

OCTOBER 6, 2008  
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, D. Peterson, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent : Molburg, Dillbeck, and Gregory.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Peterson to approve the September 8, 2008 regular Board meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, D. Peterson – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor.

Mrs. Lavonne Newberry present concerning her water bill for her property at 107 South Sixth Avenue.. Mrs. Newberry stated that her water bill was too high and that it could not possibly be that amount or usage. Clerk Johnson reported that Mrs. Newberry's meter had been reread in June when Mrs. Newberry was first concerned about the amount, and a letter was sent to her stating that the meter was working and the readings were consecutive. Mrs. Newberry had then paid part of her bill, but still complained that it was too high. Clerk Johnson reported that her meter was reread again for two consecutive days, October 1, 2008 and October 2, 2008 after the next billing, and the readings showed that 200 gallons of water are going through the meter each day. The Board recommended that Mrs. Newberry check for any leaks. Mrs. Newberry insisted that she had no leaks, but did make the statement that she had removed a plastic bottle from the tank of her toilet. The Board agreed to have the meter reread two consecutive days in a row to see if that made a difference in the gallons used having removed the bottle. The Board stated that Mrs. Newberry's meter is a pit meter located down from her property, and Mrs. Newberry's responsibilities as a property owner connected to the water system. The Board also instructed Clerk Johnson to call Mrs. Newberry on Saturday, October 11, 2008 in the morning with the results of the meter readings. President Peterson and the Board stated that if there is anything that the Village can do, they will help.

Mrs. Newberry brought up several other issues and complaints, including a burglary at her property, but commended Chief Brendal for handling the matter.

Police Chief Brendal presented the September 2008 police report. He reported 58,868 miles on the squad, that the squad's strut bearing plates had been fixed, various police duties preformed, grass violations, and vehicle nuisances corrected.

A letter from Scott Frenell of the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association was read commending the Village's Police Department for their work during the fair and rodeo.

President Peterson reported that he and Chief Brendal will attend a meeting on the Bi-County Hazard Mitigation plans on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at West Central Elementary School near Biggsville.

President Peterson reported that sewer project engineer John Roegiers had contacted him and stated that the EPA is streamlining their forms, and he is not ready to meet with President Peterson and Clerk Johnson until he receives more information. President Peterson recommended the Village check into the EPA funding for this project due to the economy of the State's resources for funds.

President Peterson stated that the Village may have to streamline the Village's budget if the State is not addressing certain issues on funding.

President Peterson reported that emergency plan letters were sent out to the Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian C.E. Building, the American Legion, Rivoli Township, and Windsor Hall (Skribbles) asking for written authorization and contact names for use of their buildings only for emergency situations. The American Legion Post had contacted the Village stating they did not wish their building to be on the list due to no insurance coverage and no handicap accessibility. No other letters were received.

The Board set Halloween Trick or Treat for October 31, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Board reviewed hiring Al Fontenoy as a snow plow driver, but tabled the matter until the next meeting. The Board also reviewed setting maintenance wages at the same rate for all employees.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to authorize the September 2008 bills. Roll call votes: D. Peterson – aye, Kness – aye, and Schmitt –aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk