

April 2, 2001  
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, Trout, Fay, Roberts, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Anderson.

Motion by Bates, second by Roberts to approve the March 5, 2001 regular meeting and closed session meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Roberts – aye, Fay – aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer presented the March Police Report. He stated that the squad had 67,029 miles and has a rattle in the front, but he would take it to Keith's Auto to be checked out. Chief Switzer reported that eight vehicle violations had been served and were now in compliance, one violation is still to be served, and one is yet to have the paperwork done, and that the department issued seventeen tickets, had six complaints, thirty-six traffic stops, and five assists to other agencies. Chief Switzer asked the Board about an old bus parked at the Charles Liby property, because he had received a complaint about it by John Beattie. President Peterson stated that it may be an antique, but it has to be operable and has to be titled as an antique. The Board told Chief Switzer to talk to Mr. Liby about the problem. Chief Switzer stated that he had updated the inventory list. He also informed the Board that Sherrard had the Village's old radar unit, and that he had told the Sherrard Police Chief to talk to his Village President about buying it and then contact President Peterson. Chief Switzer informed the Board that the Village's department has an old shot gun that was not in good shape due to rust and that no officer is qualified to use it. Chief Switzer stated that he could talk to the business in Knoxville where the Village gets its ammunition from about this gun. Also, he stated that the Village's Police Department has another handgun that could be sold to an authorized dealer or destroyed. The Board agreed to have Chief Switzer check with the ammunition dealer about these guns, but to check first with Village Attorney Steele concerning the legalities of selling or destroying these firearms.

The Board asked Chief Switzer to keep the children on roller blades off the roads. Chief Switzer stated that he has told them to get out of the roads.

Chief Switzer informed the Board that "No Parking" signs were needed on Main Street, especially by the bank. The Board acknowledged this need and stated that the holes were filled in where the signposts had been or the posts were broken off. The Board agreed to look into how to do the signs and posts, and possible replace some sidewalks.

The Board discussed concrete bumper sections to prohibit parking close to street corners, and agreed to contact Village Attorney Steele about regulations on these bumpers and regulations by IDOT on the bumpers.

President Peterson addressed the Police Committee about setting up some kind of criteria to handle the police chief applicants, and what the committee is looking for in a chief such as Village residence or area and PTI training. The Board and Police Committee agreed to wait until the end of the month of April per the advertisement so

that all resumes/applications are received. Then the Committee will meet in May to look over the applicants and have recommendations for the Board, but President Peterson may start reference checks.

Tom Street of Watertower Paint and Repair Company present to report on the Village's water tower. Mr. Street reported that the seams on the tower are rough, but the tower was in good shape. He stated that a new roof would be great, but that replacing the seams would give the tower just as good of job. He also stated that the deck plates were in great shape. He explained that the company would cut the seams out and put in new ones by welding them in. He said that replacing the seams would take care of the problem. He stated that the worse ones are towards the north, but that there are thirteen, all vertical, seams. He estimated that it would take two days with three men working at about a cost of \$10,000, but that he would itemize everything for the cost of the welder and steel. He assured the Board that this would take care of the hole. The Board asked Mr. Street how soon the work would be done, and Mr. Street stated that he could get to the work fairly soon, within the next six weeks and that the maintenance work would be done at the same time. He thought the job would be wrapped up by noon of the third day. He also stated that he would let the Village know ahead of time about the date so that the fire chief could be notified.

Motion by Roberts, second by Fay to hire Watertower Paint & Repair Company to cut out roof seams and replace with ¼" by 6" strap steel at the rates of \$160 per man hour for crew time, no charge per man hour for crew travel time due to being done in conjunction with maintenance work, and no charge for mileage due to maintenance work, \$18 per machine hour for welder when in use, \$150 per machine hour for air compressor when in use, \$15 per machine hour for hydro-blaster when in use, and the Village to furnish or pay Contractor for any materials required in this specific work. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Roberts – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Fay – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that he had talked to Colin Edwards, engineer for Mauer-Stutz Engineers, about the 2001 MFT street work. The Board agreed that the north side of the Village would be done plus any other areas in need of work. President Peterson stated that the Post Office area and in front of the maintenance building would need attention. The Board agreed to have Mr. Edwards do the preliminary work and present him with a "wish list" for costs on the street MFT project.

The Board tabled any action on a snowplow until more information is available.

The Park Committee reported that the Ball Park's diamond needed a lot of work and that there were a lot of rocks in the dirt. President Peterson stated that he had talked to Mr. Cowser, the dirt contractor, and that Mr. Cowser had informed him that he planned to come in when the weather permits, hopefully by the end of April, to fix these problems.

The Board declined a request from Elizabeth Dirck to place a tree memorial in the Depot Park, because the park is full. The Board stated that this practice has not been done in the past, and that the Board does not do these types of requests, but if she could think of something else ( such as playground equipment) to let the Board know.

President Peterson reported that he had contacted Bethell's Wildlife Control service due to skunks in the Village.

President Peterson presented the Board with information that he had received from Jerry Seitz, Village resident, concerning a sewer system. Mr. Peterson requested that the Board read this material over before addressing the matter.

The Board received an estimate from Chris Walsten for Village Hall repairs. The Board agreed to get some other estimates on the work.

The Board noted that the General Election would be April 3, 2001, and the results would be canvassed upon receipt

Motion by Trout, second by Roberts to authorize the March 2001 bills. Roll call votes: Fay – aye, Roberts – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Roberts, second by Kness to adjourn. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk