

June 5, 2000
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

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, Fay, Roberts, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Anderson, second by Kness to approve the May 1, 2000 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Fay - aye, Trout - aye, Kness - aye, Anderson - aye, Bates - aye, and Roberts - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Dennis Nimrick present on behalf of Rivoli Township. Mr. Nimrick requested permission to place a six-foot-high white plastic fence with a basket weave on the property line by the township building for the purpose of hiding the culverts, machinery, and equipment. President Peterson read the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to fences (p.28) which allows only four-foot-high fences, but a two-foot lattice could be used on top of the fence leaving the required percent open. The Board agreed that the fence must comply with the Village's Zoning Ordinance.

Deana Greer and Lisa Michelson present to file a complaint to the Board about their neighbor's children fighting, kicking bikes, destroying bikes, and damaging property.

Police Chief Switzer stated that he had been called once by Deana Greer on the problem, but that Ms. Greer would not sign a complaint, and that no one else had called him. The Board stated that if there is a problem, residents should call the Mercer County Sheriff Department to get a Village Officer to check on the problem.

Bill McMeekan, McMeekan Excavating, present to discuss with the Board the plan of action to repair the drain tile system south of the Village. The Board noted that no easement had been given by the owner of the property, Richard Johnson, but that Johnson was in agreement to have the repairs done. At the Special Meeting of the Board on August 27, 1999, the Board was informed by Bill McMeekan that 2,540 feet of 35 eight-inch tile at \$1.00 per foot would be needed. Mr. McMeekan stated that a larger tile would be needed if the owner would be tying in. The Board agreed to talk to Tom Bischoff, the farm manager, to verify the owner's requests. President Peterson telephoned Mr. Bischoff from this meeting and was informed that there were at least four to six tie ins and that 500 feet from the creek was still good tile. The Board agreed to have Bill McMeekan meet with Mr. Bischoff to go over the area and to also check with the conservation office for input. The matter was tabled for action until the regular July Board meeting.

Motion by Anderson, second by Kness to hire McMeekan Excavating to taper the ditch on the west edge of the Village along the south side of Highway 17 at an estimated cost of \$600 to \$1,000. Roll call votes: Bates - aye, Trout - no, Kness - aye, Roberts - aye, Anderson - aye, and Fay - aye. Five votes aye, one vote nay. The motion was carried.

The Board agreed to contact the Mercer County Health Department concerning areas of suspect water. These areas are north of Highway 17, Second Avenue and State Street, North Seventh Avenue, and West Franklin Street (Shirley Shutwell property).

Trustee Bates reported that she had contacted Howard White and Associates for information on playground equipment, but they had not yet contacted her back.

The Board noted that Kness Trucking would be bringing in the dirt for the

playground area, weather permitting. The Board requested that Kness Trucking contact the Village's maintenance personnel ahead of time so they would be available.

The Board had received a list of dates of upcoming events from the Depot Park Committee.

President Peterson requested that the Village's Police Department be available for duty for a softball tournament the last week of July. The games would begin at 6 P.M.

The Budget Committee agreed to meet June 19, 2000 at 7 P.m. at the Village Hall.

Police Chief Switzer presented the May Police Report. Chief Switzer reported 47,523 miles on the squad, presented a list of stop and yield signs that need to be replaced, has purchased the ammunition for firearms training, and had all violations complied with except one (Spencer) that he still needed to contact. The Board informed Chief Switzer that Josh Lundeen had a 1968 Chevy Malibu in violation, Torres (Body Shop) was to be checked, Pat Shull had equipment and a truck in violation, and there is a hole on the Johnson property. Village Attorney Steele stated that the Swift property would have the lien filed for the clean-up that has been done.

Police Chief Switzer requested a new light bar for the squad at a cost of \$1,000 to be paid for from the SVF Fund. Motion by Bates, second by Trout to use money from the Village's SVF Fund to purchase a light bar for the squad at a cost of \$1,000. Roll call votes: Kness - aye, Bates - aye, Fay - aye, Trout - aye, Roberts - aye, and Anderson - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer informed the Board that he would be taking one week of vacation July 3rd through the 7th, that he will still have one week of vacation left with possibly taking it day by day, and that he will be using one week of vacation at the end of September.

The Board tabled action on a retirement plan for the police.

Motion by Kness, second by Roberts to pass Ordinance Number 6, Series 2000, Prevailing Wages. Roll call votes: Roberts - aye, Fay - aye, Kness - aye, Anderson - aye, Bates - aye, and Trout - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Trout to purchase new plastic shutters for the Village Hall. Roll call votes: Fay - aye, Kness - aye, Anderson - aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, and Roberts - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to authorize the May 2000 bills. Roll call votes: Kness - aye, Anderson - aye, Bates - aye, Trout - aye, Roberts - aye, and Fay - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness to adjourn, second by all. Meeting adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk