February 5, 2019

Village of Chapin Special Meeting

President Lutrell called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

President Lutrell ledged the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll call; Hamilton absent, Knox present, Forsman present, R Brockhouse present, Newell present, M Brockhouse present.

Also present, Village Attorney Alan Yow and Village Treasurer Windy Bridgewater. Representing the Chapin American Legion; Bob Wilson, Joe Buchanan and Paul Miller.

Motion by Rex Brockhouse and seconded by Anita Knox to appoint Max Brockhouse recording Secretary.

Vote; Hamilton absent, Knox yea, Forsman yea, R Brockhouse yea, Newell yea, M Brockhouse yea. Motion passed; one absent, five yea.

Meeting was an informal open discussion format.

Highlights were as follows:

It was suggested that tax dollars will not be used to secure the American Legion building. The Martha Allen Beautification Account Funds would be best suited for this project. Windy Bridgewater will call the Villages’ CPA firm to affirm that this is the proper use of funds.

The title search shows the building and property to be free and clear and can be transferred.

The plus for the Village of Chapin in acquiring the Legion building, would be to use it as a cooling and warming center during emergencies. The Village Fire Department and Rescue Squad would have a larger place to host larger training classes if desired.

Plans are to hold a Public Hearing during February 2019 on the transfer for the Legion building ownership. Plans are to place the completed transfer of the Legion building on the regular Village of Chapin regular meeting March 13, 2019 agenda.

(Because of Illinois State Statutes) Liability insurance will need to be obtained by any group/family /organizations that intends to or allow liquor served while using the Legion Building. A list of insurance carriers will be provided to them at the time of signing a contract for the use of the building. Proof of liability must be provided.

Village of Chapin Liquor Ordnance can be amended to allow “BYO” for wedding receptions serving liquor at meal.

Once Village of Chapin takes position of building, it may lease building back to American Legion either in formal writing or a mutual agreement. Discussion leaned towards that the Village would maintain the upkeep of the building but the American Legion would book the dates the buildings’ use of time and space. Also, suggested was a member of the Trustees also keep a record known of the time and dates that would be blocked for regular scheduled meetings for both the American Legion and Village of Chapin. All other “dates” would be free to any group and etc. to have use of the building. Village and Legion would both have keys to building to make sure general housekeeping is maintained after the building was used.

The American Legion will recheck the rules of storage of ceremonial rifles within the building. The American Legion plans to send a letter in February, to its roster of Legion members informing them of the plans to dispose of the building. The vote/proxies will be recorded in their monthly meeting minuets as a permanent record.

Other discussion was the granite memorial insurance cost, flag pole upkeep and the equipment used during Big Country Days currently stored in the soup building.

Motion to adjourn by Newell and seconded by Forsman; Hamilton absent, Knox yea, Forsman yea, R. Brockhouse yea, Newell yea, M. Brockhouse yea. Passed; one absent, five yeas.

Meeting adjourned 6:15pm.