

APRIL 2, 2007
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: Austin, Dillbeck, Molburg, Ryner (7:44 P.M.), Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Schmitt.

Motion by Kness, second by Austin to approve the March 5, 2007 regular Board meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Dillbeck – aye, Molburg – aye, and Austin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Nancy and John Walsten, Mary Linker, Marla Whiting, Steve and Terry Brooks present concerning barking dogs and unsightly yard with junk at 123 North Second Avenue (Charles and Monica David residence). President Peterson informed the Board on the complaints that he and the police department have received on the barking dogs and debris in the yard, and the action taken by the police officers. President Peterson reported that the violators had been served notice and the matter has been sent to Village Attorney Steele. Village Attorney Steele present and asked the people in attendance on this matter to sign complaints and testify. He also asked that they keep track of the dates and times that they witnessed violations against the Nuisance Ordinance, and that the matter is going to court. President Peterson thanked the people in attendance and reminded them that matters such as this follow a process that does take some time to get done.

Trustee Ryner present at 7:44 P.M.

The Village Board agreed to make a list of violations against the Nuisance Ordinance in the Village and follow up on these violations.

Terry Brooks also asked the Board about the alley between her property and the 123 North Second Avenue property not being rocked since Mr. David is using the alley. President Peterson stated that the Village maintains alleys that are used, and that the maintenance personnel have been to that alley to repair it.

Mary Linker asked the Board about sponsoring a clean up day. The Board agreed to discuss a clean up day, but they did inform the attendees that a clean up day is quite expensive and many items are restricted from being picked up.

The Board assured the people in attendance that the Village will do everything they can to take care of these complaints and to follow the ordinances.

Marianne Doonan and Gena McCullough of the Bi-State Regional Commission present to inform the Board about funding available for a sewer project and the process to get those funds including an income survey. They also informed the Board about what Bi-State can do for the Village. The Board stated that this project is in the beginning stages, and that John Roegiers of Missman, Stanley and Associates is the Village's engineer on the project. The Board agreed to have these representatives contact Mr. Roegiers about the project and a time frame so that paperwork or surveys do not expire prior to the beginning of the project.

Police Officer Hansen presented the March police report. He reported on the notice to abate given concerning the dogs and debris, dogs running loose, various duties and calls, old evidence has been gone through and will be destroyed or given back,

suspicious telephone calls, 37,000 miles on the squad, and presented the written resignation from Michael Chapman effective immediately due to health issues. Officer Hansen stated that he will help out as needed and did not submit a resignation.

Motion by Kness, second by Dillbeck to accept the resignation of Michael Chapman as a Village part time police officer effective immediately. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, Austin – aye, Molburg – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that two interviews were done for the police chief position, Wayne Wehrheim and Clayton Brendal, and that Harry Hansen had withdrawn his application. He stated that Mr. Wehrheim’s training was in Iowa, and that Village Attorney Steele was checking into that training to see if it would qualify for Illinois. Attorney Steele stated that he had not received any official information back yet from the State. President Peterson reported that Mr. Brendal works for the Mercer County Sheriff’s Department, and that both applicants live in Viola. The Board reviewed the two applicants, and President Peterson recommended hiring Clayton Brendal for the Police Chief position.

Motion by Kness, second by Dillbeck to hire Clayton Brendal as Village Police Chief at an annual salary of \$24,000 paid semimonthly and an extra annual salary of \$3,000 for his own health insurance. Roll call votes: Molburg – aye, Ryner – aye, Austin – aye, Dillbeck – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board noted that Mr. Brendal will still be working for Mercer County on his regular schedule and that will keep his IMRF pension plan so that the Village will not offer a pension plan.

The Board asked Officer Hansen to remain with the Village’s police department and work a part time schedule. Officer Hansen agreed and will help train Chief Brendal.

The Board agreed to keep checking on Mr. Wehrheim’s Illinois qualifications and ask him about part time officer duty.

Attorney Steele and the Board reviewed the dog ordinance. The Board instructed Attorney Steele to prepare a new dog ordinance for the May meeting . The Board agreed to include in the new ordinance an annual dog tag and registration fee of \$5.00 with the Village Clerk collecting the fee and registrations kept with the Clerk and Police Chief. President Peterson stated that he would check into the cost of the dog tags.

President Peterson informed the Board about a water drainage problem at the Mike Garber residence at South Fifth Avenue and State Street, but Mr. Garber is checking into his problem.

President Peterson reported that he has checked into a fireworks display for the Sesquicentennial with J & M Fireworks Display, and that they have their own insurance coverage and required state permit. He also stated that a ten minute package display would cost \$715 with mostly in air displays with \$250 insurance fee and \$200 permit fee, for a total estimated cost of \$1,165 to \$1,200. President Peterson stated that this display can also be added to. The Board noted that the Sesquicentennial Committee has held fund raisers for the celebration.

Motion by Austin, second by Ryner to pay \$600 towards the Sesquicentennial fireworks display. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, Austin – aye, Molburg – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported on the removal of an old abandoned gas tank at the corner of Main Street and North Fifth Avenue and a collapsed tile at North Third Avenue and Main Street that was repaired with new sidewalk at the corner that is handicap accessible, and all work was done by Tom Whiting. He also reported on three broken drainage tiles on Walnut Street by the John Walsten property that Tom Whiting will check for repair.

Attorney Steele stated that he had checked on an elevated gas tank for the maintenance building, and he thinks it is alright, but is still checking.

President Peterson will be meeting with the Missman, Stanley and Associates engineer for the 2007 MFT project.

Motion by Dillbeck, second by Austin to pass Ordinance 2, Series 2007 Amendment to the Snowmobile Ordinance 1, Series 2007. Roll call votes: Austin – aye, Molburg – aye, Kness – aye, Ryner – aye, and Dillbeck – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to get a load of cold patch for the streets. President Peterson stated he would contact the maintenance department.

The Board received the written resignation of Onie Rogers as a Zoning Board member.

Trustee Dillbeck stated that he would check with the Fire Department on the weather warning siren test.

Motion by Molburg, second by Kness to authorize the March 2007 bills. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, Austin – aye, Molburg – aye, Ryner – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk