

FEBRUARY 4, 2002
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 Anderson, second by Kness to approve the January 7, 2002 regular Board meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Kness – aye, Anderson – aye, Bates – aye, and Seitz – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Jeannie Herbert present on behalf of the Central Illinois One People Organization. Mrs. Herbert presented the certificate of liability insurance. Village Attorney Steele present and questioned the second page endorsement statement of the certificate. Ms. Herbert stated that she does have the policy. Attorney Steele read the policy, and in his opinion stated that the Village is insured on the policy, but informed the Board that the organizations insurance agent should send the entire policy to the Village. Mrs. Herbert showed the Board the paperwork for the non-profit status, and the Board requested that she give the Village a copy of the non-profit statement when she gets it. Mrs. Herbert informed the Board that the Pow Wow would be July 6th and 7th, 2002 with the hours on Saturday being 1 P.M. to 10 P.M. and the hours on Sunday being 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. She also informed the Board that vendors would be coming in late Thursday and early Friday to set up. The Board requested that if anyone does get hurt at the Pow Wow to inform the Village, and that the organization is responsible to repair any ruts made. Mrs. Herbert understood and also stated that the Pow Wow goes on no matter what the weather, that they have their own 24 hour security, and there are no fireworks, no firearms, no animals, no alcohol, and no drugs allowed. Mrs. Herbert told the Board that an estimated 300 people had attended the previous year's Pow Wow. The Board requested that the organization get a dumpster for garbage during the event.

Motion by Bates, second by Trout to approve the dates of July 6th and 7th, 2002 for the Central Illinois One People Organization to hold a Pow Wow at the Rodeo Park as long as all requirements are met. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Seitz – aye, Fay – aye, Anderson – aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hansen present to give the January 2002 police report. Chief Hansen turned this part of the report over to part time officer Switzer. Officer Switzer presented the Mercer County K-9 program and requested a donation from the SVF Fund. Chief Hansen and Officer Switzer recommended a \$1,000 donation. Officer Switzer introduced the K-9 Unit dog (Luke) to the Board and explained the program. Officer Switzer stated that the K-9 Unit is available to the Village.

Motion by Bates, second by Anderson to donate \$1,000 to the Mercer County Sheriff's K-9 program from the Village's SVF Fund. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Seitz – aye, Anderson – aye, Trout – aye, and Fay – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Hansen presented the January 2002 police report. He reported that the snow removal was done, the squad will go in tomorrow for an oil change and brake check, there are 67,780 miles on the squad, and that the part time officers are available

for duty except Greg Hass, who he cannot get to work. Chief Hansen reported that he had asked Village Attorney Steele to write a letter of termination to Mr. Hass, because when he spoke to Mr. Hass last he had indicated that he was not going to work for the Village. Chief Hansen had asked Mr. Hass for a letter of resignation, but has not received one. Attorney Steele stated that he would write a letter accepting Mr. Hass's verbal resignation. The Board requested that Chief Hansen get any keys or Village equipment back from Mr. Hass. Chief Hansen also reported that the squad is getting about 10 miles to the gallon in town and running fairly well. The Board told Chief Hansen that Aledo was not purchasing a new squad this year, but that Chief Hansen should notify Aledo that New Windsor is interested when they do. President Peterson recommended that the Village's police policy go back to the 50/50 payment on uniforms for the part time officers only, and that then the uniform would be the officer's. President Peterson stated that 48-hour notices are given on violations, but that it is up to the Chief's discretion on the amount of time to give. The Board noted the violations of a freezer still at the Peer residence and a semi-truck parked along the street by Allen's Service Station. Chief Hansen stated that he would take care of these violations.

Motion by Kness, second by Seitz to amend the Village's current police policy to state that the Village will pay half and the part time officer will pay half of uniform purchases, with the uniform belonging to the officer. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Kness – aye, Seitz – aye, Anderson - aye, and Fay – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Hansen presented an Elderwatch Program for the Village where anyone 55 years or older or with a medical condition would voluntarily fill out an information sheet that would go to the Mercer County 911 system so that this important information would be available if needed for the person. Chief Hansen will present the program to Cozy Haven Homes, and will contact other interested organizations.

Motion by Trout, second by Bates to authorize the New Windsor Police Department to participate in the Elderwatch program. Roll call votes: Anderson – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Seitz – aye, Bates – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Hansen informed the Board that he would be attending a class tomorrow morning on law enforcement information about scams with banks, and that June 17 though the 19 he would attend a class in St. Louis concerning missing children and criminal exploiting of children. Chief Hansen stated that there would be no cost, but requested that the Board pay for meals. The Board requested that Chief Hansen make sure the schedule is covered for duty by the other officers during his classes, and that the Village would pay for meals by reimbursing Mr. Hansen by his receipts or paying a lump sum for meals.

Chief Hansen requested that the Village subscribe to the monthly Search and Seizure Bulletin at \$89 per year. Motion by Trout, second by Kness to purchase the Search and Seizure Bulletin at \$89 per year with renewal on a year-by-year basis for the Village's police department. Roll call votes: Fay – aye, Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Seitz – aye, and Anderson – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board informed Chief Hansen on complaints received about snowmobiles running on resident's yards, and that snowmobiles must go straight out of the Village, but

must stay off resident's property. The Board also requested that the police department run the radar to slow down speeders. The Police Committee reported that they had requested Chief Hansen to vary his hours for bus routes, speeders, and any other problems. Chief Hansen said that he has started varying his hours. The Board requested that the police department check the alleys behind the businesses for speeders.

Motion by Kness, second by Anderson to pass Ordinance 2, Series 2002, An Ordinance Granting Change of Classification for Marxen Properties. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Seitz – aye, Kness – aye, Bates – aye, and Anderson – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Attorney Steele informed the Board that he had not been contacted by Zoning Board Chairman John Carlson about preparing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The Board and Attorney Steele agreed to have Attorney Steele, Zoning Officer Gary Johnson, and Zoning Board Chairman Carlson meet to prepare the amendments.

The Health Committee agreed to meet February 11, 2002 at the Village Hall beginning at 7 P.M. to review a burning ordinance.

Chief Hansen reported that a voluntary statement is needed if there is a problem reported to the police department and action is to be taken.

Trustee Trout reported that the playground equipment was delivered last Tuesday morning and unloaded and checked in, and that the balance of \$3,335 that was not used will be given back to the Village from the Friends of the Library. A set up date will be made for April, weather permitting, with a list of work to be done to make the area ready for the equipment, and a list of volunteers from various organizations who will assist in the set up. Also Mark Peterson, representative of the company the equipment was purchased from, will be in charge of the equipment set up.

President Peterson reported that the starter went out in the snowplow truck, but has been repaired, and that the Village of Viola assisted in plowing for about one hour.

President Peterson reported that the Village's truck door had been pushed in some time ago, but that the Village will be getting an estimate on the repair. The Village has a \$250 deductible.

Motion by Fay, second by Trout to purchase a torch outfit and oxygen tank for the maintenance department at a cost of \$600.99. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Anderson – aye, Fay – aye Trout – aye, and Seitz – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reviewed the policies for the Village's Committees, and stated that if a problem comes to the Board, it will be turned over to the committee unless it can be resolved at the Board meeting.

President Peterson stated that he had been contacted by a reporter about grants and sewer, but that he had referred the reporter to Trustee Seitz.

Motion by Kness, second by Fay to authorize the January 2002 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 Kness, second by Bates to adjourn. Voice Vote: All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk