

FEBRUARY 6, 2006
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, Molburg, Ryner (7:35 P.M.), Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to approve the January 2, 2006 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Molburg – aye, Austin – aye, Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to hire Tim Carr as the Village's Police Chief at an annual salary of \$23,500, with extra pay of \$1,500 for health insurance paid twice a year, and a 3% IRA . Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Molburg – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board agreed to start the police chief salary effective February 1, 2006 and paid semimonthly with the first payment February 15, 2006 and the first extra payment for health insurance made immediately with the second payment due August, 2006.

Village Attorney Steele present and reported that the administrative ticket form is complete.

President Peterson reported that he had received a telephone call from former police chief Wade Murphy concerning an appeal on his termination by the Village. The Police Committee stated that they had met and had agreed to not revisit the issue.

Wade Murphy present and asked about an appeal process, since he understood that there was an appeal process. He stated that he did not have anything from the hearing by the Village even though he has requested it. Village Attorney Steele stated that Mr. Murphy should contact his own independent attorney who would explain about the appeal to him, and that the Village and Attorney Steele do not represent Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy requested a transcript of the hearing. Attorney Steele informed Mr. Murphy that he would have to contact the court recorder that made the transcript (Iowa/Illinois Reporting, Victoria Fickel) to get the transcript. The Board stated that they were in agreement with the Police Committee and would not revisit the issue of Mr. Murphy's termination. Mr. Murphy left the meeting. The Board asked Police Chief Carr to check on the disposition of Murphy's case at Henry County.

President Peterson reported that Stan Mickelson had requested a culvert at his property for a new garage, but that after checking the area, President Peterson stated that the area is flat with no ditch and a culvert is not needed since it would have to sit up on top of the area.

President Peterson noted that Kevin Willems had asked for repair to the end of the sidewalk by his property, since the snow plow had hit it and broken the area.

President Peterson reported that the Depot Park organization is trying for another grant for more improvements at the memorial sight, and had requested using the Village's ID number.

President Peterson reported that the two year program on the Village's mower is up and that two agreements had been sent: one from Jim Miles of Monmouth-Stronghurst Implement of Monmouth for \$2,775 and one from Kleine Equipment, Inc. of Aledo for \$2,800. Both quotes included the new equipment minus trade in for a new John Deere

F725 front mower with 54" mower attachment Motion by Austin, second by Molburg to purchase the new mower from Monmouth-Stronghurst Implement at a cost of \$2,775. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, and Molburg – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that there was no new information on the OSHA program concerning the water tower from engineer John Roegiers of Missman, Stanley, and Associates.

President Peterson reported that there was no new information on the drainage problems from the IEPA.

Motion by Ryner, second by Schmitt to have e-mail installed for the Village Hall. Roll call votes: Ryner – aye, Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Molburg – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Ryner, second by Austin to donate \$25 to the Sherrard post prom . Roll call votes: Austin – aye, Molburg – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that he would be taking the NIMS test through the internet, but that Fire Chief Larry Roberts had not gotten back with him on the matter.

Chief Carr reported that after checking the Henry County web site, that a bench trial is slated for Wade Murphy on March 29, 2006 for his DUI, but that it shows no stops or convictions on Mr. Murphy for the last 12 months and that Mr. Murphy's lawyer was Doug Scovill. President Peterson stated that Mr. Murphy had told him that He hadn't lost his license and everything was fine. Village Attorney Steele stated that Mr. Murphy can file an appeal, but that it should be within 30 days for an appeal, and that the Board was done, because of the termination.

Chief Carr asked if there would be a raise in salary when he moves to the Village. The Board stated that they would look at salary as time goes on with Mr. Carr's performance and move to the Village. The Board stated that it would take the matter into consideration.

Chief Carr stated that the Police Department needs a PBT (portable breath tester). The Board instructed Chief Carr to get prices on the PBT.

Chief Carr stated that he was checking into SVF funds with the States Attorney for a purchase of a taser. The Board stated that their concern would be that all officers are trained and careful in using a taser.

The Board agreed to the police policy on uniforms for officers. They agreed that there would be a 50/50 policy, half paid by officer, half paid by Village, for a coat, shirt, and pant for part time officers and police chief upon a request form to the Board and their approval. Chief Carr stated that he could use one more uniform. The Board stated that for the chief two winter shirts, two summer shirts, four pants, and a coat would be considered for the chief upon the submitting of a request form and approval by the Board at the 50/50 policy. The Board agreed that this would be General Order #21 on the Police policy, and that items must be per request form and approval by the Board.

The Board agreed that the squad stay in the Village unless President Peterson permits otherwise, that the camera is used for the police officers' protection and for use in prosecution, a daily log be kept, and that communication with President Peterson or a Trustee when he is not available at least one time a week.

Police Chief Carr presented the January 2006 police report. He reported stops made, attendance at drug enforcement training, dog complaints including taking to the pound, but now will hold the dog for animal control to pick up per President Peterson's instructions, and various complaints, and the squad mileage was 21,816. Chief Carr also reported assists, locates, JV arrests, and that the radar gun was certified.

The Board requested that unregistered vehicles be given tickets. Chief Carr stated that the administrative tickets would be put into a book form.

The Board requested that an inventory of all police equipment be done and kept with a copy given to the Village Clerk to keep on file.

Chief Carr stated that he is working on finding housing within the Village.

Motion by Kness, second by Austin to authorize the January 2006 bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Schmitt –aye, Austin – aye, Molburg – aye, and Ryner – aye. All vote were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk