

June 1, 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, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Roberts.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to approve the May 4, 1998 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Trout - aye, Bates - aye, Johnson - aye, Kness - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the Ball Park had been sprayed for weeds by Harris Ag, the Rodeo Park would be used by the Antique Engine and Tractor Show on July 11th and 12th, 1998, and he thanked past Village President Bob Tomlinson for the use of his lawn sweeper by the Village for the parks and recommended that the Village purchase a lawn sweeper. The Board agreed that all the parks need to be trimmed especially the Rodeo Park fences.

The Park Improvement Group committee of Thurman Williams, Linda Spencer, Sheila Spencer, and Myrna Adamson were present to ask permission for a band shelter foundation at the Depot Park. They had hoped to have this done by the Ice Cream Social on June 21, 1998, but it will not, and they will use funds raised from the social to do the work. The Board requested a drawing of their plan of improvements, but the committee did not have one. Mr. Williams presented a picture and described what they plan to do. He further stated that it would be handicap accessible, and all the work would be donated with the guidance of Chris Walsten (construction) and Al Fontenoy (concrete) and made as maintenance free as possible. The committee assured the Board that the project will be started and completed and not left partially done. Mr. Williams reported that the Park Improvement Group has \$3,500 in their treasury, and hope to raise another \$2,000 for a \$5,500 total towards the project. The committee would move the existing stone and place two flower gardens with landscaping timbers in the park. The committee also had been approached by the boy scout troop to place a memorial bush and plaque for Pete McVeigh. Mrs. Sheryl Carlin present stated that she felt that some people may not approve of that memorial. The Board instructed the Village's Park Committee to meet with the Park Improvement Group to assist in finding a location for the band shelter, and find a place for the rock to stay in the park. The Board also requested a drawing of the plans of improvement from the group. The Board approved the band shelter and the flower beds that will be placed at the northeast and northwest corners of the Park along the highway inside the sidewalk with the 4-H club maintaining the flowers. It was noted again that the Ice Cream Social will be June 21, 1998 from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. Trustee Bates mentioned that the Village's Rodeo Park could also use flower beds at the entrance.

Mrs. Sheryl Carlin and Brandi Phillips present to inform the Board that her business (The Sweat Shop) in the Village would be celebrating its first anniversary on June 7, 1998 with a dunk tank and 2-3 stock cars at the Michael Battery parking lot, and all activities would be very legal and very safe. The Board suggested that the stock cars not run due to the noise, and that the Board cannot approve a private party on private property, but any violations of Village ordinances would be handled.

Mrs. Carlin also asked the Board about the clean up of the tree that was cut down

on Franklin Street by her son's (Jamie Phillips) property since there was so much mulch left after the stump was removed. The Board agreed to look at the problem and have it cleaned up.

Motion by Bates, second by Anderson to accept the Wick Buildings bid of \$25,500 for a maintenance building subject to Wick Buildings paying prevailing wage. Roll Call votes: Kness - aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Johnson - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer presented the Police Department May report. He reported that the squad had 83,997 miles on it and would be going back to Keith's Auto to have the brakes checked. Chief Switzer stated that the services were done, the Rodeo grounds had not be mowed, but that he and President Peterson had talked to the Rodeo

Association

President. Chief Switzer reviewed the violations and notices, and reported that he had made an arrest a couple of weeks ago with a juvenile involved, but that this person's

family

had threatened a law suit against the Village. Chief Switzer stated that he had contacted the insurance company concerning ride alongs, but did not have any information back.

Police Chief Switzer requested that another part-time officer be hired due to the coverage needed and present part-time officers Hast and Bird not always available to work. Chief Switzer recommended Shawn Meier, who is P.T.I. qualified, for the

position.

Motion by Johnson, second by Trout that Police Chief Switzer look into hiring a part-

time

officer. Roll call votes: Bates - nay, Anderson - nay, Johnson - aye, Kness - nay, and Trout - aye. Three votes nay, two votes aye, the motion was not carried. Motion by Bates, second by Anderson to hire Shawn Meier as a part-time police officer subject to his acceptance of the position and being qualified with all forms including a waiver filed at \$6.75 per hour. Roll call votes: Johnson - aye, Trout - aye, Bates - aye, Kness - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer advised that Board that his first year anniversary will be in August, and he requested a raise. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

The Budget Committee of Kness, Anderson, and Roberts agreed to meet this month ( between June 14 and June 20).

Village Clerk Johnson reported that she will meet with a representative of Blucker, Kneer, and Associates, LTD., Certified Public Accountants, Galesburg, to get an estimate for the Village's audit on Tuesday, June 2, 1998.

President Peterson reported that with the hot weather, chips would be spread on areas of the Village's streets to cover the streets' bleeding through.

President Peterson reported that Trustees Kness and Trout along with himself had looked at and measured the sidewalks for repair with Dennis Nimrick, and Mr. Nimrick would prepare an estimate on the cost for the July Board meeting. The Board agreed that a sidewalk plan should be done each year by going out each direction block by block.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to hire Dennis Nimrick subject to Mr. Nimrick being bonded and priced under budget to do the 1998 sidewalk work. Roll call votes: Johnson

aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Anderson - aye, and Kness - aye. All votes were in favor,

and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to check the alley behind Bill Keck's residence between South Third and Fourth Avenues due to large ruts being made by the garbage trucks.

The Village's Water Department Pump House's roof has a hole in it, and David Willems will repair it.

President Peterson reported that dark, murky suspicious water had been found coming from a tile by south Seventh Avenue and Main Street (Lee Ferguson property), and the E.P.A... had been notified.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to approve Ordinance Number 4, Series 1998, Prevailing Wages. Roll call votes: Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Johnson - nay, Anderson - aye, and Kness - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to purchase the paint for the basketball poles. Two rims and two nets were donated by the Youth Group, and the painting will be done by volunteer youths Mike Higgins and Chris Hanson.

The Board agreed to not pay for one-half hour lunch breaks by the maintenance employees.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk