



# Village of Saybrook

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Meeting Minutes  
Monday June 11, 2007

Mayor Ron Stauffer called the regular meeting of the Saybrook Village Board to order at 7:00PM. In attendance were Chad Benjamin, Ross Reardon, Patrick Lewis, Rory Quinn, Jim Quinn, Jim Gravitt, Karen Durham and Ron Stauffer.

**Minutes:** Chad Benjamin noted that the statement made under Streets & Sidewalks needs to be corrected from "rock and chip completed" to; Cold Patch is completed and rock and chip has been ordered.

Jim Quinn made a motion to accept the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 minutes as corrected. Pat Lewis seconded the motion. Carried 6-0

**Guests:** Ed Hany asked the board to have a fenced in area at the U-Turn on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, during the Saybrook Freedom Fest. Mr. Hany also asked the board to have extended hours that day until 12 midnight. Mr. Hany stated the area outside would be monitored and supervised. Chad Benjamin made a motion to allow the fenced in area and be open until 10PM. Pat Lewis seconded the motion. Carried 5-1; with Ross Reardon as the nay vote.

**Committee Appointments for 2007:** Mayor Ron Stauffer appointed the committee members for 2007. They are as listed:

Finances: Chair, Patrick Lewis, Chad Benjamin and Jim Quinn

Utilities: Chair, Chad Benjamin, Jim Quinn and Jim Gravitt

Parks & Civics: Chair, Rory Quinn, Ross Reardon and Patrick Lewis

Streets & Sidewalks: Chair, Jim Gravitt, Rory Quinn and Ross Reardon

Ordinances & Resolution: Chair, Jim Quinn, Rory Quinn and Chad Benjamin

Treasurer: Charles Brownlee

Street Commissioner: Geno Talley

Zoning Commissioner: Geno Talley

**Maintenance Report:** Geno Talley reported that 7 street signs had been repaired.

The skateboard park has been trashed with lots of empty beer bottles. Geno stated that he needs a new weed eater. Jim Quinn made a motion to buy a weed eater. Jim Gravitt seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

Geno stated he needs an account established at Martins to get mowers and the like repaired.

Mayor Ron asked about the work with the water tower. Geno said that it has been too windy for the painting to be completed.

Geno said that he got 10 meters installed. Chad Benjamin suggested that Clerk Karen Durham, get with Geno and call those customers who still need water meter installed. Appointments/times could be made allowing Geno to get into those homes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Chuck Brownlee had no new finance news to report

**Parks & Civics:** Mayor Ron briefly learned Rory Quinn to his new appointment

**Streets & Sidewalks:** Chad Benjamin stated that Larry Bottles has an outstanding invoice for work that has not been paid. Information passed to new committee member, Jim Gravitt.

**Utilities:**

**Ordinances & Resolution:** Jim Gravitt reports that Quinnly has not been working on the house as directed. Mayor Ron asked that Jim Quinn call the city attorney to send a letter to Quinnly in regards to violation of the ordinance. Open discussion about the new deputy sheriff and his possible backing to enforce the villages' ordinances. Chad Benjamin said that the village should look into perhaps getting the ordinances current and up to date.

**EMA:** Larry Sosamon reported that the locker rooms at the old high school have been converted into a storm shelter. The shelter has been inspected by the county and passed. The storm shelter will hold 250 people. Contractors with the Windfarm development have donated some items such as water and flashlights. It is useable at this time. Keys will be available by the SEMA and Saybrook Fire Department.

**Old Business:** Mayor Ron Stauffer reported that the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 would be when the McLean County Sheriff's Office will begin service at the sub-station. The deputy assigned is a 42 yr old male from Heyworth. His name is Laurin Bartlemay. The phone number for the McLean County Sheriff's Sub-Station is 309-475-2157. Officer Bartlemay will be getting a brand new, 2008 Ford, for his use. Patrick Lewis stated that everything is running in the sub-station and ready to go. Periodic visits will be made by Illinois State Police and other McLean County Officers.

Patrick Lewis has been working with Larry Sosamon, Ed Boyle and Sign-A-Rama in regards to a sign and light for the outside of the village hall. The sign would include both the village hall and the sub-station. A light that will work from dusk to dawn should also be installed under the sign to illuminate the sign. Chad Benjamin made a motion to order the sign and install the light fixture for up to \$250.00 with \$118.00 being reimbursed by the McLean County Sheriff's Department. Jim Quinn seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

Community Center painting and furnace is on hold at this time until the new committee members have looked into it.

Pump house updated by Jim and Rory Quinn. A set of bolts replaced throughout. The door to the pump house is bad and needs fixed. Jim Gravitt made a motion to update the door with additional hinges and a deadbolt lock, making the door more secure. Mayor Ron said that an estimate should be done first by Tony Streenz. Jim Gravitt retracted his motion.

Mayor Ron questioned the status of the weight limit signs. Jim Gravitt stated that Jack Mitchell had yet to return his call.

Mayor Ron opened the discussion of the Jon Bridgwater and Nickrent properties. Chad Benjamin stated that approx. \$1700.00 thus far has already been spent. In question was the demolition in agreement with the village's demo ordinance. Jim Gravitt said that the bids for the demo included tearing down, clearing debris and leveling lot to a clean lot. The bidding process did not include the village's demo procedures. Mayor Ron suggested that the bidders look at the ordinance and see if their bids meet the village's ordinance. Patrick Lewis questioned the house on N. Main, "Chicken Coop". Mayor Ron stated that the owner is going to demo the house on their own. Chad Benjamin asked that a copy of the village demo ordinance be given to the owners.

Patrick Lewis made a motion to have a committee made that would include the both community and the board. Ross Reardon seconded. Carried 6-0.

**New Business:** Mayor Ron asked that an Executive Session be held after the meeting to discuss the applications for part time help.

Ross Reardon questioned the lot owned by Plot's; needing cleaned up more and leveled. Mayor Ron said that Mr. Plot should be called and to finish.

Chad Benjamin stated that the basketball hoops at the Community Center need fixed before the Freedom Festival. Chad Benjamin made a motion to have Larry Sosamon fix the rims with not more than \$100.00 to be spent. Ross Reardon seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

Condemnation proceedings of house on Jefferson and Harrison St were tabled until further information comes forth.

A payment in the amount of \$250.00 to the S-A Fire Protection District needs to be paid. Was approved in May 2007.

Chad Benjamin made a motion to have Brady Lange paid for village website. Rory Quinn seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

It was decided that if a business owner wanted to plant flowers in the village flower pots, that they would have to do so on their own. Geno Talley mentioned that he had some pots available upon request.

**Payment of Bills:** Chad Benjamin made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Jim Quinn seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

At 8:30PM Rory Quinn made a motion to move the regular meeting to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Jim Quinn seconded the motion. Carried 6-0. Executive Session ended at 9:02PM.

After reviewing the applications for part time help, a motion was made by Rory Quinn to offer the job to Kaleb Sosamon. Jim Quinn seconded the motion. Pay was to be \$7.50/hr and 16 hours/week. Carried 3-3 with Mayor Ron with a tie breaking yea vote.

Mayor Ron adjourned the board at 9:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Durham