

REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2006  
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, Dillbeck, Molburg, Ryner, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Austin.

Village Attorney Steele was present.

Motion by Ryner, second by Schmitt to approve the September 11, 2006 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Molburg – aye, Dillbeck – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Ryner – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Cami Sue Creger (Helen Creek's daughter) and Mr. Creger present concerning the Helen Creek property along Mercer Street. President Peterson stated that he was not aware of the survey having been done, but Village Attorney Steele stated that it has been done with the distances given, 20' from house and center of road equaling 40'. President Peterson stated that he and Trustee Kness had also measured the area. Village Attorney Steele stated that his only concern would be the Bland property with clear ownership stated and the corrected legals on the properties from the surveyor.

Motion by Ryner, second by Kness to pass Ordinance 4, 2006, Tract 1, That portion of Tenth Avenue lying between Blocks 22 & 23 of Johnson & Wileys Addition and North of Mercer Street, all in the Village. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, Schmitt – aye, Molburg – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Ryner, second by Schmitt to pass Ordinance 5, Series 2006, Tract 2, That portion of Ninth Avenue lying between Blocks 21 & 22 of Johnson & Wileys Addition and North of Mercer Street, all in the Village. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Ryner – aye, Molburg – aye, and Dillbeck – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to pass Ordinance 6, Series 2006 Tract 3, That portion of Eighth Avenue lying between Blocks 20 & 21 of Johnson & Wileys Addition and North of Mercer Street, all in the Village. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Ryner – aye, Molburg – aye, Dillbeck – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Ryner to pass Ordinance 7, Series 2006, Tract 4, The alley lying between lots 1 – 10 and 11 – 20 in block 23 of Johnson & Wileys Addition to the Village. Roll call Votes: Ryner – aye, Dillbeck – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Molburg – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported on a complaint from Sheila Daves during the last rain. President Peterson reviewed the situation that Ms. Daves is hooked into a Village tile with no trap, and that at the May 2006 Board meeting she informed the Board that Tony's Plumbing & Heating of Alpha had run a snake through her tile and Bill McMeekan was to come and look at her problem. President Peterson stated that after the September 11, 2006 meeting she called him that night. President Peterson informed the Board that a letter was sent to her, and that he doesn't feel that it is a Village problem until she has it

checked out by Bill McMeekan. President Peterson stated that he had called Bill McMeekan who said that he has not been there, but said it could be costly for the homeowner to fix. President Peterson read the letter that was sent to Ms. Daves. President Peterson stated that he had called Tommy Whiting to check on the area for what could be done, but Mr. Whiting has not gotten back to him. The Board stated that they feel it is Ms. Daves problem, and they have not received any further information from her concerning Bill McMeekan's findings.

President Peterson stated that the water is shut off to the Parks, and that he has asked Trustee Austin to spray the weeds.

President Peterson stated that he had a letter sent to Jenna Link of the Mercer County Health Department concerning water standing, tall grass, and possible septic problem at 803 Walnut Street.

President Peterson stated that on September 20<sup>th</sup> he received a call from the Mercer County dispatcher about the Village's squad driving fast and reckless and passing a lady, who had contacted the State Police and/or Mercer County. President Peterson stated that he did talk to Chief Carr and that Chief Carr did go to training in Rock Island at that date, and that Mercer County had run the squad's plates, but no speed was given.

President Peterson reported that Donna Dolan ( who had been present at this meeting, but left her verbal complaint with President Peterson before she left) complained that Chief Carr follows her grandson Tyson out of the Village and has stopped him one time, but did not give him a ticket.

President Peterson also stated that the other night Chief Carr had stopped Mary Breitenstein at the Post office , because she had run a stop sign as she came on to Route 17. The Board noted that all had received a letter from Mary Breitenstein about this matter. President Peterson stated that he had talked to Chief Carr about the Breitenstein complaint, and Chief Carr said that she made a rolling stop, he had parked along side of her at the Post Office, and that she only got a verbal warning. Chief Carr stated that this was not on tape, because he only tapes life threatening matter. President Peterson stated that Mary Breitenstein had made an official complaint by written letter, and it was notarized. The Board acknowledged receipt of the letter.

Village Attorney Steele informed the Board that he had checked on the hiring of someone that was auxiliary, but that they have to take the P.O.W.E.R. test and have 40 hour gun training in order to be hired for the Village's police department. The Board agreed that all training certificates must be in and done, before they would hire Marc Masters as a part time police officer. Village Attorney Steele stated that he would verify this information. The Board stated that they would wait until Marc Masters has taken the P.O.W.E.R. test before taking any action.

President Peterson noted that Shawn Meier is still working for the Village's police department, so they are fully staffed( Meier, Chapman, and Chief Carr).

The Board agreed to have Chief Carr serve the Wheel Tax and run plates to find makes, years, and locations of vehicles.

The Board received a revised pound contract from Mercer County Animal Control, and reviewed the Alpha Vet Care policy of \$10 a day for a dog unless the owner is known, then owner pays. Village Attorney Steele stated that the Village needs to amend the current Dog Ordinance, because Alpha does a hold of three days, and the Village's ordinance stated five days. President Peterson stated that so far the squad car is

used for picking up dogs. President Peterson stated that Chief Carr did go to training on animal control, and the Board should consider compensation for the dog pick up work, and possibly have a dog tax imposed to offset costs. The Board stated that they did not feel that Mercer County is a good fit for the Village, and agreed not to go with their agreement. The Board agreed to amend the Dog Ordinance to read from five to three days to hold a dog, and agreed to look into the necessary equipment and costs to pick up dogs. Village Attorney Steele stated that he would check on classes and training needed for the Village to do its own animal control.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to accept the 2005 – 2006 Fiscal Year Audit. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, Molburg – aye, Ryner – aye, Kness – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board received a written report from Chief Carr, who was called out. There were 32,901 miles on the squad, 21 traffic stops, 6 state citations, 1 written warning, 14 verbal warnings, and 1 traffic arrest, 1 animal complaint and taken to Mercer County, accident assist, and 1 arrest warrant. The Board agreed to have the police department have the squad's oil changed locally at Allen's' Standard.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to purchase computer style chairs for the 6 Board members and President. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Ryner – aye, Molburg – aye, Dillbeck – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Attorney Steele stated that he had talked to John Roegiers of Missman, Stanley, and Associates, Engineers, and John will have something ready in October.

President Peterson stated that Bi-State had sent information on funding, but the matter was tabled until more information was received from John Roegiers. This concerns the drainage problems.

Motion by Ryner, second by Dillbeck to donate \$50 to the Time For Tots preschool. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Dillbeck – aye, Molburg -aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board set Halloween Trick or Treat night for Tuesday, October 31, 2006 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Village Attorney Steele stated that any representing that poses a conflict with the Village, he will excuse himself from the other party.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to authorize the September 2006 bills. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Dillbeck – aye, Molburg – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes 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. Meeting adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk