

MARCH 7, 2005
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 (arrive 8:12 P.M.), Austin, Trout, Fay, Ryner, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: None.

Motion by Fay, second by Trout to approve the February 7, 2005 Regular meeting and closed session minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, Trout – aye, and Fay – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Several representatives from the public safety community for the Mercer County proposal to implement a public safety sales tax present and informed the Board on the referendum to be voted on April 5, 2005 at the General Election. Mercer County Board member Jim Barnes present and stated that he supported this referendum to gain funds for the Sheriff's Department and personnel. The committee stated that the referendum would raise the sales tax 1% , would not be a property tax, and would generate dollars to ensure no reduction in County law enforcement. The Board thanked those present on this matter for attending this meeting.

Motion by Fay, second by Austin to grant the petition to vacate that portion of Sycamore Street as petitioned by Kim M. Jones and Timothy and Jody McWorter. Roll call votes: Kness – nay, Fay – aye, Trout – aye, Austin – aye, and Ryner – nay. Three votes in favor, two votes nay, motion carried.

Motion by Fay, second by Trout to set the amount of .10 per square foot (128ft. X 66 Ft.) fee for that portion of vacated Sycamore Street between the property owners (petitioners) Kim M. Jones and Timothy and Jody McWhorter. Roll call votes: Fay – aye, Trout – aye, Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Fay, second by Trout to pass Ordinance 1, Series 2005 Vacating That Portion of Sycamore Street Lying Between Lot 9 In Block 25 and Lot 1 In Block 30 In Johnson and Wiley's Addition To the Village of Windsor, New Windsor, Illinois. (128 ft. X 66 ft.) Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, Kness – aye, and Fay – aye. All vote were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Angie Faulkner, temporary Mercer County Animal Control Officer present not representing the Mercer County Board, but asking for input from the Village for what needs the Village has for animal control. President Peterson reported on the Village's history with the animal control, and the problems the Village had, and the Village's current problems with dogs. Ms. Faulkner stated that the County has interviewed, and two people will be sent for training. She stated that she is in the animal control office plus two other employees and will come if there is harm or threat from an animal, but they cannot provide an officer to do everything at this time nor for non emergency situations. She also said that the County will not have any more double contracts, but that there will be a pound fee and an animal control officer. She asked the Board what they would want. Trustee Ryner stated that there should be a service level agreement, so that if services are not met , there would be a refund or the Village could drop the contract. Ms. Faulkner stated that Mercer County should have the equipment to provide for animal control, and someone is at the animal control office 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. with a

telephone number 582-5215 or call the Sheriff's Department. She said they would come on an animal abuse case., and the Village would have the cost of the stray, but a bite costs the owner, and a \$150 fee per incident is made. She said the county is trying to make a better contract and needs all their papers in by May, so they can send out the contracts in June.

She stated that they do not enforce the Village's Ordinance, and the Village has to pay for their services unless the owner is determined.

*Bates present 8:12 P.M.

Linda Rogers present concerning dogs and animal control in the Village. Trustee Bates reported that she found information on the training of an animal control person, and it was \$475 per person for one week training of 40 hours level 1 and 2 with room and board, and \$525 for the next level 3 for a full week for the tuition for training. Trustee Bates reported that Mercer County is going to do this, but these classes are not ready until May or June, and if the Village does this itself, it would be costly to train, plus the salary and insurance. President Peterson reported that the veterinary clinic in Alpha will take the dogs at a cost of \$10 per night for three nights, but the Village has to get the animal there, and the clinic would sell the Village a cage for transportation of the animal. Linda Rogers presented a Mercer County dog registration list that she purchased from the county for \$10. President Peterson also reported on an incident of a dog attacking another dog. Police Chief Murphy informed that Board that a citation has not been issued, but the dog was under house quarantine and the owner of the dog is aware of the violation of the Village's Ordinance. Chief Murphy stated that the citation would be served on the Village Ordinance and would contact Mercer County. Chief Murphy also stated that he had ordered citations for the Village.

The Board agreed to check into dog registration and dog tags for the Village, but the project would fall under the new fiscal year of May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. Linda Rogers stated that then there would be double pay for registrations for Mercer County and the Village. President Peterson stated that the registration fee could help pay for the costs of the Mercer County animal contract. The Board acknowledged that there is a problem with dogs running loose within the Village. The Board tabled action until next month so that information on the cost of tags and registration could be checked. Also, the Board agreed to check into using the same number and tag as Mercer County and what the County's charge is.

Police Chief Murphy presented the February police report. He reported 6,705 miles on the squad, thanked Attorney Steele for the chair that was donated to the police department, reported on follow ups, violations, cage for the squad was ordered at a cost of \$399 with the Moline fleet maintenance crew to set it up, and reported that the City of Moline has a lending program if the squad is ever down, dog attack report, attended training class at Aledo, reports on harassing phone calls, received animal control information from Angie Faulkner from Mercer County Animal Control, assisted Mercer County on call, ordered citations book for state and Village Ordinances, and received an application for part time police.

Chief Murphy reported on the job applicant. The applicant is certified in Michigan, but the Village would have to hire and the State of Illinois would require 40 – 80 hours of training. Chief Murphy stated that the applicant is qualified, but would like

to meet with him about his intentions, and the Village would have to represent him for the training and training costs and a waiver.

President Peterson stated that at this time the Village's Police Department has Chief Murphy and part time officer Meier. The Board agreed to run the part time police ads again in the Times Record for two weeks, The Argus, and the Galesburg Journal for one weekend.

Motion by Trout, second by Fay to raise the part time police officer salary to \$10 per hour effective immediately with Officer Meier receiving his increase for March duty. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried

The Board instructed Chief Murphy to do a background check on the application that was received.

The Police Committee set a meeting for March 11, 2005 beginning at 7 P.M. at the Village Hall. The committee will meet concerning the car policy, camera policy, and police policy issues.

Chief Murphy and the part time officers will do the firearms training.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to accept the resignation of Jim Raes as part time police officer. Roll call votes: Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, Bates – aye, Kness – aye, Fay – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Fay reported on the problems at 4th Avenue and 6th Avenue, and stated that the cars are parked along that area and make the mud problem. Trustee Fay stated that a ditch could be cut along 4th Avenue on the west side by the maintenance department so that water will run down with some sod scraped off. The Board agreed that the Village deals with the matter of the ditch, but the homeowners would have to put the rock down at their expense.

Trustee Fay reported that at 6th Avenue by the alley there is a hole. President Peterson reported that there is no drainage there, and that the maintenance department would check to see if the culvert is there or if it needs a culvert. Trustee Bates reported that the other culvert had been blocked off by the adjoining property owners. The Board agreed to have the maintenance department check if the culvert is there at 6th Avenue and the alley, and to have the maintenance department check with the tractor on 4th Avenue and report back to President Peterson.

Trustee Fay reported that the Fire Department has purchased a Cvan through a grant for department training exercises, but that the department needs a location of about 12 ft. by 48ft. to 53ft. to complete the grant. The Fire Department would like to use the area behind the Village's maintenance building approximately 20 yards to the west. Trustee Fay stated that other area Fire Department would be able to use the Cvan for training.

Motion by Ryner, second by Trout to permit the Rivoli Fire Department to use the ground west of the Village's maintenance building for the Cvan fire department training. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Ryner – aye, Bates – aye, Austin – aye, and Fay – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Trout stated that he had checked the playground equipment at the Rodeo Park.

The Water Department is checking into repairing the water hydrant at Windsor Court.

The Board agreed to have the weather warning siren tested the first Tuesday of each month by the Fire Department beginning at 7 P.M. with the test being a one minute blast. The test would begin April 5, 2005 and last through the season.

Village Attorney Steele stated that he had checked into the use of chemicals for weeds. He found that Round Up is acceptable, and he called FS to see if there had been any changes, and they stated that they knew of no changes and didn't know what chemical the maintenance department was concerned about that was restrictive.

Village Attorney Steele reported on the Telecommunications Act. He reported on the actions the court has taken, and encouraged the Village to join in the legal fees (population divided by 4 = 720 by 4 = \$180) for Holland and Knight LLC for the Village of Skokie (defendant class representative). Attorney Steele stated that he did not feel that PrimeCo would come down to collect for such a small settlement.

Motion by Bates, second by Kness to enter into a one time fee to Holland and Knight (Village of Skokie) of \$180 in agreement for the sharing of litigation expenses. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Bates – aye, Austin – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that he had talked with Helen Creek concerning the drainage area on her property, and that he had an agreement with her that he and the maintenance department would cut some trenches and rake the area at no cost to her. The Board agreed.

Motion by Kness, second by Fay to donate \$25 to the Sherrard High School SADD program for their post prom. Roll call votes: Bates – aye, Austin – aye, Trout – aye, Fay – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk