

SEPTEMBER 13, 2004
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, Austin, Trout, Fay, Ryner, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Trout, second by Fay to approve the August 2, 2004 regular meeting and closed session minutes. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Ryner – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Fay – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the culvert was done by the Thompson property, and that sidewalks were being finished. He also stated that he had ordered an extra section done on North Sixth Avenue by Skallbergs at a cost of \$400 that had been missed from the original list.

Motion by Bates, second by Fay to do the sidewalk section on Sixth Avenue that was 42” wide and broken at a cost of \$400 by Tom Whiting. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Fay – aye, Austin – aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the tube at Pam Waugaman’s property was cleaned out by the Fire Department per her request to the Village.

Motion by Kness, second by Austin to purchase two new water hydrants. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Bates – aye, Austin – aye, Fay – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Attorney Steele present concerning a letter on telecommunications infrastructure maintenance fee.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to go into Closed Session for the purpose of litigation on telecommunications. Roll call votes: Bates- aye, Austin – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the meeting was closed.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reopened to regular session.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to respond to do nothing further at this time concerning telecommunications and the letter from Marvin A Miller, Miller, Faucher and Cafferty , dated August 2, 2004. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Austin – aye, Bates – aye, Kness – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to donate \$325 to the Mercer County Youth Service Bureau. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Bates – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance department is taking the old Christmas lights to the Bi State auction.

Motion by Kness, second by Austin to purchase the welding cart at a cost of \$35 from Phil Wells for the maintenance department. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout –

aye, Fay – aye, Bates – aye, Austin – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the new squad is in. Also, he had retracted part time officer Raes resignation due to the need for police coverage and officer Raes was willing to help out.

Officer Raes presented the August police report: 1 criminal arrest, 1 speeding arrest, three fights during the Rodeo, 1 accident, 261 miles on the new squad, and Police Chief Hansen using vacation during the month of September.

President Peterson stated that a schedule had been worked out for police coverage. The coverage would be: Sunday and Monday is County coverage, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday is covered by Officer Raes with varied hours (not necessarily 8 hours), Friday is covered by Officer Switzer or Meier, and Saturday is covered by Officer Raes for his full eight hour duty. This schedule is in effect for the month of September.

Part time police officer Switzer present as a representative of the Mercer County Department and to present what coverage the County can offer. Officer Switzer gave information on what county covers for Matherville, which includes 37.5 cents per mile using County squad, 24 hour limit of coverage per week, \$12 per hour wage for officer with billing made through the County including social security and retirement. The officers would be off duty Mercer County Officers.

President Peterson stated that the Board needs to review the Village's police policy so that vacation time is used and not saved up. Also, the police chief applications would be reviewed October 4, 2004 at the regular meeting, and on October 11, 2004 begin an interview process, and have Mercer County Sheriff Thompson do the background checks on the applicants.

President Peterson stated that he had talked to a Matherville Village Board member concerning the Mercer County police coverage, and was told that only weekends are covered, and there is no police report.

The Board agreed to keep the September police schedule and wait on the police applications.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk