

December 4, 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, Dillbeck (arrived at 7:52 P.M.), Molburg, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Ryner. Village Attorney Steele also present.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to approve the November 6, 2006 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, Molburg – aye, Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Carr presented the November Police written report. He reported a State citation issued for speed, traffic stops, and no mileage was given on the squad.

President Peterson reported that Marc Masters failed the POWER Test for the part time police training, and could not take the part time police training course because of the failed test, and that the next training would be in July, 2006. President Peterson stated that Marc Masters is done since he is not qualified to be a part time police officer, so the Board dismissed Mr. Masters, and Part Time Officer Meier is working.

Chief Carr reported that he and Officer Meier are qualified in their firearms training, but Officer Chapman is not, but will get the training for qualification. President Peterson stated that if Chief Carr cannot get the training set up with Mercer County, he should set it up with the State at Western Illinois University.

Chief Carr presented a 2006 report compared to 2005 of the Police Department's activities.

President Peterson stated that the Village's policy on snowmobiles has been that they may have access to drive through the Village to get out into the country by way of Walnut Street to Washington Street on the north side and Franklin Street on the south side. President Peterson also stated that he had a request from a snowmobile club/group for a snowmobile route, but with access to the gas station and two taverns. President Peterson reviewed the previous problems and complaints about snowmobiles, and the Village's policy to have them on trailers to get to the gas station and not allowed on Fifth Avenue on either the north or south side of the Village, eliminating them access to the two taverns. Village Attorney Steele stated that the Village could limit access to certain streets and limit their speed. President Peterson stated that he would ask someone from the snowmobile group to attend the January 8, 2007 meeting.

*Trustee Dillbeck arrived at 7:52 P.M.

Village Attorney Steele looked up the State Statute on snowmobiles using a designated route with signage, and that they can cross the highway, but not drive on the highway, and the Village could designate a one day event. The Board agreed to have Attorney Steele prepare an ordinance for a designated snow route and speed for snowmobiles for all the time, with set hours, Saturday only events, such as a Poker Run with a set time (10A.M. to 10 P.M.) and allowing access to the gas station and taverns, and other events to be reviewed by the Board on a case by case basis, and to have this ordinance for the January meeting.

Chief Carr reported that he was called by the Mercer County Animal Control to assist them in picking up two dogs and nine cats at the Debbie Buckner residence and take them to the Vet Care Associates in Alpha. The Mercer County Animal Control

Officer arrived at the meeting at this time to suggest that the Village have a release form for any legal ramifications on this matter, and that Mercer County had a form for the surrendering of the animals and a release form releasing them from any legal problem. She stated that Ms. Buckner's son had called for the pick up of the animals and released the animals to the Mercer County Animal Control. She stated that she called Chief Carr to assist in taking the animals to Alpha after the son had called, because of his mother's (Debbie Buckner) death and no one there to take care of the animals. Village Attorney Steele stated that the son should have taken the animals himself. The Mercer County Animal Control Officer stated that she took them to Alpha, had the release form, and knew that Alpha would hold the animals for three days then the cats would go to the Henry County Humane Society per her request for a good home, but she later found out that Alpha euthanized the dogs.. Attorney Steele stated that the son called Mercer County Animal Control, and it was the Mercer County Animal Control Officer who called the Village's Police Chief Carr to assist with taking the animals to Alpha Vet Care Associates, and that Chief Carr was only assisting and did not sign off on the animals to Alpha. The Board agreed to check on the situation with the Alpha Vet Care Associates, and stated that they are looking to revise the Village's dog ordinance. The Mercer County Animal Control Officer suggested that the Village put in the ordinance about dangerous/viscous animals, and she reviewed the Mercer County policy that a dog can be deemed dangerous/viscous by them or a court with the law stating that if the dog attacks three times it is deemed to be dangerous/viscous. President Peterson stated that the Village needs to find out who the owner is of such an animal, and have a release form. Village Attorney Steele asked for a copy of the Mercer County release form on the Buckner animals, and Mr. Steele and the Board agreed to check with Alpha on the animals' status.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Molburg to donate \$25 to the Sherrard High School Operation Santa program. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, Dillbeck – aye, Molburg – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reminded everyone that the New Windsor Christmas Walk is December 8, 2006 beginning at 3 P.M. with the drawing starting at 7:30 P.M.

President Peterson reported that a Sesquicentennial Meeting will be January 17, 7 P.M. at the C.E. Building.

Village Clerk Johnson reminded the Board that the next meeting would be January 8, 2007, second Monday due to the New Year's Day holiday on the first Monday.

Village Clerk Johnson also reminded the Board of the 2007 Caucus in January with three trustee positions with four year terms each available (Trustees Austin, Dillbeck, and Ryner).

Motion by Kness, second by Austin to renew the Village's land lease agreement with the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association for 2007. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Austin – aye, Dillbeck – aye, Molburg – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk