

**VILLAGE OF COLLINS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY
JANUARY 14, 2014**

The Collins Village Council met in Regular Session January 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman Kate Crawford, Trustee Michelle Doolan, Trustee Hanna Thornton, Trustee Haven Vassey, Trustee Betty Owens. Trustee Michelle Doolan being a couple of minutes late. For all other attendees please see sign in sheet.

The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Co-Chairman Betty Owens all Trustee in attendance.

Chairman Kate Crawford ask for a motion to approve the minutes for the Meeting of December 17, 2013. Motion made by Trustee Hanna Thornton to accept the minutes, seconded by Betty Owens, all ayes' motion carried. Trustee Haven Vassey informed the Chairman he was not on the board of trustees' at the time of the meeting.

Chairman Kate Crawford ask for a motion to approve the minutes for the Closed Meeting of December 20, 2013. Motion made by Hanna Thornton to accept the minutes, seconded by Trustee Michelle Doolan, all ayes' motion carried. Trustee Haven Vassey informed the Chairman he was not on the board of trustees' at the time of the meeting.

Chairman Kate Crawford ask for a motion to approve the minutes for the Meeting Of December 30, 2013. Motion made by Trustee Hanna Thornton to accept the minutes, seconded by Trustee Haven Vassey. Roll Call Trustee Thornton aye, Trustee Vassey aye, Trustee Owens aye, motion carried.

Chairman Kate Crawford ask for a motion to approve the minutes for the Meeting of December 31, 2013. Trustee Hanna Thornton made motion to accept the minutes seconded by Trustee Haven Vassey. Roll call Trustee Hanna Thornton aye, Trustee Haven Vassey aye, Trustee Michelle Doolan aye. Three ayes' Trustee Betty Owens did not have as she was not in attendance. Chairman Kate Crawford did ask for a show of hands.

Old Business:

Auditor Bid: Chairman Kate Crawford ask that the Audit Bid be tabled as we were not ready until further notice. Trustee Hanna Thornton made motion to table the bid. Seconded by Trustee Haven Vassey. Chairman Kate Crawford asked for a show of hands. Trustee Haven Vassey aye, Trustee Hanna Thornton aye, Trustee Michelle Doolan aye. Trustee Betty Owens did not raise hand.

New Business:

Attorney Mel Gilbert addressed the Chairman and the Board of Trustees stating the Board of Trustees' just passed minutes that were in violation of the Sunshine Law. The purpose of the Sunshine Law is to bring the Village out into the sunshine and to be aware of the Village business. Attorney Gilbert was referring to the termination of Dale Herd and the wages of Mark Warson. Also Attorney Gilbert informed the Board of Trustees of his contract not being posted for public review. Attorney Gilbert stated that we can amend this problem by having another meeting. Nothing was posted for the water and sewer Ordinance. An Ordinance always starts as a bill first and then numbered as an Ordinance. Trustee Hanna Thornton did inform Attorney Mel Gilbert that the Board did in fact amend the Ordinance. Chairman Kate Crawford did tell Attorney Mel Gilbert that she asked for his help. Attorney Mel Gilbert answered that he did in fact respond to her request. Trustee Hanna Thornton informed the Attorney that the meeting on the 20th was to amend the water and sewer with the appendix A for the water rates. The wording of the Ordinance was to remain the same accept for the rate increases. The change was to reflect a 1% percent increase not a 3% percent increase. Per Attorney Mel Gilbert informed the Board of Trustees that Dale Herd is still an employee of the Village. Attorney Mel Gilbert waged his contract against the errors in the minutes. After much discussion Trustee Betty Owens made the motion to have a special meeting January 16th 2013 in order to correct the minutes that were approved in error.

Trustee Hanna Thornton seconded the motion to correct the minutes of December 17th, 2013 closed meeting to include Trustee Hanna Thornton and Trustee Michelle Doolans' vote. Roll call Trustee Haven Vassey yea, Trustee Hanna Thornton yea, Trustee Michelle Doolan yea, Trustee Betty Owens yea motion carried.

Chairman Kate Crawford asked for a motion to accept Attorney Mel Gilbert's contract. No motion was made to approve or discuss the contract for Attorney Mel Gilbert. Trustee Betty Owens made motion to table the contract for Attorney Mel Gilbert until such contract can be posted on the board. Trustee Hanna Thornton seconded the motion. Trustee Kate Crawford asked for a vote by hand. Three hands yea by vote and one no. Meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday January 16th, 2013.

Trustee Betty Owens asked for a break in the meeting. Break at 7:45 p.m. meeting Meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

Pat Harper to take lap top home to help input payroll information. Pat Harper informed the Chairman and the Trustees' that she did not want to take the lap top computer home with her. Trustee Betty Owens stated that she would come and show Pat Harper how to retrieve payroll and the taxes.

TRUSTEE HANNA THORNTON:

Trustee Hanna Thornton read a letter to the Board of Trustees and the open meeting attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Attendee Allen Kauffman asked about the comment that he threatened Chairman Kate Crawford. Mr. Kauffman asked for an apology from Chairman Kate Crawford. There was a lot of discussion about the comment.

Dale Herd asked when the meters were read. The meters were read on the 19th and the 20th of December. Trustee Betty Owens also stated her meter was read incorrect. It stated she used a couple of thousand more gallons of water.

Trustee Michelle Doolan made motion to look into the reading of the water meters and to make sure they were read correctly. Number two go back and read the minutes to see if Trustee Doolan and Trustee Thornton's vote to terminate Dale Herd were in the minutes. Number three to check and make sure the wages for Mark Warson were on the agenda and the motion was made correctly. Seconded by Chairman Kate Crawford all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Betty Owens made motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Hanna Thornton. Trustee Michelle Doolan aye, Trustee Hanna Thornton aye, Trustee Haven Vassey aye, Trustee Betty Owens aye, motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

City Clerk, Judy M. Hollis

Chairman, Kate L. Crawford

