

November 3, 1997
7:30 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Peterson with the following members present: Bates, Anderson, Trout, Johnson, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Johnson, second by Kness to approve the October 6, 1997 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Kness - aye, Johnson - aye, Anderson - aye, Trout - aye, and Bates - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer presented the October 1997 police report.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to have Chief Switzer get a CDL license to use the Village truck to plow snow, and the Village will reimburse Chief Switzer for the license cost (\$40) and pay him \$6.00 per hour for plowing snow. Roll call votes: Johnson - aye, Anderson - aye, Trout - aye, Bates - aye, and Kness - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Switzer requested an outlet by the police cabinets for the coffee pot. The Board stated that the coffee pot could be placed in the Village garage.

Chief Switzer requested that the Village pay one-half the cost of his shoes that he wears for police duty. The Board denied the request.

Trustee Anderson reported that a Police Committee meeting will be held on November 13, 1997 at 6 P.M. at the Village Hall to continue preparation of the police policy.

Chief Switzer reported that he would check on the health insurance policy that he is covered under for amount and payment schedule. The Board stated that the yearly allotment is \$1500 for health insurance for the Police Chief.

Chief Switzer reported that he is looking into the EMT Certification program for initial response and at scene care. The matter was table for further information to be obtained.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to purchase a winter coat for the police department (to fit both Chief Switzer and Officer Hast, Officer Bird has a coat) with all cost paid by the Village per Chief Switzer's request. Roll call votes: Anderson - aye, Bates - aye, Kness - aye, Johnson - aye, and Trout - yae. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board and Chief Switzer agreed to a week by week schedule of the police officers on duty, and the schedule would be posted on the Village Hall calendar.

Village Attorney Steele present and reported that in his investigation there are no laws on speed limit signs as far as posting at inlets and outlets of the Village. He suggested putting a few signs at the in/out points. President Peterson stated that the Village would go with what they have unless the situation arises for more. The Board agreed.

Village Attorney Steele reported that there was no news from the New Windsor Cable Company or their lawyer. The Board instructed Attorney Steele to send the Cable Franchise Ordinance to the New Windsor Cable Company for their signature, and the Board would then act on the Ordinance. The Board also asked Mr. Steele to include that the Board members are willing to discuss the matter.

Attorney Steele informed the Board on the Telecommunications Act, and that as of January 1, 1998 by ordinance the Village would get 1% revenue. The Board requested that Attorney Steele inform the New Windsor Telephone Company of this and the effective date of January 1, 1998 with the Board passing the Ordinance at the December 1, 1997 regular meeting.

The Board agreed to have Chief Switzer notify the person living at the Michael Battery Company that he is in violation and give them ten days to abate the problem.

The Board agreed to put power in the shed at the Ball Park where the loader is housed, and check with the insurance agency that all items are covered.

President Peterson proposed that the Village build a maintenance building for the Village's equipment. A Building Committee was made with Johnson, Kness, and Trout as members to get estimates and plans.

The Board agreed to remove a tree in the alley by the Lutheran Church at a cost of \$100 with the removal done by Max Briggs.

The Board agreed that any resident with tree branches and limbs from the recent snowstorm could dump them on the Village's brush pile at the northeast end of the Ball Park. Also, the Board agreed that Village maintenance crew would pick up limbs and branches that are piled at the side of streets on the easements.

The Board agreed to purchase 2-3 sections of snow fence.

The Health Committee reported on nuisance violations at the Body Shop and Jim Adams properties.

The Board tabled action on the Christmas Walk scheduled for December 12, 1997 from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.

It was noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals would have a hearing on a special use permit request from Thurman Williams on November 22, 1997 at 1 P.M. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to authorize the October 1997 bills. Roll call votes: Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Kness - aye, Johnson - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness to adjourn, second by Johnson. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk