

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009  
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: D. Peterson, B. Gibeau, T. Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Dillbeck and Gregory.

Motion by Kness, second by D. Peterson to approve the August 3, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes and the Closed Session minutes. Roll call votes: T. Gibeau – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, and D. Peterson – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson presented retiring maintenance employ Ralph Morrow a letter of Appreciation from the Board and thanked him for his years of service to the Village.

Cody Leiving and Michael Koch present to request that lines be painted for the basketball court. They agreed to do the painting, and the Board agreed to buy the white paint and materials with maintenance person Richard Bland supervising the painting.

Police Chief Brendal presented the August 2009 police report. He reported 74,702 miles on the squad, the street lights had been fixed that were reported out, and requested that the department get someone to fill the vacancy of Officer Hansen so that they would be back to full staff. He stated that he wanted to get somebody certified that possibly works for another department and would want a few extra police hours of duty. He reported that Officer Hansen's daughter brought back some of the police uniform shirts for the department. Chief Brendal stated that during the Fair and Rodeo another officer is needed. The Board asked Village Attorney Steele to check into just a Rodeo hire, like an Alpha officer and the insurance question of coverage. Chief Brendal stated that some current Village Officers work full time at other departments and are not as available to the Village. Chief Brendal stated that he has been approached by some officers. The Board stated that Mercer County is the back-up, but Brendal could look into the matter, and President Peterson will talk to Alpha to see about co-oping.

Village Attorney Steele present to go over the Police Chief contract. Attorney Steel reviewed the contract. The Board agreed to have Attorney Steele prepare the New Windsor Police Chief Employment Contract as the Board, Chief Brendal, and Attorney Steele stated.

Village Attorney Steele reviewed the process of giving the 48 hour notice. Filing liens on property, and the amount of time needed to get the necessary papers filed. He stated that the lien needs to be filed in 60 days, and any additional charges are a separate filing and the same process continues. Attorney Steele stated that he needs the exact amount of hours for each mowing.

President Peterson reported that John Roegiers, engineer for the sewer project is preparing a letter to stay in the process for funding.

President Peterson reported that North Second Avenue is ready to be oiled and chipped by Mercer County, and that they will do it when they do the North Henderson blacktop sometime this week.

President Peterson reported that the flags along Main Street have been taken down, and the Village will go back to the routine of putting them up for Memorial Day

and taking them down after Labor Day. He stated that there was too much cost for labor in putting them up and down and maintaining the flags all year long, and the flags did not withstand the wear and tear of the weather, and the Village needs to consider the safety for the maintenance department in caring for the flags.

President Peterson reported that the K & R Tree Service will be in the Village next week.

President Peterson reported that Tom Whiting has the sidewalk done, but the waterway still needs to be finished. Also, he reported that Dorothy Shull's driveway at Sycamore Street and Tenth Avenue needs a culvert, because there are now two big holes in the driveway and they are on Village property, but the area is asphalted. The Board agreed that the Village needs to check when blacktopping is done in the Village so that Village property and ditches are not covered. Village Attorney Steele stated that the landowner should fix the problem if they had the driveway blacktopped. President Peterson stated that the Village does not know who had the driveway blacktopped, but it does need to be ripped out and filled in to be done right. He also stated that he would contact Tom Whiting for an estimate on the project. Attorney Steele said that the blacktop should stop at the Village property line, and an ordinance to the effect that if driveways are going to be done, the landowner must get permission from the Village. He also stated that this ordinance could include any improvements such as mailboxes and trees, but the policy needs to be in writing.

President Peterson reported that a tile collapsed by the Lutheran Church cemetery corner at Walnut Street and Meridian Street running north. He will have Tom Whiting look at the problem since it is a safety hazard (2 ft. hole) off the Mercer County road in the ditch area. Attorney Steele guessed that it could be a farmers tile, but President Peterson said he would check with the Mercer County Highway Department on who has ownership of the spot, and the Lutheran Church has it mowed.

President Peterson presented a proposal from the Rivoli Township asking for an easement along the west side of the Township Hall, South Fifth Avenue, for a parking area and a 75' culvert. He stated that this is a preliminary plan. Attorney Steele stated that the Village could give an easement, but the Township would then maintain the area. President Peterson stated that the Township wanted the Village Board to know what they were thinking.

The Maintenance Department will be getting bids on a door for the building.

President Peterson stated that he has requested that the water be shut off at the parks before the weather has freezing temperatures.

President Peterson stated that there was a mitigation meeting tonight, but he was unable to go.

President Peterson stated that Daryl Ray Young quit his position as part time maintenance person, because he got a job in Georgia.

Motion by B. Gibeau, Second by T. Gibeau to hire Wilbur E. Brooks as part time Maintenance employee effective September 1, 2009. Roll call votes: D. Peterson – aye, Kness – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and B. Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson suggested to the Board that the Board meeting be moved to 7 P.M.. Attorney Steele stated that this change must be done by ordinance. The Board agreed to have Attorney Steele prepare this ordinance for the time change of the meeting

Motion by Kness, second by D. Peterson to renew the dog tag registration for 2009. Roll call votes: D. Peterson – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by D. Peterson to order two new municipal handbooks. Roll call votes: D. Peterson – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by D. Peterson, second by T. Gibeau to donate \$50 to the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association for the Ron Partlow memorial. Roll call votes: D. Peterson – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by T. Gibeau to authorize the August 2009 bills. Roll call votes: D. Peterson – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk