

JUNE 6, 2005
REGULAR BOARD 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: Schmitt, Austin, Trout, Ryner, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Molburg.

Motion by Ryner, second by Schmitt to approve the May 2, 2005 Board meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Austin – aye, Kness – aye, Ryner – aye, Trout – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Colin Edwards, engineer for Mauer – Stutz, present concerning the 2005 MFT program. Mr. Edwards explained that the original MFT package for the Village was rejected by the State due to terminology (the State does not allow geometric change or new construction), and that he has prepared a new budget for the Village's MFT program in the amount of \$64,785.65 (\$900 more than previous). Mr. Edwards stated that the appropriation of \$69,100 was acceptable and did not have to be redone, and that only the Resolution needed to be redone.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to pass the Resolution allowing the Village President and Clerk to sign documents/contracts if bids come in 10% of estimate per the June 20, 2005 bid letting for the seal coat and rock.. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Ryner – aye, Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Edwards stated that IDOT had preapproved the Village's documents for the bid date of June 20, 2005 at 5 P.M.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to accept the Resolution for the agreement with the Mercer County Highway Department for the 2005 General Maintenance for the 2005 MFT program. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, Kness – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Austin, second by Ryner to accept the maintenance engineering to be preformed by a consulting engineering firm (Maurer and Stutz) at a cost of \$5,371.27 for the 2005 MFT program. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to temporarily adjourn this meeting for the purpose of having the Village President and Clerk sign the 2005 MFT documents. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, and Trout – ate. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Meeting temporarily adjourned.

Motion by Ryner, second by Austin to reconvene this regular meeting. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the meeting was reconvened.

Police Chief Murphy presented the police report for May, 2005. He reported 9,766 miles on the squad, various police activities, a vest was borrowed from the Aledo Police Department for Ryan Sumner, but it will be returned tomorrow, Ryan Sumner was

hired as a part time police officer, but resigned because he told Chief Murphy "his heart was not in it". Mr. Sumner gave Chief Murphy a written resignation.

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

The Board reviewed its part time police options, including the use of Mercer County for two nights, but the Board agreed that the Village would receive the same services that the Village now receives as part of Mercer County.

The Board agreed to advertise again for a part time police officer, and asked Police Chief Murphy to check on Tim Carr, a previous applicant. The Board agreed to have the Village Clerk advertise in the Henry County Advertiser and the New Windsor Advertiser, plus send a copy of the notice to the Sheriff's Departments of Mercer County, Warren County, Knox County, and Rock Island County.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to increase the part time police salary to \$12 per hour effective June 2005. Roll call votes: Kness –aye, Ryner – aye, Trout – nay, Austin – aye, and Schmitt – aye. Four votes were in favor, and one vote was nay. Motion carried.

The Board tabled any action on the police policy.

The Board was informed that Chief Murphy had not gotten with Todd Greenman concerning his IRA retirement account.

Motion by Austin, second by Trout to enter into the 4 B Agreement between the Village and Mercer County for the use of the County Animal Pound at \$216 per month (.30 per person) beginning July 1, 2005. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, Trout – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board tabled action on enforcing no dogs in the Village's Ball Park during ball games, until they see how a word of mouth and informing coaches works as enforcement.

President Peterson presented the list of ditch work that Tom Whiting had checked on. The list was: Cozy Haven - \$463 culvert out and Village supply one or \$370 for 185' ditch cut to the Ron Nelson property, Allen's Service Station to Ferguson's at \$810, Ferguson's ditch redone (across from Ball Park) at \$940, Fifth Avenue and State Street ditch by the Mike Garber property 277' at \$554, and Tim Struble culvert in with ditch on south side 375' at \$750.

Motion by Austin, second by Schmitt to hire Tom Whiting to do the Cozy Haven ditch at \$370 and the Sruble ditch at \$750. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Ryner – aye, All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board tabled any action on the sidewalks until the July meeting.

The Board agreed to look at the east side of the Struble property concerning the removal of part of the hill by the street, because Mr. Struble would do the work himself.

The Board agreed to spray the Ball Park when the ball season is over. Trustee Austin stated that he would get an estimate of the cost to spray the park. The Board agreed to not use Liquigreen to spray the park.

The Budget Committee agreed to meet Saturday, June 11, 2005 at 12 Noon to prepare the proposed budget and appropriations for the May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006 Fiscal Year.

The Board agreed that the burn problem at the Body Shop be turned back to Village Attorney Steele, since the EPA has not reported to the Village.

President Peterson reported that the owner of the Harris Ag property had been contacted concerning their weed/grass violation, and that the Village would wait a week to see if anything is done.

President Peterson reported on a rat problem at the Judy Johannsen property (408 Tenth Avenue), and that he and Chief Murphy had contacted the Johannsen's concerning the matter. President Peterson stated that the Johannsens had put traps out, picked up the junk/trash and placed poison out.

President Peterson reported that Robert Rigg's Tree Service would trim and clean up the debris from the trees at the Depot Park along the alley at a cost of \$500, but the Board should look at possible removal of the trees. Also, President Peterson stated that Mr. Rigg gave costs on the following: Maple tree at Walnut Street and First Avenue (by Wadhams), tree at 212 Fourth Avenue \$175, and 306 Sycamore \$250 (by Easley property). The Board tabled the matter, and requested that the Park Committee check on what work needs to be done on trees.

Motion by Ryner, second by Schmitt to pass Ordinance Number 2, Series 2005 The Wage Ordinance. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Ryner – aye, Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk