

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

Police Chief Hansen presented the February 2002 police report. Chief Hansen reported three citations issued to Mel Sims, that he had tried to run radar a couple of times, but has not picked anyone up, Chief Hansen reported that the Village's squad had been taken in to Keith's in Viola, and there were burnt valves. Chief Hansen talked to Henderson's in Aledo concerning the price on a used or new engine. At this time, Henderson's are checking on a remanufactured engine, but have not gotten back with a price. The Board requested that Chief Hansen get prices on a new, used, and remanufactured engine and let President Peterson know the prices. President Peterson then would notify the Board about the prices. Chief Hansen reported that the squad has around 68,000 miles on it, and that this would be the second engine put in. Also, he stated that the squad would need new brakes this fall. Chief Hansen told the Board that the Village's police department was using a Mercer County squad, and that Sheriff Glancey had been happy to help the Village out. The Board requested estimates from Keith's on the valve work and Henderson's on the engines.

Chief Hansen reported that Village Attorney Steele sent a letter to Greg Hass accepting his verbal resignation as a Village part time police officer, and that he had received Hass's badge and keys. Chief Hansen stated that he would contact other departments to seek another part time officer to hire

Chief Hansen reported that he had talked at Cozy Haven Homes about the Elderwatch program.

The Board instructed Chief Hansen to give a 48-hour violation notice on the freezer at Peer's, and to get the matter taken care of.

Trustee Bates reported septic tank problems at the Pinkerton property. The Board agreed to have the Health Committee Chairman, Trustee Anderson, check on the problem, and to have the Mercer County Health Department contacted.

The Board also instructed the Health Committee to check on an open septic problem at the Vaughn residence on Mulberry Street, and to call the Mercer County Health Department.

Trustee Kness cited complaints about snowmobiles on the streets, at the parks, and on resident's yards. The Board instructed the police department to crack down on the snowmobiles, and to start writing tickets for violators.

The Board noted that a fence was hit at the Ball Park by a snowmobile.

The Board noted that details will be made concerning the set up of the new playground equipment, and that the Village had not yet received the balance of the donation.

Motion by Fay, Second by Kness to purchase a new John Deere F725 front 54" mower at a cost of \$2,995 (\$10,999 less trade in of \$8,004) from Kleine Ag Services, Inc., Aledo with delivery around March 22, 2002. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Bates – aye, Fay – aye, Anderson – aye, and Seitz – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Anderson reported on the Health Committee's meeting concerning a burn ordinance for the Village. The Committee recommended: a fine of \$75, that the Police Chief write the tickets since the Fire Chief declined wanting that authority, that a distance be specified for fires around a fuel station, that open fires must be attended at all times, that non-hazardous materials may be burned if they are in a properly contained structure, that exemptions to open fires would be the burning of leaf and yard materials or wood, that no structure may be burned whether standing or down, unless a permit from the Fire Chief is obtained, that a time frame of sunrise to sunset be set, and that wiener roasts may be had only after dark, the footage distance for burning would be fifteen feet, that burn barrels must be on the user's property, that there would be no burning under power lines, and that part of the Fire Chief's job would be to make sure that the ordinance is observed. The Board instructed Trustee Anderson to prepare the recommendations and additions for Village Attorney Steele, so that he may draft the ordinance.

The Board instructed the Street and Alley Committee to check on the property where a culvert is needed for a new house in Windsor Court.

Motion by Kness, second by Fay to authorize the February 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 to adjourn, second by Anderson. Voice Vote: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk