

MARCH 1, 2004
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, Austin (7:35 P.M.), Trout, Fay, Ryner (7:32 P.M.), Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none. Village Attorney Steele was present.

Motion by Bates, second by Fay to approve the February 2, 2004 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Fay – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Bates. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hansen presented the February police report. He reported three tickets issued, two crashes occurred, grant for a squad was mailed in, 86,778 miles on the squad, a new violation list was made and will be worked on, Officer Raes and Chief Hansen attended a pipeline training February 18, 2004, research and background check on Dan Beattie for liquor license application was completed, Sexton Ford does not have the shield in yet for the squad, and the Board stated that the skateboards and scooters in violation must be taken care of..

The Board agreed to order the Y for the culvert at the Thompson property when the maintenance department has checked on the size needed, and the maintenance department will check all main culverts and easements that need addressing such as big piles of rock or dirt from snow plowing that need to be raked up. Also, the maintenance department will get rid of wood chips on the easement by the Ed Vaughn property.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to place a price on rock that may be purchased from the Village of 1 Truck Load - \$40.00, ½ Truck Load - \$20.00, 1 Bucket - \$10.00 with the Village Maintenance Department dumping the truck and ½ truck loads, but not spreading, and a bucket being hauled by the purchaser themselves with all deliveries made within the Village. (Rock left from resurfacing streets MFT 2003). Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Austin – aye, Bates – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board agreed that the purchase of the rock may be made at the Village Hall or the Maintenance building, but must have a receipt showing date, purchaser, amount purchased, cost, and signature of purchaser and the person who sold the rock with all checks made out to the Village and collected before hauling of rock.

The Board tabled purchasing a pump for the maintenance department.

Trustee Fay recommended the Village place a stop sign at the corners of north and south Fifth Avenue and Walnut Street instead of the present yield signs.

Motion by Trout, second by Fay to place stop signs on the north and south side of the corner of Walnut Street and Fifth Avenue (signs will be on Fifth Avenue) replacing the current yield signs. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Ryner – aye, Fay – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that Illinois Power requires a list of street lights in need of repair, since they do not check the lights. The Board reported that two lights were out at North Second Avenue and Mulberry and Sycamore and Eleventh Avenue, and to have Clerk Johnson report these to Illinois Power for repair.

Mike Hansen, site acquisition manager from DTN Speednet, present to request lease space on the Village's water tower for their high speed internet service antenna. Mr. Hansen explained the background of the DTN Speednet company and stated that the company would use a 20" fiberglass two pound dish with the wattage of three 150 watt light bulbs pointed toward Rio. Mr. Hansen said that the company would deal with every safety measure and would furnish a list of communities that they have had a system with. Mr. Hansen offered a cash or service to the Village for the use of the water tower. He stated the cash value would be \$250 a month with liability insurance for one million each occurrence naming the Village as coinsured and the lease would hold the Village harmless. Speednet would not interfere with Village business, their engineering crew would come in to measure all activity before operation, installation would take a day and a half with installation to be done within the next sixty days, and the minimum lease would be for five years with the Village. Mr. Hansen estimated getting forty subscribers. Mr. Hansen left the lease for the Board to review. The Board agreed to look over the lease and get back with Mr. Hansen. Village Attorney Steele was given the lease to check over.

The Board agreed to have the maintenance department clean up limbs and check the playground equipment at the Rodeo Park. The Village received the new mower today.

The Board was informed that the Fair and Rodeo Association would be having an antique tractor auction the last weekend of July 2004 on their ground only by the Village's Rodeo Park. Also, the Association requested an easement for the boring of a conduit from the north side of the park. The Board tabled any action on the request until the location and depth of the boring was known. The Board did note that a demolition and excavation permit would be needed by the association since they would be digging on Village property.

President Peterson appointed Dave Olson to fill the position of Zoning Officer due to the vacancy in the position by Gary Johnson.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to accept the appointment of Dave Olson as Zoning Officer at a salary of \$40 per month. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to not participate in the Aledo Main Street advertising program.

The Board agreed to have Trustee Fay set up the Weather Warning Siren testing program for the spring and summer season.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to authorize the February 2004 bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Fay – aye, Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Austin – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk