

April 6, 1998
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, Roberts, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Kness, second by Roberts to approve the March 2, 1998 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Kness - aye, Bates - aye, Johnson - aye, Anderson - aye, Trout - aye, and Roberts - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer presented the Police Department Report. He reported: 81,537 miles on the squad, and the squad is using a little bit of oil, he made a drug bust that was the largest made in Mercer County, ordinance violations were served except for the tractor violation, Officer Bird qualified in firearms, the squad needs marker lights so that it is visible to traffic when behind a vehicle, marker lights cost \$99 per set, he purchased the ammunition for firearms training and handles for the spotlight, he needs a gas card for a 24 hour pump in Aledo due to emergencies when the squad is in police use in Aledo during the late night or early morning hours. The Board tabled the tractor violation service until Village Attorney Steele was contacted. The Board agreed to purchase the marker lights at a cost of \$99. The Board agreed to file an application for a gas card with the Aledo FS station.

Tim Drury from Bliss - McKnight Insurance Company and Mary Nice from the Insurance Exchange Company present to inform the Board on the facts concerning the Village's liability for ride-alongs in the Village's police squad car. Mr. Drury stated that it was his job to present the facts to the Board, but not to make the decision for the Board. He said that the Village does not have a medical pay provision. He further stated that the Board should be clear on this, especially if a waiver is considered so that the word may or can is not included. He requested a sample policy and a sample waiver.

Chief Switzer stated that he would send these to him. The Board stated that they do not want this an open policy, and want everything worded correctly. President Peterson asked each Board member for their opinion: Bates: requested information to be sent for a plan, Anderson: requested time to think about the matter, Trout: requested more information be sent, Johnson: requested more information, Roberts: requested more information, and Kness: requested more information. The Board stated that at this time there are no ride-alongs allowed, and this included Village Officials. The Board stated that they want to make this matter clear, and told Chief Switzer to file his information

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Village Mr. Drury. Mr. Drury stated that the Village would want a policy that protects the as much as possible.

The Board congratulated Chief Switzer on the drug bust that he handled.

President Peterson reported that the skid loader is back in the Village Hall garage and the truck is parked outside.

The Street and Alley Committee (Kness - Johnson - Roberts) were directed to review the Village's sidewalks for repairs.

Dick Larson was present and stated that he would do the Village's sidewalk work

as an employee for the Village at \$12 per hour. He would measure, pour, and finish the sidewalks with the Village's regular maintenance people doing removal and hauling away.

Mr. Larson stated that he was not bonded. The Board tabled the matter until Village Steele had been contacted on this.

Trustee Roberts stated that they (Roberts) would fix the sidewalk where his mother's trailer had been pulled out.

The Board gave Sherrard High School use of the Ball Park for high school girls' softball through May 25, 1998.

The Board agreed to repair the park's swing seat.

The Board agreed to advertise for bids on a maintenance building with the bids to be opened at the May 4, 1998 regular Board meeting. The Clerk was instructed to publish the bid notice with bids to be in April 30, 1998.

The Depot Park Improvement Group representatives Shirley Shutwell and Linda Spencer and Saddle Teens 4-H Club leader Myrna Adamson present. They stated that they had met and all was amiable, and they will have structural information by the May meeting. They further stated that a bandstand 24' in diameter is being considered instead of a gazebo. The Board instructed the Park Committee to look at and make recommendations on the Depot Park

The Board instructed the Health Committee to check the Village for violations.

Trustee Anderson reported that Stacey Phillis wants to plant wildflowers in the ditch at her property. The Board tabled the matter until Village Attorney Steele had been contacted.

Motion by Johnson, second by Trout to donate \$25 to the Sherrard High School Post Prom . Roll call votes: Roberts - aye., Bates - aye, Anderson - aye, Trout - aye, and Kness -aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Anderson to authorize the March 1998 bills. Roll call votes: Johnson - aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Roberts - aye, Anderson - aye, and Kness - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk