



Village of South Jacksonville ~ Board of Trustees Meeting  
 Village Hall Board Room  
 301 Dewey Drive, South Jacksonville, Illinois  
**Special Session Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 30, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

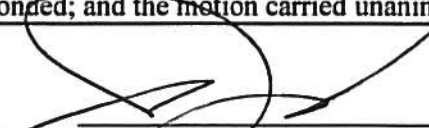
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION												
Call to Order	Mayor Gordon Jumper called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.	Noted.												
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sonie Smith.	Noted.												
	<p>A member of the audience stood and asked for a parliamentary inquiry to the Robert's Rules of Order in which the Village meetings function. Mr. Jumper stated these meetings do not function under Robert's Rules of Order. In response to a question from the audience, Village Attorney Yow stated the Village has not adopted the Robert's Rules of Order as procedure so Robert's Rules of Order do not apply to these meetings.</p> <p>Mayor Jumper stated anyone is welcome to speak tonight and those forms should be provided to the Clerk. Comments should be limited to five (5) minutes. As this is a Special Board Meeting, those comments should be associated with items on tonight's agenda.</p>													
Roll Call	<p><b>Present:</b> Village President Gordon Jumper; Village Clerk Dani Glascock; Trustees: Mike Elliott, John Gotschall, Sonie Smith, Steve Waltrip, and Kem Wilson.</p> <p><b>Also present:</b> Fire Chief David Hickox, Code Enforcement Officer Wilbur German, and Village Attorney H.Allen Yow.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Trustee Steve Douglass, Police Chief Richard Evans, Superintendent of Public Works John Green, and Village Treasurer Linda Douglass.</p>													
Proclamation of April 7, 2015 Election Results	<p>Clerk Dani Glascock read the Statement of Votes Cast which were certified and received from the Morgan County Clerk of the Consolidated Election held on April 7, 2015:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Steve Waltrip</td> <td>376 votes</td> <td>32.58%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stacy Pinkerton</td> <td>358 votes</td> <td>31.02%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Gotschall</td> <td>348 votes</td> <td>30.16%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Douglass</td> <td>72 votes</td> <td>6.24%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Steve Waltrip	376 votes	32.58%	Stacy Pinkerton	358 votes	31.02%	John Gotschall	348 votes	30.16%	Steve Douglass	72 votes	6.24%	Noted.
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Swearing in and Seating of Elected Trustees	Clerk Dani Glascock conducted the Oaths of Office to Trustee John Gotschall, Trustee Steve Waltrip, and new Trustee Stacy Pinkerton. Mayor Jumper welcomed Trustee Pinkerton to the Board of Trustee as she joined the other seated Trustees.	Noted.												

Approval of Agenda	<p>Trustee Kem Wilson asked for a motion to add an additional 'Comments from the Floor' after Agenda #9c to the agenda. Kem Wilson moved and Steve Waltrip seconded. The motion carried by Roll Call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Mike Elliott, Kem Wilson, John Gotschall, Steve Waltrip, Sonie Smith, and Stacy Pinkerton. There were no dissenting votes.</p> <p>John Gotschall made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended, Mike Elliott seconded, and motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
Comments from the Floor	<p>1 <b>Mike Woodyard</b>, 2790 Loami Road, Franklin, brought attention to the letter received from the Attorney General's Office, as: 1) it does not mention Richard Evans, Gordon Jumper, or the ISP report validations; 2) the AG's letter clearly indicates "at this time" they were not going to prosecute and this only applied to Linda Douglass; and 3) the AG did not indicate they would never prosecute Linda Douglass or that the letter applied to any other suspects of the ISP report. Mr. Woodyard noted that the ISP report contained the interview of Richard Evans in which Evans agrees probable cause exist to arrest Linda Douglass. Richard Evans also claimed to have an ongoing investigation in progress in which the AG is not going to step on the toes of local law enforcement. Mr. Woodyard brought attention to the petty cash fund of over \$1,100 in a six-week period that had either been stolen, misappropriated, or unethically taken, adding up and averaging over 18 years would amount to \$180,000. He noted the Village auditors told ISP they don't focus on unexplained losses as such \$30,000 discrepancies, and over an 18 year period, this would amount to \$540,000. He pointed out the Village auditors' interview in which security deposits haven't reconciled for years and they acknowledged it would be easy to steal money from the security deposits. He noted one ghost accounts had a balance of \$2,557.98, resulting in potential loss of taxpayer monies from the water department over 18 years could exceed \$500,000. Together, these areas alone represent over \$1.2 million of unaccounted for taxpayer money. In light of these figures, Mayor Jumper's comment about spending tax dollars for legal counsel for the Ethics Commission is laughable when place into perspective. Mr. Woodward ended if anyone had a conflict of interest or personal feelings which would prevent them from fulfilling their oath of office, they should refrain from participating in the creation of the Ethics Commission or consider resigning from the Board of Trustees.</p>	Noted.

	2	<b>Gregory Nelson</b> , 403 Melrose, South Jacksonville, commended the fire, police, and water departments for the work they provide to the Village and asked that the frustrations not be taken out on those employees. He would ask that the Board explore persons for the Ethics Commission and compromise between members of the public and members of the Board of Trustees. He requested that two (2) Trustees, who chose to run for the position and should carry out the responsibility of the Ethics Commission and one (1) resident be named to the Ethics Commission.	Noted.
	3	<b>Colby Huff</b> , 408 N. Laurel Drive, South Jacksonville, raised the same objection as he did during the April 23, 2015 Board meeting in that Gordon Jumper should consider recusing himself from agenda items #8 (Closed Session to discuss appointment of Special Counsel for Ethics Commission), #9a (Hiring Special Counsel for Ethics Commission), #9b (Establishment of the Ethics Commission), and #9c (Appointment of FOIA Officer). Mr. Huff then welcomed Stacy Pinkerton to the Board of Trustees. He also stated the Ethics Commission will simply not go away and although it may be an embarrassment to Gordon Jumper, Richard Evans, and Linda Douglass, it will be a short-term pain and will give some sense of closure to the Village, as the community supports the Ethics Commission.	Noted.
Closed Session		Mayor Jumper asked for a motion to move into closed session discuss the appointment of Special Counsel to advise the Board of Trustees and the Ethics Commission pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Mike Elliott moved and Steve Waltrip seconded. The motion carried by Roll Call vote. (YES) votes were cast by John Gotschall, Sonie Smith, Steve Waltrip, Kem Wilson, Stacy Pinkerton, and Mike Elliott. There were no dissenting votes. The Board went into closed session at 7:22 p.m.	Motion carried.
Roll Call		The Board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m. Roll Call: Stacy Pinkerton, Mike Elliott, John Gotschall, Sonie Smith, Steve Waltrip, and Kem Wilson.	Noted.
Discussion and Action Items	9a	Trustee Steve Waltrip asked for a motion to appoint Brown, Hay & Stephens at a rate of \$210.00 per hour as special legal counsel and to have Trustee Kem Wilson make the contact due to the conflict of Mayor Jumper being named in the Ethics Complaint. Steve Waltrip moved and Mike Elliott seconded. The motion carried by Roll Call vote. (YES) votes were cast by Sonie Smith, Steve Waltrip, Kem Wilson, Stacy Pinkerton, Mike Elliott, and John Gotschall. There were no dissenting votes.	Motion carried.

	9b	<p>Mayor Jumper stated the establishment of the Ethics Commission will need to be discussed in open session and the Board may wish to wait for special counsel before establishing the commission. Mayor Jumper noted that Section 20 of the Ethics Ordinance requires 3 days to notify the members of the Ethics Commission of the date and time of a meeting, and that is a lot to ask if the Ethics Commission doesn't have the opportunity of special counsel. The manner in which to select, if an individual is nominated, will require a motion and second and will require four (4) votes. Trustee Wilson stated she was hoping to select the Ethics Commission tonight and is very disappointed they are not. Mayor Jumper noted that if the Board doesn't wish to take any action on the establishment of the Ethics Commission, then no motion is needed. Mayor Jumper will include another Executive Session during next week's regular Board Meeting (5/7/15) to meet with special counsel.</p>	Noted.
	9c	<p>Mayor Jumper stated that with the resignation of Richard Evans as FOIA Officer, Acting Chief of Police Mike Broaddus recommended Jennifer Wilson, administrative assistant, to be appointed to the FOIA position for the Police Department as she has also completed the FOIA training. Mike Elliott made a motion to appoint Jennifer Wilson as FOIA Officer, Steve Waltrip seconded, and motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Trustee Steve Waltrip requested another FOIA representative for Village Hall be appointed. He recommended Clerk Dani Glascock and asked that she receive the qualifications within ninety (90) days. Mayor Jumper stated he was not prepared to make that recommendation at this time, and we have another couple of meetings in which to do that. Mayor Jumper stated that the recommendation would need to come from the Village President and not the Trustees.</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
Comments from the Floor	1	<p>Mayor Jumper announced the same perimeters would apply to the Comments from the Floor.</p> <p><b>Trustee Kem Wilson</b> requested the payables for April be included in the Board packet for the May 7, 2015 meeting to provide time to review. Mayor Jumper stated the payables are too voluminous to include in packet, but would be available at Village Hall for review after 12 noon on Wednesday before the meeting.</p>	Noted.
	2	<p><b>Gregory Nelson</b>, 403 Melrose, South Jacksonville, expressed his disappointment to the Board for not forming the Ethics Commission tonight. He understands the reasons, but feels this is a delay tactic by the entire Board and it's very disappointing. He is looking for the truth,</p>	Noted.

	<p>whether the ISP report is the truth, whether Richard Evans' statement is the truth, the community just wants to know the truth, as the truth will allow us to move on. The community won't heal just because three (3) people have resigned, they will heal once they know the truth. Justice for the community is finding the truth.</p>	
3	<p><b>Colby Huff</b>, 408 N. Laurel Drive, South Jacksonville, was pleased that some action was taken tonight, understands the reasonings for delay in establishing the Ethics Commission, and feels the Village made a good choice with Brown, Hay &amp; Stephens. Mr. Huff asked if the meeting to establish the Ethics Commission could be done before the next regular meeting given the urgency at hand and it's prudent to make arrangements with special counsel. Mr. Huff also expressed his disappointment in the consistent delays from Linda Douglass as FOIA Officer and asked the Board to strongly consider the appointment of Clerk Dani Glascock to FOIA Officer. He also urged the Board to move away from the services of Allen Yow and his law firm. It's time for a change and this is an opportunity to look at other options of legal representation.</p>	Noted.
4	<p><b>Tyson Manker</b>, 160 E. Pennsylvania, South Jacksonville, shared Gregory Nelson's frustrations as this is another delay tactic. He understands the reasons for legal counsel, but the Board has already taken three (3) weeks before its first action. Mr. Manker asked the record to reflect that no delay of time or length of time should ever push this investigation or what could happen from this investigation has any statute of limitations to where the named Respondents are all of a sudden untouchable because ample time has been given. And, if a decision isn't made in the right amount of time, it is not the fault of the Petitioners. The community needs to find the truth. Elected leaders should be held accountable, and it needs to start with local government. Mr. Manker urged the Trustees to move forward as quickly as possible to help the community heal and grow.</p>	Noted.
Adjournment	<p>Mayor Jumper asked for a motion to adjourn. John Gotschall made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m., Mike Elliott seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.</p>	Motion carried.

  
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 Gordon D. Jumper, Village President

  
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 Dani Glascock, Village Clerk

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