

May 5, 2003
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, Seitz, Kness, Fay – arrived at 7:35, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Kness, second by Seitz to approve the April 7, 2003 regular meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Bates – aye, Seitz – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor and the motion was carried.

Trustee Fay arrived at the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

The Board thanked Jerry Seitz for his service as Trustee.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in the elected trustees: Joe Ryner, Tim Trout, and Heath Austin, all four year terms, and Sharon Bates, the two year term.

Police Chief Hansen presented the April 2003 police report. He reported that Officers Meier, Raes, and himself had attended the 2003 two hour in service training on Pipeline Emergency Response, but that Officer Switzer was not able to attend, the squad had four new tires put on, the squad has 78,837 miles, two arrests on disorderly conduct were made, 1 arrest on battery was made, a list of nuisances including vehicles and grass/weeds is being prepared by him, and that pictures of an abandoned house on Tenth Avenue will be taken and sent to Attorney Steele. The Board requested that the police department patrol and control the four wheelers and motorcycles.

President Peterson stated that the Village still has not heard from Rivoli Township on the purchase by the Village of their straight blade for the tractor. The Board agreed to wait on payment to Collinson Stone Co. for the CA-7 for the MFT Program until all of the rock had been delivered.

The Board agreed to check on the sidewalk by the bank where the forms had not been removed and the sidewalk by the Presbyterian Church that needed dirt placed by the walk. The Board also agreed that rock not be placed in ditches that are cut by the Village, because the area needs to be seeded and rock would not stay in place.

President Peterson reported on broken drain tiles on the Mary Linker property, and property from Sycamore through Ninth and Tenth Avenues. The Board agreed to check with Attorney Steele on the Linker property problems, but did put a fence around the sunken area with Mrs. Linker's permission. President Peterson stated that he had talked to Bill McMeekan of McMeekan Excavating on repairs. He also stated that a complaint had been made about standing water on the empty lot by the Terry Kipp property, but that water was flowing through the existing tube, and that there was no standing water today . Mr. Kipp had not come to this meeting as suggested . The Board agreed that due to the heavy rainfall, the ground had been saturated and could not take in the water, but agreed to have Bill McMeekan check on this area, too.

The Board agreed to have the Village's culverts checked and to have the maintenance department open up any that may need it. President Peterson stated that he had asked the maintenance department to make a list of improvements the Village can make on culverts.

President Peterson appointed the 2003-2004 Committees: (Chairman named first)

Police: Kness, Trout, Fay, Parks: Trout, Ryner, Bates, Streets: Fay, Austin, Kness, Budget: Bates, Fay, Ryner, Health: Austin, Kness, Trout, and Water: Ryner, Austin, Bates.

The Board agreed that anyone wanting to use the Village's Parks should contact Village Clerk Johnson so that the dates can be placed on the Village's calendar. The Board also stated that the Village does not have any picnic tables at the Rodeo Park, and that the tables that are there belong to the Rodeo Association, American Legion Post, or the Lutheran or Presbyterian Churches, and anyone wishing to use these tables should contact those organizations. The Board stated that the Village only has picnic tables at the Depot Park and Ball Park, and prefer that these tables stay within the Village limits.

President Peterson reported that the Village has begun mowing the Village's parks and property.

President Peterson reported that the ball games at the Ball Park will start this Thursday, and a schedule will be posted in the Village Hall.

Village Treasurer Kevin Willems presented the 2002 – 2003 fiscal year report.

Motion by Trout, second by Bates to rehire Kevin Willems as Village Treasurer for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Kness – aye, Ryner – aye, Bates – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that he would meet with the treasurer and Village Clerk before the budget meeting to get ideas on income and budget cuts.

Treasurer Willems reported that the Village received the first state infrastructure tax payment for January 2003.

Motion by Austin, second by Bates to accept the Treasurer's Fiscal Year 2002-2003 annual report. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Fay – aye, Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to adopt Ordinance 2, Series 2003 Providing For The Assessment Of Fee For Returned Checks To the Village (bad check fee of \$35.00). Roll call votes Bates – aye, Fay – aye, Austin – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Trout reported that Jim Raes wants to purchase the Village's old police radio at a charge of \$100 and to put the radio in his truck.. It was noted that the radio could be used in the truck, but that no one can transmit on the radio. The Board agreed to check with Village Attorney steel about selling the police radio to Mr. Raes and about any legalities the Village should follow concerning selling to a private citizen and using the radio only for listening and not transmitting.

Motion by Kness, second by Fay to authorize the April 2003 bills with the Collinson Stone bill being paid only for the CA – 6 amount and waiting to pay the CA-7 amount when all rock has been delivered. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Austin – aye, Fay – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness to adjourn. Seconded by Bates. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk_