

Village of Chadwick
225 Main Street
Chadwick, IL 61014

Special Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees

December 11, 2017 at 7:45pm

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:45 being called to order by Village President Kim Hinrichs.

The meeting was opened with Roll Call. Board members present Leif, Newstrand and Williams.
Absent: Morgan and Nelson.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Hinrichs.

Newstrand motioned to remove items: Approval of Agenda, Old Business and New Business from the agenda Williams second. Roll call taken:

Ayes: Newstrand, Williams, Leif and Hinrichs

Nays: None

Newstrand addressed the room and stated that he was trying to look out for the best interest of Chadwick. He stated he feels that what was put in the paper should not have been. Because of things that happened, he feels it is time to let things play out and that he prays that the tax payers of Chadwick do not have to pay the price. It is in the Appellate Court.

Williams stated that he wanted the information to be brought to the public. Williams stated he would have voted no on the offer and thought it was unfair. Williams stated that Nelson's were treated unfairly. Things that were talked about in executive session were not to be discussed outside of executive session. Williams stated that if the Village loses it will end up costing the Village much more than what the proposed settlement was for.

Leif stated all items that are brought to the table for discussion happen at meeting. Meetings are open to the public and wish the public would come to meetings and voice opinions. It is not the intent to hide anything. The Village is currently broken and needs a lot of work from everyone. Leif stated she does not feel a settlement is not fair to the Nelson's or the Village because of the information that was release that should not have been.

Hinrichs stated that when Jon called and asked what went on in executive session. Hinrichs stated she could not talk about executive session and that not much went on other than people talking about things that did not pertain to the litigation.

Jensen stated he did not believe that the statutory requirement was breached concerning the executive session. He said was asked by the Board to investigate a settlement after a very thorough and professional discussions of risks and benefits in executive session and that when leaks occur it compromises the entire settlement process.

Newstrand stated the reason he was considering this settlement is because it is not common knowledge that the cattle were already on the property before the ordinance was changed. Things are now in the mercy of the courts.

Jensen stated that even if the court rules in favor of the Village that does not mean that it is over.

Newstrand motioned to appoint Barb Welch to fill the open Trustee position on the Board. Williams second. Roll call taken:

Ayes: Newstrand, Williams, Leif and Hinrichs

Nays: None

Welch will be sworn in at the January meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:08.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Holland