

May 7, 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, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Those absent were: Anderson and Roberts,

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to approve the April 2001 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Fay- aye, Trout aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The elected officials from the April 2001 General Election were sworn in by Village Clerk Johnson. Elected were: Michael Peterson – President, Claudine D. Johnson – Clerk, Steve Kness and Robin Fay – 4 – year term Trustees, and Jerry Seitz – 2-year term Trustee. Joyce Anderson, 4 – year term Trustee, was not present.

Joyce Green and Sheila Spencer present on behalf of the Depot Park Committee and requested permission to put an outlet on the existing tower in the park for events that will be held in the park. The committee had already contacted Christy Plumbing and Electric concerning the outlet and circuit breaker, and they would pay for the work and materials. Motion by Bates, second by Kness to grant permission for an outlet and breaker on the tower at the Depot Park at the expense of the Depot Park Committee with a drawing of the work to be given to the Village as a record of where what work was done. Roll call votes: Fay – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Bates – aye, and Seitz – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Horton of 212 North Third Avenue, New Windsor, and Sheila Bland of 405 Washington Street, New Windsor, present concerning drain tile problems on North Third Avenue from the recent hard rains. The Board agreed to have an engineer check on the area to make sure that the area is draining correctly.

President Peterson reported that he had met with Bill McMeekan of McMeekan Excavating about drainage tubes, but Mr. McMeekan was not available to be at this meeting. The Board acknowledged that the property owners need to know where their own tiles are draining, because the Village can only take care of the Village's property and not go on private homeowner's property, and there are separate systems for water drainage and septic tank fields. Motion by Bates and seconded by Trout to hire McMeekan Excavating to look at the drain tile problems. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Seitz – aye, Fay – aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Tim Struble present and stated that he had purchased a block of property on the west edge of the south side of the Village and would like to vacate the alley running down the middle of the block of property. Village Attorney Steele present and recommended that Mr. Struble have the necessary petition for a request to vacate an alley prepared and sent to his office for review. The Board agreed to Mr. Steele's recommendation.

Mr. Chris Walsten present concerning the Village's Ball Park ball diamonds and their condition due to many rocks in the dirt that was added to both the front and back diamonds. President Peterson informed the Board that the Ball Association had Cowser

Construction do the dirt work, cut back, and excavation, but there are large rocks, metal, and other rocks in the dirt. President Peterson stated that he had talked to Mr. Cowser about water standing on the surface and the incorrect material placed on the diamonds, and that Mr. Cowser had come back, but nothing has been done about the problems of the material. Village Attorney Steele stated that in his opinion Cowser has not completed what needs to be done by grading off the incorrect rocky dirt and replacing with the correct dirt of sugar clay since the problem is the dirt. Attorney Steele recommended that the Board close the diamonds at the Ball Park until the diamonds have been corrected for safe play. The Board noted that the back diamond had received two inches of dirt, and the front diamond had received six inches of dirt. The Board discussed repairing the diamonds with the correct dirt, having someone come in and grade the diamonds that knows how to grade, and seeking costs for all work. The Board agreed to have the Village's maintenance department work on the back diamond to help correct the problems of the two inches of incorrect material. Motion by Kness, second by Fay to close the front and back ball diamonds at the Village's Ball Park from all practice and play until the surfaces are corrected and made playable for safe play, and to get an opinion from Miller's Trucking and Excavating on corrections and costs to repair the diamonds, and then have a special meeting called to review the recommendations on the diamonds. Roll call votes: Seitz – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Bates – aye, and Fay – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board agreed to have the diamonds taped off, a sign posted stating that the diamonds are closed from play or practice, and a notice on the closed diamonds placed in the New Windsor Advertiser .

Village Treasurer Kevin Willems presented the annual treasurer's report. Motion by Bates, second by Kness to accept the May 1, 2000 through the April 30, 2001 annual treasurer's report. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Fay – aye, and Seitz – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to rehire Kevin Willems as Village Treasurer for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Roll call votes: Fay – aye, Trout – aye, Bates – aye, Seitz – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to accept the bid for the Village Hall repairs from Chris Walsten in the amount of \$3,185.00. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Seitz – aye, Kness – aye, Fay – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board noted that no information had been received yet on the date of the repairs to the water tower.

The Board agreed to look at sidewalks at a later date.

President Peterson reported that Jim Davis, Mauer – Stutz Engineers, was here on May 5, 2001 to go over the streets and areas of concern. The Board reviewed the Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs as prepared by Mr. Davis. Motion by Kness, second by Bates to approve the 2001 MFT program at \$40, 317.86. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Bates – aye, Kness – aye, Seitz – aye, and Fay – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer presented the April 2001 Police Report. He reported 61,787 miles on the squad, that the portable radio was broke, and that he had given Attorney Steele by FAX a list of nuisances. The Board requested that Chief Switzer prepare violations on the Adams property for nuisances and weeds and yard debris. Chief

Switzer thought that four complaints had been handled. Chief Switzer informed the Board that Rodney Bird was done as a Village Officer, because he cannot get him to do hours. Chief Switzer stated that he had talked to Rodney Bird about this matter, and Mr. Bird had stated that he would be done, and that the separation papers should be filed.

Chief Switzer told the Board that he wants to hire someone to replace Rodney Bird. Chief Switzer also stated that he would drop his salary to \$10 an hour from \$11 to raise the part time officers' salaries to \$8.75 an hour from the \$7.75 current salary if he is kept as interim chief. Chief Switzer told the Board that approximately 49 hours are covered a week by himself and the part time officers.

The Board expressed concern to Chief Switzer about Mel Sims driving his car with out a license within the Village. Chief Switzer told the Board that if someone sees Mr. Sims driving, they should call Mercer County.

The Board agreed to keep the Police Department as is for this month.

Chief Switzer said that he would come to a Police Committee meeting to give the committee a list of 3-4 guys to fill Rodney Bird's vacancy.

The Board asked Chief Switzer to take pictures of Davision's Body Shop's violations of weeds and junk, and the Battery Factory property's weeds and debris.

The Board also informed Chief Switzer that the ball diamonds at the Ball Park are closed, and that he is to tape off the front and back diamonds all the way around so that they are closed to all play, and that the maintenance department will place a closed sign at the diamonds. Chief Switzer said that he would order more caution tape.

President Peterson requested that the Board set up qualifications on the police chief applications. The Board set the qualifications of PTI training from the state, residency with in the Village or very close by within a response time frame, required firearms and courses training, fulltime hours with a minimum of forty hours, number of deputies to be set, and all general police work including paperwork and managing abilities.

The Board reviewed the eleven police chief applications and narrowed them down to eight for further review. The Board agreed to send a notice to the eight applicants stating that they needed to sign a release for the references check. and return it to the Village.

The Police Committee agreed to meet on Monday, May 14, 2001 at 7 P.M. at the Village Hall to review the eight applicants.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson
Village Clerk