

DECEMBER 7, 2009
RREGULAR 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: Dillbeck, D. Peterson, B. Gibeau, T. Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Gregory.

Motion by D. Peterson, second by Kness to approve the November 2, 2009 regular board meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, D. Peterson – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Brendal presented the November Police Report. He reported 78,000 miles on the squad, the squad had a bent front wheel & needed brake repairs which Allen's Service fixed the brakes and Barton's fixed the wheel. He further reported that the police camera was sent in for repairs, and the 2009 traffic enforcement push is in effect until the end of the year, and he is applying for new grant funds. Chief Brendal stated that he had found an officer to take the place of Part Time Officer Hansen. The officer is Darren Juros and is the Police Chief of Woodhull. Chief Brendal wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

The Board agreed to have the police department on duty when the snow plows are out.

Ralph Smith present and informed the Board that he had just moved to the Village from New York and had been a police officer in several states, had a lot of experience in search and rescue, and had been with the Galesburg emergency response team. He stated that he had read about the emergency program going on in the Village and Mercer County and is willing to help by working with the Village and Police Department. President Peterson stated that Mr. Smith would attend the mitigation meetings in Mercer County as a representative of the Village, and had volunteered to help. President Peterson welcomed him to the program and will have him take the NIMS test.

President Peterson reported that Mrs. Newberry is back in her home, and the Village is monitoring the water meter for usage.

Village engineer John Roegiers was not present, but Missman, Stanley and Associates Engineers have been surveying the North side of the Village and plotting it out for the sewer project.

Meghan Overton present from Bi-State Regional Commission concerning the sewer project. She presented information on two low interest loans and grants. She stated that she was in contact with the engineer Mr. Roegiers, and that the USDA funds are ongoing with a lot of money available, but does go by income. She informed the Board about a representative that would be at Bi-State January 6, 2010 with more information on funding.

President Peterson advised Ms. Overton of corrections needed for the Village's map. These corrections included the Adams Subdivision lines and the Rachel Creek property. Ms. Overton stated that Lisa Miller was the Bi-State Data Graphic/Map person, and would contact her.

President Peterson reported that the Christmas lights are up.

President Peterson reported that the Maintenance Department is ready for the winter road conditions. Trustee Kness will work with maintenance person Wilbur Brooks if the other person, Bland, is plowing. The Board noted that Steve Brooks had applied for doing snow plowing since he is now retired from John Deere Company. He would be ready December 15, 2009.

Motion by Dillbeck, second by Kness to hire Steve Brooks as a part time maintenance person for snow plowing at \$8.00 per hour. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, D. Peterson – aye, B. Gibeau – aye, and Dillbeck – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that Matt Dolan also had shown interest in plowing and may submit a resume.

President Peterson reported that Tom Whiting had finished the ditch at Sycamore Street, and the culvert for the waterway, and would at a later date look at Lucille Anderson's driveway as there is a high culvert with drainage problems. Also, Tom Whiting is looking at the corner of the Lutheran Cemetery area.

President Peterson reported that the sidewalk along Main Street in front of the Steven Oldfather residence had been broken because of the equipment used to build Mr. Oldfather's addition. The Board will look at four sections next spring, and Mr. Oldfather has agreed to fix two of those sections. Tom Whiting has looked at the area and thinks it will hold for the winter.

Trustee Kness stated that he will check on the bulbs for the Christmas lights, since new bulbs were purchased last year.

The Board agreed to have Village Attorney Steele look at the flood plain ordinance .

The Board noted the time change for the Village Board meetings from 7:30 P.M. to 7 P.M. beginning with the January 4, 2010 meeting. Also, any meeting falling on a Monday holiday would be held the following day.

The Board reviewed a drop box for the Village Hall door. Clerk Johnson noted that water payments can be made at the Farmers State Bank of Western IL New Windsor facility night deposit box any time. The Board agreed to get more information on a drop box.

The Board noted that the Christmas Walk would be Friday, January 11, 2009 from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Motion by Dillbeck, second by Kness to authorize the November 2009 bills. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, 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. Seconded by all. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk