

SEPTEMBER 12, 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: Schmitt, Austin, Trout, Ryner (arrived 7:30 P.M.), Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Molburg.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to approve the August 1, 2005 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, Trout – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the sidewalk and ditch work being done by Tom Whiting is 50% complete, and that Mr. Whiting needs two semi loads of dirt to fill in areas of torn up sidewalk. The Board agreed to order the dirt.

President Peterson reported on an article about the Village of Milan using a recycling program on their streets, and stated that he would look into the matter.

The Board agreed to have the Ball Park sprayed for weeds this month by Heath Austin.

The Board agreed to have the water hydrant checked on North Seventh Avenue.

The Board reviewed the IEPA Evaluation Letter on the Village's water system.

The Board reviewed the 2005 MFT work that was done on the North side of the Village. The Board did not feel the work was satisfactory due to communication problems, wrong areas done, and some streets done to thin.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to contact Missmann, Stanley, and Associates Engineers to review the streets on the North side of the Village for the 2005 MFT program. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Austin – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to have Village Attorney Steele send a letter to Johnson Trucking and Blacktopping and Mauer–Stutz Engineers for the MFT2005 program concerning the list of what the Board is not satisfied with, and what the Missmann, Stanley Engineer states as to the condition of the streets.

Motion by Austin, second by Kness to withhold payment for the 2005 MFT street oiling and chipping to Johnson Trucking and Blacktopping at \$36,193.18 and Mauer and Stutz Engineers at \$1,697.59 subject to further review and an opinion from another engineer on the condition of the streets. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Austin – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that there has been no response from the EPA concerning the water drainage areas.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance employees will take a larvacide training course this month.

Police Chief Murphy present to give the August 2005 police report. He reported: 14,858 miles on the squad, police follow ups, various activities, grass ordinance violations done, two assists for Viola, ordered the Sony cassette tapes for the squad's camera @ \$60.14, traffic stops, an Amber Alert on a child abduction, mail boxes knocked down at Cozy Haven Homes, and contact with the Mercer County Animal Control

representative Angie Faulkner on one dog that was picked up and one dog that was contained. The Board asked Chief Murphy to inform them if Mercer County Animal Control does not come on a call. Village Attorney Steele stated that the contract states that someone must respond from the county, and if no one does, to suspend payments until Mercer County has a pound master.

Chief Murphy stated that he is checking into training for the Police Department's Officers, and that the firearms training is through Mercer County.

Chief Murphy presented the matter of the administrative ticket with the ticket being a \$50 fee for Village ordinances, such as the Village of Galva uses. Village Attorney Steele reported on how this program would work. The Board agreed to have Attorney Steele prepare the administrative ticket for the following ordinances: the nuisance ordinance, the burning ordinance, the parental responsibility ordinance, the curfew ordinance, the regulating of the speed limit ordinance, the scooter ordinance, the keeping of certain animals ordinance, and the dog control ordinance. The Board agreed that the administrative ticket would be a warning with a fine of \$50 payable to the Village by cash, cashier's check, or money order. The Board also agreed to have Attorney Steele prepare a snow removal ordinance concerning the obstructing of snow removal.

The Police Committee reported on their meeting with Chief Murphy on the Police Department. The Committee discussed the administrative ticket, the purchase of a shotgun, but tabled due to the training that is needed, the police chief's IRA retirement plan of 3% through Todd Greenman, agent, the squad's camera and tapes usage, increasing the chief's wages for salary and health insurance, and the Village's condition of having the police chief move to the Village. The Committee noted that the present salary of Chief Murphy is \$23,500 with an additional payment of \$1,500 for health insurance, and that Chief Murphy is now living in Atkinson.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to go into Closed Session for the purpose of personnel. 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 meeting was closed.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was opened again.

Motion by Ryner, second by Schmitt to raise the Police Chief salary to \$27,000 and a 3% retroactive IRA payment to May 2005, with the condition that the Police Chief moves to the Village and the increase and payment to be made on the first day of the month following the police chief's residency in the Village. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Murphy was present and stated that his big concern was the health insurance. The Board stated that at this time, the Village's Appropriation Ordinance has appropriated \$1500 for health insurance, but the Village could look into a health insurance plan for the future.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to authorize the August 2005 bills except for the Johnson Trucking and Blacktopping and the Mauer –Stutz bills. Roll call votes:

Ryner – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Austin – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All vote were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk