

NOVEMBER 2, 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, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent were Gregory, Dillbeck, and T. Gibeau. Village Attorney Steele was present.

Motion by Kness, second by D. Peterson to approve the October 5, 2009 regular meeting of the Village Board. Roll call votes: B. Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, and D. Peterson – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson informed the Board that Police Chief Brendal had the flu and would not be in attendance. No police report for October 2009 was given.

Village Attorney Steele informed the Board about the weed/grass ordinance. The items he reported were that the Village can file in one year instead of 65 days and can combine more than one cutting in one filing for lien. The Board agreed to amend the ordinance at the December 7, 2009 regular meeting.

Village Attorney Steele also stated that the Village should update the Nuisance Ordinance and recommended that the two ordinances be kept separate. The Board agreed to put this on the agenda for the December meeting.

Village Attorney Steele reported on the property at 705 Main Street. He reviewed for the Board about foreclosure on the lien, then the take over and Sheriff's sale with the Village getting its costs back and any money over the amount goes to the owner. Mr. Steele stated that hopefully the bank will foreclose on the property. Attorney Steele stated that he was going to court over the stagnant water. The Board agreed to table the matter until a full Board was present as to the next steps to take.

Motion by D. Peterson, second by Kness to pass Ordinance 5, Series 2009, An Ordinance Changing the Village's Meeting Time. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, D. Peterson – aye, and B. Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to not join the FEMA plan for flood plain per the opinion of Attorney Steele.

President Peterson stated that K & R Tree Service had contacted the Village concerning the fact that they had not been paid by Joseph and Wendy Walker for trees taken out. He reminded the Board that the Village had an agreement with K & R Tree Service to pay for the Village's half of the tree removal and did pay for the tree removal. Attorney Steele stated that this was a private matter between K & R Tree Service and the Walkers, and the Village had nothing to do with the problem.

Motion by D. Peterson, second by B. Gibeau to accept the Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 Village Audit Report. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, and D. Peterson – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson informed the Board that Mrs. Newberry has an engineer checking into her water problems on her property, and that he has contacted the Village for information.

President Peterson stated that Tom Whiting has not completed the work agreed upon due to the wet weather.

President Peterson stated that the water is off at the Village's parks.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance department wants to buy a snow blower. They are looking at a 2 year old MTD stage snow blower with a 8 hp Tecumseh motor, 6 speeds forward, 2 speeds reverse with electric start and headlight at a cost of \$400.00.

Motion by D. Peterson, second by Kness to purchase the snow blower at a cost of \$400. Roll call votes: D. Peterson – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson announced that former Village Board Trustee Tim Trout had passed away. The Board agreed to send a flower memorial.

President Peterson read an application by Steve Brooks for snow plowing. The Board agreed to keep the application on file, and bring the matter up at next month's meeting.

Motion by Kness, second by B. Gibeau to donate \$25.00 to the Sherrard District Operation Santa Fund. Roll call votes: D. Peterson – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Motion by D. Peterson 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