

SEPTEMBER 8, 2003
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Peterson with the following members present: Bates, Austin, Ryner, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent were Trout and Fay.

Motion by Bates, second by Ryner to approve the August 4, 2003 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness –aye, Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mercer County Youth Service Bureau representative Mary Ann McKinney present to give the annual report and request a donation of \$325, the same amount donated last year. Motion by Bates, second by Ryner to donate \$325 to the Mercer County Youth Service Bureau. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Austin – aye, Kness – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hansen presented the August 2003 report. He reported: 2 citations given, 1 domestic battery arrest, 14 water notices served, 82,458 miles on the squad, and all officers qualified on firearms training. Chief Hansen requested that the officers qualify for firearms training once a month rather than once a year. The Board agreed that the officers should qualify every two months, and that this be mandatory for all officers, and to keep the Board posted on the matter. Chief Hansen stated that he was still working on violations. The Board requested that Chief Hansen notify Allen's concerning the weeds at the former Rollin Spencer residence that is now owned by them.

The Police Committee set a meeting date of Monday, September 15, 2003 at 7 P.M. at the Village Hall.

Police Chief Hansen reported that the Rodeo and Fair went well.

The Board reviewed the scooter ordinance prepared by Village Attorney Steele. The Board agreed to add gas-powered scooters along with the electric scooters, and to take out section 6, and have Village Attorney Steele revise the proposed ordinance for the next regular meeting.

The Board agreed that no golf carts would be allowed on Village streets.

President Peterson reported that the M.F.T. 2003 Project was complete at a cost of \$36,071.84.

The Street and Alley Committee was instructed to check the tree by the Beasley property.

President Peterson stated that at the October meeting a list of trees to be removed would be presented, and that Mr. Rigg of the tree removal service would do a tree program according to the budget.

The Board agreed to table sidewalk work this year, since it is late in the season.

President Peterson reported that Tommy Whiting had asked President Peterson if he could do the work on his sidewalk, because he broke the sidewalk by pulling up bushes. Mr. Whiting said that he would replace the sidewalk at his cost and take care of putting it in since he does this kind of work. President Peterson gave his permission.

The Board granted permission to Ryan Force and other scouts to work on their Eagle Scout Badge for Boy Scouts by scraping and painting the buildings at the Ball

Park, with the Village providing the paint and primer, and the scouts would have the brushes and scrapers. The scouts would do the work on the weekends, and no cost was given on the paint.

The Board noted that the maintenance on the water tower was done, and the water main break was repaired at Fifth Avenue and State Street.

The Board agreed to have the faucets at the Rodeo and Ball Park locked.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to authorize the August 2003 bills. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Austin- aye, Kness –aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk