

JANUARY 2, 2006
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL

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, Molburg, Ryner, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson.

Absent: none.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to approve the December 5, 2005 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Molburg – aye, Trout – aye, Austin – aye, Ryner – aye, Kness – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board noted that Police Officer Carr was in Aledo assisting a department transfer. President Peterson read the activity log for the police department for December 2005. The Board agreed to pay the \$500 for the second week of schooling hotel and meals as previously agreed upon for Officer Carr. President Peterson reviewed his recommendation for hiring Tim Carr as police chief when all his training is complete and is approved by the State. President Peterson also reviewed the salary for police chief at \$23,500, \$1,500 payment for insurance, and retirement IRA plan, with a \$1,000 per year increase and a look at increasing the health insurance payment so the officer would know what the salary was. The Board stated that the officer must make residency in the Village. Trustee Ryner stated that a possible Christmas bonus at the Village's discretion could be looked at, also. The Board stated that they would have to consider the budget, and President Peterson stated that the Board should look at the matter every year in January with a Police Committee meeting on performance.

Village Attorney Steele present and stated that he is preparing the administrative ticket wording. President Peterson stated that the police department will start on the unlicensed vehicles.

Village Attorney Steele is preparing the General Rule #25 for the police policy.

The Police Committee changed their police committee meeting for Saturday, January 7, 2006 from 12 Noon to 3 P.M. at the Village Hall, because Officer Carr would be coming on duty around 3 P.M. and would be able to meet with them at that time.

President Peterson stated that there will be work done on the streets and alleys for spring, and that the Village does not have any salt on hand or any way to spread it, but that rock is spread on intersections when there is an ice problem.

The Board noted that the Christmas decorations will be taken down.

President Peterson vetoed the Board's action on letting bids and looking for another way to go on the Watertower Paint and Repair OSHA recommendations and costs. The Board agreed to contact John Roegiers of Missman, Stanley, and Associates Engineers for his opinion on the Watertower Paint and Repair recommendations and costs, and for information on the OSHA requirements and time frame for this work to be done.

Village Attorney Steele informed the Board about the IEPA letter concerning the water drainage problems areas in the Village. Attorney Steele stated that he has been in contact with the EPA Peoria office and John Roegiers, Village Engineer from Missman, Stanley, and Associates. Attorney Steele and the Board agreed that that a study must be

done, and then a meeting could be set to discuss this matter with the EPA and the Village's engineer.

President Peterson recommended that Kirby Willems and Bill Taylor be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term each.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to approve the reappointment of Kirby Willems and Bill Taylor to the Zoning Board. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Molburg – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to purchase Wheel Tax stickers for 2006. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Molburg – aye, Kness – aye, Austin – aye, Trout – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported on the NIMS project and stated that all Board members should take the review and test. Also, he stated that there would be meetings on the project, and the Fire Department and Police Department would be involved.

President Peterson read a letter of resignation from Trustee Tim Trout. The resignation is due to Trustee Trout moving from the Village, and it would be effective January 31, 2006.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to accept the resignation from Tim Trout as Trustee. Roll call votes: Austin – aye, Molburg – aye, Kness – aye, Ryner – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Officer Carr attended the meeting at this time, and reported on his schooling and that the state would send the information on his schooling. The Board stated that the police chief salary would be \$23,500 with a payment of \$1,500 for insurance, and a 3% IRA. Officer Carr stated that this was agreeable with him. The Board also stated that they were looking at a \$1,000 raise in a year with an increase in insurance from \$1,500 to a possible \$2,400 per year, with this all negotiable in a year based on performance and residency, and waiver and notice of appointment filed with the state. The Board stated that the Village needed the certification on the training from the state.

President Peterson reported that he had let Officer Carr use the squad to drive from his residence to work and back only, because his car needed repairs, and he had been robbed and his funds were not available due to the robbery. The Board agreed.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk