

August 2, 1999
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, Raes, Roberts, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent - none.

Motion by Anderson, second by Kness to approve the July 12, 1999 public hearing and regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness - aye, Raes - aye, Trout - aye, Anderson - aye, Bates - aye, and Roberts - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to pass Ordinance #5, Series 1999 Tax Levy. Roll call votes: Raes - aye, Trout - aye, Anderson - aye, Bates - aye, Roberts - aye, and Kness - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer presented the July Police Report. Chief Switzer reported that the squad was ready for the trade in to Aledo with the purchase of the new squad. No mileage was reported on the present squad. Chief Switzer stated that he had served the

Nuisance Ordinance violations, that the department was ready for the fair/rodeo coverage,

that the department would again assist with traffic for the Rodeo Run, and that he was presently on vacation. The Board instructed the police department to do more patrolling at Cozy Haven Homes per a request from Cozy Haven Homes. Police Chief Switzer agreed.

Trustee Raes and Chief Switzer were excused from the meeting to attend the Aledo city meeting to obtain the information on the sale of their squad to the Village.

President Peterson reported that the 1999 MFT oiling and chipping was completed,

and that MFT engineer Jim Davis had approved the work in the amount of \$18,762.30 which included more work than had been scheduled. President Peterson stated that the Post Office lot was left out of the plan, and that he had apologized to the Postmaster.

The Board agreed to have Attorney Steele check on what the Village can do for weight limits on the Village's streets.

The Board agreed to have the Street and Alley Committee and any/all Board members check on Walnut Street for the need of stop signs.

The Board agreed to authorize President Peterson to cover the streets with lime or sand if the temperature goes above 90 degrees and causes the streets to bleed through.

The Board agreed to have Harris Ag spray Adams Street for weeds in the present rocked surface. President Peterson stated that he would inform Mr. Jim Adams when that would be done.

The Board tabled sidewalk work until the culvert work was completed.

The Board agreed to remove a dead tree on Village property located near the Everett Sims property. President Peterson was instructed to contact Max Briggs for the removal.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to adopt the Investment Policy for the Village. Roll call votes: Anderson - aye, Roberts - aye, Kness - aye, Trout - aye, and Bates - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Clerk Johnson reported that the Watertower Paint & Repair Company would maintain the watertower this Thursday/Friday, and that the Consumer Confidence Report would be sent to all consumers this week.

The Board reviewed a copy of the Illinois Burn Ordinance. The Board agreed to get copies of burn ordinances from Viola and Alpha and to contact Attorney Steele for more information on preparing a burn ordinance.

President Peterson informed the Board of drain tile problems on the south side of the Village. He stated that he had contacted McMeekan excavating to check on the problems and repairs.

At 8:35 P.M. Trustee Raes and Chief Switzer returned to this meeting and reported that the City of Aledo had a 1997 Ford squad available at a cost of \$11,000 plus the Village's squad as a trade.

Motion by Raes, second by Trout to purchase a 1997 Ford squad from the City of Aledo at a cost of \$11,000 plus the Village's current squad as a trade in. Roll call votes: Trout - aye, Bates - aye, Kness - aye, Anderson - aye, Roberts - aye, and Raes - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to get more information on costs and repairs for the drain tile system from McMeekan Excavating and Attorney Steele and to check with Bi State for any funding that may be available to help with the cost.

President Peterson reported that the waterline and phonenumber were in at the maintenance building. The Board tabled any action on a heater estimated at a cost of \$1,300 for the building.

The Board stated that they would need to see and approve improvements that are to be done at any park including the Ball Park, and that the Board must know what is to be done. The Board agreed that they recognize the Ball Association as the whole and only organization running the ball program and diamonds. The Board stated that the Ball Association would need to present a plan of any improvements to the Ball Park.

The Police Committee reported that they had met with Chief Switzer, and they felt that he and the part-time officers do an excellent job. They recommended a raise for the Chief of \$1,000 to \$1,500 annual and increases of wages for the part-time officers to \$7.00 and \$7.25. The Board then considered that all employee wages needed to be checked. The Board tabled the matter for further consideration.

The Board agreed that the New Windsor Rodeo Run could be held Saturday, August 21, 1999 beginning at 8 A.M. on the designated route through the Village.

The Board acknowledged that the next Board meeting would be September 13, 1999, the second Monday, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Motion by Kness, second by Robert to authorize the July 1999 bills. Roll call votes: Bates - aye, Anderson - aye, Trout - aye, Kness - aye, Roberts - aye, and Raes - 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 the meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson
Village Clerk