

APRIL 4, 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 (arrived 7:35 P.M.), Austin, Trout, Fay, Ryner, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: None.

Motion by Fay, second by Kness to approve the March 7, 2005 regular meeting minutes and the Public Hearing minutes. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Austin – aye, Kness – aye, Ryner – aye, and Fay – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Murphy not present. President Peterson reported that he was unable to get in contact with Chief Murphy and was not aware of Chief Murphy's whereabouts. President Peterson reported that interviews had been done on the part time police applicants, and background checks were to be done by Chief Murphy, and that Chief Murphy has that information. President Peterson stated that he had met two of the applicants, Sumner and McGee.

Trustee Bates present at 7:35 P.M.

President Peterson recommended a special meeting of the Village Board for the purpose of hiring a part time officer and getting the information from Chief Murphy.

President Peterson reported that Chief Murphy had stated to him that a hiring standard by the Village should be adopted, and that Chief Murphy has that information, also. The Board requested Village Attorney Steele to check into this hiring standard, since the Village already follows the State standards.

Trustee Trout reported on the Police Committee meeting. Trustee Trout stated that the main item was to hire a part time officer. Also, Trustee Trout reported that Chief Murphy wanted to know what the Police Committee wants of him. Trustee Fay stated that Chief Murphy stated that he has taken most of his time to do the administrative duties, and Chief Murphy thought he was hired for daytime hours. The Committee told Chief Murphy that he has a minimum of eight hours of duty a night. Trustee Trout said that Chief Murphy must do duty at night, and President Peterson stated that he had also told Chief Murphy about the duty hours, and the Board agreed that the chief needs to be on duty at night.

Motion by Trout, second by Fay to go into Closed Session for the purpose of police personnel discussion. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

President Peterson and the Police Committee agreed to meet Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at the Village Hall beginning at 7 P.M. with Chief Murphy to discuss police duties,

police squad car, executive order, and communication between the police department and the Board.

President Peterson stated that he will recommend Ryan Sumner for the part time police position, pending the information from Chief Murphy, and asked the Board to be prepared for a special meeting sometime this month on this matter.

President Peterson reported that the Village of Viola has a \$2 fee for dog tags/registration. Clerk Johnson reported that Mercer County gets their tags from National Band Tags of Kentucky at a cost of \$275 for an order of 3,000 tags. The Board tabled any further action on this matter until Mercer County sends information on their new contract. The Board also tabled amending the dog ordinance to specify certain types of aggressive dogs until further consideration.

President Peterson reported that Maurer and Stutz, engineers for the M.F.T. 2005 program will be setting up a program on all streets and problems so that they have an outline of what needs to be done. Also, they have reviewed the 2005 plan for the North side, and will bring to the Board their plan for the Board to decide what will be done. President Peterson stated that the pre-maintenance work will be done by the Village's maintenance department, and some restructuring and scarifying will be in the plan along with doing the Y's and possible parking areas.

President Peterson reported that Fourth Avenue will have a ditch done by the Village's maintenance department, but that Sixth Avenue has been turned over to Tom Whiting for the plan of work to take care of its problems.

President Peterson reported that the tables are out at the parks and mowing will start.

President Peterson stated that Ron Partlow of the Depot Park Committee had informed him of a memorial for veterans that they are planning, and that they will let the Board know more when they have their plans done.

The Watertower Paint and Repair company maintained the water tower Saturday, April 2, 2005 and stated that the tower looked good with no problems.

Police Chief Murphy arrived at 8:20 P.M.

President Peterson will check with the State when there will be training for the maintenance personnel to get licensed for the larvicide's program.

President Peterson reported that the Helen Creek waterway will be done and may need volunteer help from Board members to make a trench.

Police Chief Murphy reported to the Board that the squad car's battery is dead and needs to be jumped. President Peterson stated that Chief Murphy needed to be at this meeting, and needed to contact him when he was not available and did not respond to calls from him.

Chief Murphy stated that three applicants for part time police look good, but he had not done background checks. The three were Sumner, McGee, and Carr.

President Peterson asked for communication from Chief Murphy, and stated that he should have called, since this was Chief Murphy's report to give on the part time police applicants.

Chief Murphy stated that all of the three previously stated were certified officers, but he wanted to look into backgrounds to make sure and contact their former agencies, before he makes a report. Trustee Kness asked that Chief Murphy get this information to the Board as soon as he can.. Village Attorney Steele stated that the Board should set a

timeline for this process. The Board requested that the information be in by Friday, April 8, 2005 and to contact President Peterson or Trustee Trout with his information.

Police Chief Murphy presented the Police report for March 2005. He reported: no mileage on car since the battery was dead, assists, violations, part time police applications, follow ups, ordinance violations, the cage is in the squad, locks were ordered for the evidence lockers, and more dog problems. The Police Committee stated that they would meet with Chief Murphy on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at the Village Hall beginning at 7 P.M.

President Peterson thanked retiring Board Trustees Sharon Bates and Robin Fay for the achievements as Board members, and he reviewed all the accomplishments of the Board over the past ten years, especially saving the Village money and using local contractors.

Trustee Bates thanked all of the Board for their service and help over the years.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk