

January 3, 2005
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 Bates, second by Fay to approve the December 6, 2004 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Ryner – aye, Fay – aye, Austin – aye, and Bates – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Murphy presented the December 2004 police report. He reported: 4,186 miles on the squad, juvenile call, checks on officers' hours, because of problems of hours not getting worked, two loose dogs.

President Peterson reported on the dog pound matter, a dog being apprehended, Paul King fired as Mercer County Animal Control Officer, change in dog pound policy, and the Village's part in animal control. President Peterson stated that the Village at this time does not have a contract with Mercer County for the pound or animal control, and at this time Mercer County is looking into the animal control problem and has not made a new policy for the animal control. The Board agreed that the Village will wait to find out what Mercer County is going to do, but at this time if a resident has caught a dog, they can take it to the pound or call the pound and ask if they will accept the dog..

Chief Murphy continued the police report with work on a stolen blanket case, cattle out on the road, new 48 hour notices, numerous contacts on ordinance violations with some complying, a reckless driver, dispatch on another reckless driver, two pit bull dogs found dead, a walk through at the PUB looking for a wanted subject, found no part time officer on duty New Year's Eve, a loose horse, criminal trespass and theft, report of a reckless truck driver by the school buses, Dell computer order to be rechecked for shipment, digital camera theft by juvenile, Uniform Den order, three traffic stops/warnings, call on driver kicking up rocks, victim with no insurance filed, cell phone harassment, and requests for an office chair, I.D. photo, new patches, and a stapler. Village Attorney Steele stated that he had a chair that Chief Murphy could have.

Sheila Daves present concerning problems with drainage. She stated that their septic tank had been dug up and is suppose to have a drain, but is frozen tight so water is backing into septic tank. She felt that the water is blocked on her side of her road. The Board stated that the septic problem is her problem and cannot drain into any tile according to the State. The Board directed Mrs.Daves to Mercer County Health Department or someone licensed to do that type of work such as a drain field or multi flow system. The Board also stated that if she would need an easement, she should come back to the Board for their approval.

Motion by Trout, second by Ryner to go into CLOSED SESSION for the purpose of personnel matters for police and maintenance. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Kness – aye, Austin – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Village Attorney Steele present and informed the Board of the Wheel Tax court date (bench trial) for Tyson Whiting January 26, 2005 at 9 A.M. Attorney Steele requested that Village Clerk Johnson be present at the court date.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to order the 2005 Wheel Tax stickers. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Fay –aye, Austin – aye, Bates – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the tree by the Beasley property is scheduled to be taken down.

President Peterson appointed Tom Whiting to the Zoning Board to fill the vacancy of Max Peterson, a five year term. Motion by Trout, second by Fay to approve the appointment of Tom Whiting to the Zoning Board for the five year term. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Fay – aye, Austin – aye, Bates – aye, Ryner – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

It was noted that the Caucus of the Peoples Party would be Monday, January 10, 2005 beginning at 7 P.M. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Kness, second by Bates to renew the Cash Farm Leash with the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association for the 2005 year at the rate of \$1,000 payable April 1 \$500 and November 1 \$500, 2005. Roll call votes: Fay – aye, Austin – aye, Bates – aye, Ryner – aye, Trout – aye, and Kness – aye.

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

Motion by Kness, second by all to adjourn. Voice votes: all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk