

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRENCH SETTLEMENT, June 14, 2017**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of French Settlement met at 16015 Hwy. 16, French Settlement, Louisiana on the 14th day of June, 2017 at 6 p.m. in regular session convened. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Toni Guitrau with the following members present:

Alderman Teresa Miller, Alderman Danette Carrier

Absent: Alderman Rhonda Lobell

Also present: Chief Brignac, Assistant Chief Callender

A prayer was offered and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Reading of Minutes and Statement of Finances

The motion to adopt the minutes and statement of finances for the month of May 2017, as presented, was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Carrier. A ye and a nay vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier

Nays: None

Absent: Lobell

Reading of Communications: None

August 2016 Flood Event Update: French Settlement's Emergency Manager, Lawrence Callender, reported that the last Project Worksheet for \$12,000 was approved and being processed. All the expenses from the August 2016 Flood Event were covered 90% by FEMA, and 10% by volunteer hours recently submitted.

Police Department Report

- Chief Brignac read the monthly police report as follows: FSPD participated in the National Click It or Ticket Campaign. Captain Rhoads responded to several traffic crashes inside and outside village limits, and also to a suicide outside the village limits.
- Chief Brignac stated he will be attending a convention in July and will not attend the July 2017 town meeting.
- Chief Brignac announced that he is in need of new uniforms. Note: Uniforms are included in the police department budget.

Old Business

Grounds Report – The hot water heater has been replaced in the kitchen pavilion. This replaced the hot water heater lost in the August 2016 flood event.

Road Report: The Shane Drive sign has been reinstalled.

Grant(s) and/or State Appropriation(s) Update: LGAP Grant: The mayor said we are now ready to move forward with the purchase of an illuminating street light at the intersection of Hwy. 42 and Hwy. 16. The amount of approximately \$2100 is lower than originally estimated. This grant is for \$9800 and unless otherwise authorized must go toward said illuminating lights for stated intersection. The mayor requested the Board to consider authorizing her to request that remaining grant funds go toward construction of a lean-to on side of the temporary town hall, formerly the town storage building, to secure village property such as the boat, trailer and supplies. This would require a letter of support from our senator and representative, and additional work by the mayor on the grant process. A motion agreeing to this request was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Carrier. A ye and a nay vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier

Nays: None

Absent: Lobell

New Business

A motion to approve the Livingston Parish News as the village's Official Journal was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Carrier. A ye and a nay vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier

Nays: None

Absent: Lobell

A motion was made by Alderman Carrier and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as presented. A ye and a nay vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier

Nays: None

Absent: Lobell

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Carrier. A ye and a nay vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Miller, Carrier

Nays: None

Absent: Lobell

Note to minutes: Following adjournment, Mr. Smith of Country Road asked about annexation. Mayor Guitrau said this could be put on the next agenda to discuss the difficult process of annexation.

/S/Toni Guitrau, Mayor

/S/Pam Melancon, Municipal Clerk