

JULY 1, 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, Trout, Fay, Seitz, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to approve the June 3, 2002 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Seitz – aye, Kness – aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Jason Borkgren, Village resident at Second Avenue and Sycamore Street, present to request permission to shave off part of the ditch on the south side of Sycamore at his property due to the ditch's steepness so that he could put a garage and entrance on his property. Mr. Borkgren stated that he would not change the ditch or drainage or street. President Peterson recommended that the Street and Alley Committee meet with Mr. Borkgren this month to look at the area and report back at the August Board meeting.

A representative from Temple Display present with a proposal for Christmas Decorations for the Village. Three different wreath styles for the Village's existing poles along Main Street were presented. The representative stated that there would be a 10% discount, mounting brackets are included so that they would be ready to put up, there is a 6 year warranty, new bulbs are included, and the decoration would hang on the side of the pole at whatever height is needed. The Board noted that they had been approached by Pat McCready with a donation towards new Christmas decorations for the Village. The Board was definitely interested, but would let Temple Display know after the next regular Board meeting of August 5, 2002. Attorney Steele stated that he would check into the requirements for bidding if bids would be necessary for this project. Also, the Board agreed that Pat McCready should view the decorations.

Motion by Bates, second by Trout to purchase the P332 Christmas decoration wreath from Temple Display at the cost of \$369 per decoration for the Village's 12 Main Street poles. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, and Seitz – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hansen presented the June 2002 police report. Chief Hansen reported there are 70, 737 miles on the squad, two tickets had been given, the air conditioner in the squad needs to be checked, and he is working on violations. The Board requested that all vehicles that are unlicensed be checked, and pictures of the Torres Body Shop violations be taken for Village Attorney Steele. Chief Hansen reported that all Village police officers are wearing their protective vests. Chief Hansen also requested that he would like to give certificates of appreciation for Outstanding Crime Prevention to Richard Larkins and Emilie Larkins for reporting to the Police Department's Officer Meier that they had found drug paraphernalia in the rafters of the Rodeo Park shelter. The Board agreed to Chief Hansen's request.

President Peterson reported that Ray Dean Litton is the new owner of the former ready mix building and is working on bringing the building into compliance, and that the building is now locked, and Mr. Litton has warned the children in the area to stay out of the building or he will file charges against them.

Chief Hansen requested permission to attend a class on international terrorism August 7th and 8th, 2002 in Urbana, Illinois at a cost of \$150.

Motion by Fay, second by Trout to allow Chief Hansen to attend the International Terrorism Class in Urbana, Illinois August 7th and 8th, 2002 at a cost of \$150 paid by the Village. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Seitz – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Hansen reported that the Police Department had ordered citation books for the department.

President Peterson reported that complaints had been made on the running of motocross bikes and all terrain vehicles, in particular on the Ferguson and Daves children riding on their property, but creating a noise problem. Chief Hansen stated that he had spoken with the mother of some of these children and Steve Goben, a neighbor to the property, and had asked them to come to the Board meeting to discuss the problem, but they did not come to the meeting. President Peterson reported that he had also talked to Steve Goben. President Peterson stated that the Village could put a time frame on when the bikes/vehicles can be ridden or completely ban them from use in the Village. Attorney Steele stated that if these vehicles are on the streets, they must be street legal (State Vehicle Code) and the noise violation would fall under the nuisance ordinance. The Board took under consideration the two options and requested that Attorney Steele check in to what can be done, and the Village would use the Village's nuisance ordinance to regulate the problem.

Attorney Steele reported that the Village is not liable for someone working under the community service program, but Mercer County only relies on the state's statute and has no insurance. Attorney Steele recommended that the Village go along with the program as long as there was no gross negligence, making no one liable, in doing the normal work. The Board noted that the of hours community service had been completed.

President Peterson stated that he would meet with Mr. Rigg on the trees that needed to be trimmed.

The Board noted that the maintenance department is patching streets.

President Peterson and Trustee Fay will prepare a list of sidewalk work.

President Peterson reported that the new playground equipment project was done.

The Board noted that the Pow Wow would be held July 6th and 7th, 2002 at the Village's Rodeo Park, and that the Village had not received a copy of the nonprofit form from the Pow Wow organization.

Motion by Bates, second by Seitz to pass Ordinance Number 5, Series 2002, An Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2002 through April 30, 2003. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Seitz – aye, Fay – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Attorney Steele informed the Board that an employee that had been off for health reasons would need a doctor's complete release and statement that he would be able to do the required work for the job before being placed back on the job.

President Peterson stated that he would not be at the August 5, 2002 regular Board meeting, but he would put an agenda together for the president pro tem to follow.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to authorize the June 2002 bills. Roll call votes: Seitz – aye, Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Trout – aye, and Fay – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk