

September 14, 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 Bates, second by Trout to approve the August 3, 1998 minutes. Roll call votes: Kness - aye, Johnson - aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Roberts - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Lee Ferguson and Max Allen present concerning an open hole on the Ferguson property due to drainage problems. The Village Board requested that the hole be filled in. Mr. Allen stated that he would check with the other people on the private drainage

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to see if they will share the expense of repairs and inform the Board of his findings.

complaints

Lee Ferguson presented his complaints about Police Chief Switzer. The

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concerned the incident in which Chief Switzer ticketed Mr. Ferguson's granddaughter

had searched her before taking her to the Mercer County jail. Mr. Ferguson requested that the Board "get rid" of Chief Switzer, and he stated he would file a suit against the Village. The Board stated that the tickets had been upheld by the court system.

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Police Chief Switzer presented the August police report. He reported 89,049

on the squad, squad repairs were all done, the fair and rodeo had gone smoothly, Sean Hast had resigned from the department due to personal reasons, that he would get any equipment back from Mr. Hast, and that he has another person available to hire as a part-time officer if all the waivers are in order. Mr. Switzer informed the Board that an in board camera for the squad would cost from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and that the Viola police department has one. President Peterson reported that he had checked with Aledo on a used squad, but none would be available until May, 1999. The Board requested that the Village's Police Department check for violations including vehicles and nuisances.

Motion by Johnson, second by Kness to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of possible litigations. Roll call votes: Bates - aye, Johnson - aye, Kness - aye, Trout - aye, Anderson - aye, and Roberts - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reopened to the public.

The Board noted that sidewalk work began August 31, 1998.

Motion by Kness, second by Johnson to accept the FY 1997 - 1998 Audit.

Roll call votes: Johnson - aye, Anderson - aye, Trout - aye, Roberts - aye, Kness - aye, and Bates - aye. All vote were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Kness to accept the MFT Audit from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. Roll call votes: Anderson - aye, Johnson - aye, Trout - aye, Roberts - aye, Kness - aye, Bates - aye, and Johnson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board was informed that the committee meeting concerning fencing had reviewed the fence regulations with the Zoning Board. Their conclusion was that the Zoning Ordinance remain the same without changes.

Amy and Scott Apodaca from Galesburg and Chris Brotherton from Sherrard present concerning liquor licenses. Each party received an application for a license.

Motion by Kness, second by Roberts to authorize the August 1998 bills.

Roll call votes: Trout - aye, Kness - aye, Johnson - aye, Bates - aye, Roberts - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk