dig up her sewer line. The excavator cost her \$2,400.00. After the sewer line was dug up, they found that the problem was not her sewer line but was at the Village main. Once the Village found out that the problem originated at the Village main and was due to root infiltration that occurred at the main, the Village cleaned out the sewer line. Ms. Watts asked the Village for help in paying the \$2,400.00. The Board, in January, said that when the sewer initially backed up she should have called the Village and had them come out scope the line and this would have found the problem before she hired an excavator. The Board voted in January to give her a \$500.00 water/sewer credit. She attended the February Board Meeting to appeal the Board's ruling. After hearing her side of the situation, the Board decided to give her \$750.00 and will not give her a \$500.00 water/sewer credit.

**Motion 4:** Oetjen made the motion and Harbin seconded the motion to give Jodi Watts \$750.00 for sewer issues that occurred on her property when the Village's sewer line was blocked due to root infiltration; the \$500.00 water/sewer credit that was initially given will be nullified. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

### **John Crawford Report**

#### *East Grand Sewer*

Several residents have complained about the sewer on East Grand. The joints in the pipes have roots growing in them and this is causing the sewer to back up into several residents' yards and in some cases into their homes. The Village decided at the January Board Meeting to replace the sewer line, put in new manholes, and Y's and tees. John Crawford and Associates put the project out for bid. The Village received five bids: (1) Jeff Wiggs \$23,422, (2) Dean Bush \$17,821, (3) Scott Escue \$16,648, (4) Jessie May \$16,422, and (5) Benji Cain \$15,752. Design and residential engineering fees are not included in this bid. Crawford recommended that the project be awarded to the lowest bidder which was Benjie Cain for \$15,752. Crawford also recommended that the project be postponed until April when, hopefully, the weather will be better.

**Motion 5:** Jones made the motion and Oetjen seconded the motion to award the East Grand Sewer project to Benji Cain for \$15,752. Harbin (yea), Bruyns (yea), Rains (nay). The President declared the motion passed.

#### *East Grand Improvements-Update*

John Crawford and Associates have exceeded the residential engineering costs that was agreed to under the SIMPO contract for East Grand Improvements by \$51,000. John Crawford contacted SIMPO (grant administrator) regarding increasing the grant to cover the additional engineering costs. SIMPO has agreed to the cost overrun. Crawford has drawn up a contract for the Village to sign and submit to SIMPO to cover the additional cost. The contract was presented to the Board. The Board will review the contract and vote on the contract at the March meeting.

### *Plaza Drive Drainage*

There are drainage issues on Plaza Drive and on Susan Lane. In the area where Susan Lane meets Plaza Drive, there is water pooling in the driveway of several business. This drainage problem is having a negative impact on businesses in the area. The main business impacted by the water pooling in the road and in their parking, lots is the Asian Bistro and NAPA. This is a Village issue because the driveway into these businesses is 90% on the Village's "right of way." Several years ago, the Village asphalted over the concrete that was in front of these businesses, and this has contributed to the drainage issues. In order to fix this area of the road Crawford has estimated that it will cost approximately \$40,000. The Village could use money for this project from motor fuel funds. Since some of the driveway is on Asian Bistro property, Asian Bistro has agreed to contribute \$400.00 to the project.

**Motion 6:** Oetjen made the motion and Bruyns seconded the motion to approve the Resolution to do road improvements on Plaza Drive. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

### *Drainage Issues Marilyn Drive*

Drainage issues on Marilyn Drive has been put on hold.

### **Department Heads**

#### *Water Report: (Pam Borders)*

1. There are 760 water customers
2. 574 garbage customers.
3. 0 Building Permits
4. 7 new customers
5. 4 disconnects
6. Room Rental 5 days for a total of \$245.00

#### *Water Appeals*

No water appeals.

#### *Street/Water-Sewer Report*

1. Farrar told the Board that the Street/Water Department put in 1 water service.
2. Street Department continues to do winter maintenance
3. Farrar told the Board that he has put up new Village of Crainville signs.
4. The Street Department has used the tar kettle to repair pot holes.
5. The fire hydrant on Jackson will be fixed in March
6. Farrar has been cleaning up the yard/barn and is in the process of putting water supplies in the old board room.
7. The Board asked Farrar to purchase full sewer router kit for approximately \$3,600.

8. Board wants Farrar to address the road issues on Crain Street, and try to better secure the Village trailers.

*Police Report (David Lindley reporting for Chief Rogers)*

Officer Lindley presented the police report. Officer Lindley also reported that the Crown Vic is still in the garage having the defroster worked on.

**Old Business**

*Jodi Watts—Sewer Bill*

See under Visitor Participation

*United Systems Bill*

This fall the Village upgraded their United System water bill computer program. United Systems initially told the Village that the cost to upgrade the system would be \$7,395. The Village signed a contract with United System saying that the Village would pay the \$7,395. However, United Systems sent the Village a bill for \$10,720 instead of the \$7,395 that was agreed upon. Mitchell called United Systems to protest the bill. United System reevaluated the bill and came back with a bill for \$8,945. They indicated to Mitchell that they will not renegotiate the bill any further. Mitchell told the Board that he will send United System a copy of the agreement that the Village signed along with a letter asking for a log of the time that they trained the Village of Crainville staff.

*New Sign*

The Village of Crainville would like to put up a new electronic sign in front of the Village Hall. Scott Bolen from Roth Signs submitted a proposal for an 8-foot-wide sign for \$23,000. The Board asked him to resubmit his proposal for a 5- or 6-foot sign. Mr. Bolen will bring a new proposal to the Village next week for the Boards consideration.

**New Business**

*Midwest Meters*

Brandon Smith made a presentation to the Board regarding cellular meters from Midwest Meters. The proposal was to replace the current water meters with the cellular meter. Smith explained some of the pros and cons for the Village to switch to cellular meters.

*AT&T-GPS*

AT&T has a GPS system for vehicles. This GPS equipment would plug into Village vehicles and would track the location of the vehicles. The program would allow for the Village to set perimeters so that if a Village vehicle went outside of the perimeters the Village office would be

notified. Another advantage to this program would be that other local communities could tie into the program and in emergency situations the closest official could be dispatched to the area in which they are needed. The system would also log the data that is collected. AT&T would charge the Village \$120.00 a month for 6 vehicles, the equipment will be provided for free. Officer Lindley asked that the Board contact AT&T to make sure the system is compatible with the police cars.

**Motion 7:** Harbin made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to use AT&T GPS program for Village vehicles on the condition that the program is compatible with police vehicles. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

#### *Scholarship Due Dates*

The Village awards the James Childress Scholarship every year. Applications for the scholarship are due March 1. The Village Newsletter will be sent out the first of March, and the newsletter will have scholarship information. A request has been made to change the date that the scholarship applications are due from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Changing the date would give those interested in applying for the scholarship time to submit their application.

**Motion 8:** Harbin made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to change the James Childress Scholarship due date from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

#### *Late Charge—Ford Finance*

Mitchell informed the Board that Ford Finance charged the Village over \$400 in late fees. The payment was late because of the time the Village receives the bill, when the Board approves the bill, and when a check is issued by the accountant. Mitchell was able to get the late charge waived.

#### *S.I.N.C. Labor Charges*

Mitchell told the Board that S.I.N.C. has changed their labor costs from \$95.00 to \$110.00 an hour.

#### *SIMA Dues*

**Motion 9:** Rains made the motion and Jones seconded the motion to renew the Village's membership in the Southern Illinois Mayors Association for \$65.00. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Mitchell told the Board that every ten years Greater Egypt has to reapply for the Enterprise Zone. Each town/village in the Greater Egypt area has to pay their share of the fee. The Village of Crainville owes \$1,006.

**Motion 10:** Harbin made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to pay \$1,006 to Greater Egypt for the application for the Enterprise Zone. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

**Motion 11:** Oetjen made the motion and Rains seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 8:50 p.m. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion 12:** Jones made the motion and Harbin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. All present voted yea and the President declared the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jacquelyn Chapman, Village Clerk