

JULY 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, Anderson, Trout, Fay, Seitz, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent – none.

Motion by Kness, second by Anderson to approve the June 4, 2001 regular meeting minutes, the June 4, 2001 two closed session minutes, and the June 11, 2001 special meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Seitz – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Fay – aye, Bates – aye, and Anderson – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that a letter had been sent to Rodney Bird concerning his termination of employment with the Village as a part-time police officer, and that no reply had been received from Rodney Bird at this time.

President Peterson reported that Village part-time police officer Hass was now working for Orion as a part-time police officer. Village Attorney Steele stated that if an officer chooses to resign, a resignation should be given in writing.

President Peterson stated that there are still violations on Steve Secor – a truck, Adams – yard, Body Shop, and a nuisance vehicle at the house by the bank..

Motion by Anderson, second by Kness to move into closed session to discuss the hiring of a police chief. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Seitz – aye, Trout – aye, Anderson – aye, Fay – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

**\*\* CLOSED SESSION\*\***

The Board stated that they had two qualified candidates in Harry Hansen and Jim Raes for the position of Police Chief.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to hire Harry Hansen as Village Police Chief as an at will employee with an annual salary of \$23,500 paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month with employment to begin July 15, 2001, and with the first check to be issued August 1, 2001. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Seitz – aye, Anderson – aye, and Bates – nay. Five votes were in favor, and one votes was nay, the motion was carried.

The Board extended their support and admiration to Casey Switzer for his work for the Village as Police Chief.

Police Chief Switzer reported the June police report. He stated that he had not put in very many hours. He recommended that part-time officer Meier and Hass be given a raise from \$7.25 to \$8.50 since it has been some time since a raise was given, and the Village needs to stay competitive in order to keep good officers.

Motion by Bates, second by Anderson, to raise the part-time police officers wages from \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour with a one year review effective August 1, 2001 for July 2001 work. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Seitz – aye, Bates – aye, and Anderson – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Switzer reported that he is still working on the Secor violation, that Adams has been cleaned up, the vehicle by the Bank has been served, and that the Body Shop will need to be filed for court.

Chief Switzer stated that he felt that the Village's Nuisance Ordinance is bad and needs to read that the Police Chief can give a 48-hour notice. Village Attorney Steele informed Chief Switzer that the Police Chief can do the notices per the Village's ordinance.

Chief Switzer reported that the portable radio needs repair, but that it may be that the radio is shot. The Board agreed that if Chief Switzer finds out that the portable radio is not repairable, to purchase a new one.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to accept the bid from Settle, Inc. in the amount of \$28,017.52 for the Village's 2001 MFT program. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Bates – aye, Anderson – aye, Seitz – aye, and Fay – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board noted that Settle, Inc. had requested a better place to dump the chips for the MFT program. Trustee Kness stated that he would check on dumping the rock on the concrete at the property along south Main Street owned by Marxens. Village Attorney Steele stated that the contractor (Settle) would need to contact Marxen and come to an agreement, and the Village would not be part of that. The Board noted that the Village has the Rodeo Park as an area to dump the chips.

The Board agreed to leave the area by the Lutheran Parsonage for a garage as it is with no need for a culvert.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance personnel would be getting the streets ready for the oiling and chipping, but that there is no start date by Settle, Inc. to begin the 2001 MFT program.

The Board agreed to have President Peterson check into finding someone to do the work on the Main Street sidewalks. President Peterson stated that he would have the Village's maintenance personnel look at the problem area to see if they could repair the sidewalk, but he would also get some costs on the project.

The Board requested that the Village's Police Department, including Casey Switzer and the two part-time officers, meet with the new chief Harry Hansen. Mr. Switzer stated that he would be interested in working the third part-time position.

Motion by Anderson, second by Trout to accept the estimates on the list of work by McMeekan Excavating and to have McMeekan Excavating proceed with the work. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Fay – aye, Bates – aye, Seitz – aye, and Anderson – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The manager of the Windsor Depot present to request that the trees at the Depot Park on the south side by their drive be trimmed per their customer's request so that they do not brush against the vehicles. The Board denied the request since the Windsor Depot has a parking lot so that customers do not have to park along the trees, and the Board does not want to harm the trees. The Board did agree to place rock at the entrances to the Windsor Depot from the Village's streets.

Larry Roberts present to inform the Board that another 911 dispatcher has been requested and that another dispatcher is really needed. He strongly urged the Board to support this and to donate if requested to do so. Mr. Roberts also requested that the Village do a burn ordinance.

The Board agreed to check into a burn ordinance, and to check with Mercer County to see what they have for a burn ordinance.

Larry Roberts also informed the Board that the property on Main Street now owned by the Marxens (formerly Michael Battery) is being looked at by the Fire Department as a site for a new fire station and community center. He stated that the fire department is looking into funding through grants and other sources, but that there is no cost amount at this time. Mr. Roberts explained some of the needs and wants of the fire department, and also included that the Village look into placing an office and hall in the same building area.

Judy Marxen present to inform the Board that their new business of an ice cream shop should be opening later this week. She also informed the Board that they have purchased the property on Main Street, formerly the Michael Battery Company, and will be cleaning it up, along with looking for more uses for the property. Mrs. Marxen presented a plat of survey of the property and some ideas of their plans for the area, including applying for rezoning some of the area for residential dwellings.

President Peterson reported that the work on the ball diamond at the Village's Ball Park is done and the bill is in. He informed the Board that there is dirt removed from the diamond up at the park from the diamond repair, and that he has just been letting people get the dirt if they wanted it. He asked the Board for a policy on getting rid of the dirt. The Board agreed that the dirt is free and that the Village just wants to get it out of there since it is only good for fill.

The Board stated that the Village Board controls all Village Parks, and that the Village Board has final say on what happens in these parks.

The Board noted that the water tower repairs were complete and that an overflow pipe had been added to the aerator as required by the IEPA.

The Board noted that the Village has had skunks, and Bethell's Wildlife Control has trapped and picked some up. President Peterson stated that Mr. Bethell has informed him that if the Village would buy its own live trap he would still come and pick up the animals. Mr. Peterson stated that the estimated cost of a live trap was \$150.

Motion by Fay, second by Trout to purchase a live trap to trap any varmints within the Village. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Bates – aye, Kness – aye, Anderson – aye, and Seitz – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board noted that Mr. Bethell could not trap cats.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to pass Ordinance Number 3, Series 2001 Appropriations. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Anderson – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Seitz – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Motion by Anderson, second by Fay to adjourn. All voice votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

