

May 3, 1999  
Regular Meeting  
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. Village Attorney Steele present. Absent: none.

Motion by Johnson, second by Kness to approve the April 5, 1999 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Kness - aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Johnson - aye, Roberts - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board declared the results of the April 13, 1999 General Consolidated Election: Four Year Trustee Terms: Tim Trout, Sharon Bates, and Jim Raes, Two Year Trustee Terms: Steve Kness and Larry Roberts. Village Clerk Johnson swore in the new trustees.

President Peterson presented the 1999 - 2000 FY Committee Lists. (Chairman named first) Police: Raes, Kness, Roberts, Street & Alley: Kness, Trout, Raes, Budget and Finance: Trout, Bates, Anderson, Parks and Playgrounds: Bates, Trout, Anderson, Water: Anderson, Roberts, Bates, Health: Roberts, Kness, Raes.

The Board thanked Gary Johnson, outgoing trustee, for his service.

Motion by Kness, second by Roberts to hire Gary Johnson as Zoning Officer (vacancy from resignation of Roger Carlson) effective immediately at \$40 per month. Roll call votes: Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Roberts - aye., Raes - aye, Anderson - aye, and Kness - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer presented the April police department report. He reported 102,223 miles on the squad, that he had checked with Aledo Police Chief Brokaw on his squad for sale with 24,000 to 25,000 miles and a 1996 or 1997 model, that the Village should contact Chief Brokaw concerning the sale of the squad, that he had purchased a new radar unit and it would be paid out of the SVF fund, that he has the old radar unit and will try to sell it, that he had received verbal confirmation from the State that part time officer Greg Hass was waived by the test, but no paperwork has been received to verify this information, and he asked about the sign for hours at the basketball court. Chief Switzer reported that he had started a list of ordinance violations and will serve the notices next week. The Committees were instructed to check on any violations and give their lists to Chief Switzer. There were three health violations noted for a 48 hour notice: the Mundy estate garage, the Battery Factory property, and the former ready mix plant. Chief Switzer recommended a burn ordinance. Trustee Roberts reported that the State of Illinois has one. The Board requested a copy of the State's ordinance. Chief Switzer reported that he will be mixing up duties and using double duties such as an officer on during the day and an officer on during the night. The Board stated that the Police Committee and Village President will work with Chief Switzer on the duties. The Police Committee will also do the yearly review of the Chief in August. The Board noted that to contact the Village's police department, you must call the Sheriff's department. Chief Switzer also noted that Jamie Phillips, owner of a stock car in the Village, has been

reminded to not fire up the stock car after 8 P.M. due to the noise.

President Peterson reported that patching work will be done on the streets to get ready for the MFT program, and that he needs a report on culverts from the Street and Alley Committee at the June Board meeting.

Larry Streeter present concerning the 16" culvert at his son's house at Fourth Avenue and Franklin Street. He stated that this culvert is filling in and causing water problems since the water is not running through the culvert. He requested that the Village look at the culvert and see what could be done. The Board stated that the Street and Alley Committee is to look at culverts and make list and will include this one.

President Peterson requested that the Board check sidewalks for repair, including sidewalks with culverts under them that need to be taken out and replaced. He reminded the Board of the \$2,000 donation from the New Windsor Telephone Company for sidewalk repairs.

The Budget Committee agreed to hold a budget meeting for appropriations on Monday, June 14, 1999 at 7 P.M. at the Village Hall. President Peterson recommended some additions to the budget to be considered were building expense \$5,000, hall roof \$3,500, police squad \$10,000 - \$12,000, and a computer system \$2,000.

Treasurer Kevin Willems presented his annual report. Motion by Raes, second by Roberts to accept the 1998-1999 annual treasurer's report. Roll call votes: Roberts - aye,

Kness - aye, Bates - aye, Anderson - aye, Trout - aye, and Raes - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to rehire Kevin Willems as treasurer for the 1999 - 2000 FY at the same salary of \$1200 per year. Roll call votes: Kness - aye, Bates - aye, Roberts - aye, Anderson - aye, Raes - aye, and Trout - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Treasurer Willems presented a proposal on a new computer system that would follow the auditor's recommendations with a printer, software, and accommodate the water billing. The Board asked treasurer Willems to investigate prices and systems, and check with the current water utility billing company.

President Peterson asked the Water Committee to check on what needs to be done to put in a water line to the new maintenance building.

Mr. Nestrick, owner of the former ready mix property, present concerning his property. He stated that he wants no one on his property or he will prosecute for trespassing. The Board was concerned with the broken windows and broken foundation. Mr. Nestrick stated that the windows are now closed, and that he has nailed tin around the foundations. President Peterson stated that the windows and foundation must be closed so that no one can get in. The Board agreed to have Chief Switzer check the property.

Village Attorney Steele stated that he had notified the Battery Factory concerning the clean up from the fire.

President Peterson reported that he had talked to Bob Johnson Excavating about the broken tile by the Laverne Wadhams property and also the tile 300 ft. south in the field. He stated that he had instructed Bob Johnson to bill the Village for only the Village's part and bill Mr. Wadhams for his part at that area.

The Board agreed to check with the Illinois Department of Transportation on maintaining culverts at the west edge of the Village on the north and south sides of the

highway due to drainage problems from the clogged culverts. The Board asked the Street and Alley Committee to check Bob Johnson on this matter.

President Peterson recommended hiring another person only to mow leaving Morrow and Wells to take care of streets and playground equipment. He stated that

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Bland would mow at \$6.00 per hour. Motion by Anderson, second by Roberts to hire Richard Bland at \$6.00 per hour only to mow parks and Village grounds and using

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equipment unless a situation arises where more work is available. Roll call votes: Bates - aye, Raes - aye, Trout - aye, Roberts - aye, Anderson - aye, and Kness - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to have the maintenance building storage area leveled and rocked and have a telephone put in.

The Board agreed to purchase three new baby swings and 2 new adult swings for the playground equipment at the Rodeo Park, and to repair the merry-go-round.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to purchase a dumpster for the Ball Park and maintenance building use at a cost of \$323- \$332 and to pay for the garbage pick up at \$11 a month and to pay for garbage pick up at all Village parks. Roll call votes: Anderson - aye, Raes - aye, Roberts - aye, Kness - aye, Bates - aye, and Trout - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Sheila Spencer, Joyce Green, and Mrs. Carl Miller present. Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Green requested permission for two lights to be placed at the Depot Park on each

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of the sidewalk by the shelter, with installation paid for by the park improvement group, and donation of the lights made by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Miller. Motion by Roberts, second

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Anderson to grant permission to the park improvement group to place the two lights at the Depot Park. Roll call votes: Raes - aye, Roberts - aye, Kness - aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Kness to pay the \$800 requested annual fee for recycling to the Mercer County Recycling Center. Roll call votes: Roberts - aye, Kness - aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Anderson - aye, and Raes - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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The Board agreed to check into the Matherville recycling program, and have

Braatz of the Tri-County Resource and Waste Management Council come to the next Board meeting to discuss the recycling program.

The Board agreed to purchase a new desk chair for the Village Hall.

Motion by Kness, second by Roberts to authorize the April 1999 bills. Roll call votes: Anderson - aye, Raes - aye, Kness - aye, Roberts - aye, Bates - aye, and Trout - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson  
Village Clerk