

FEBRUARY 1, 2010
REGULAR MEETING
7 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: Gregory (7:03 P.M.), Dillbeck, D. Peterson, B. Gibeau, T. Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Kness, second by D. Peterson to accept the January 4, 2010 regular 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 January 2010 Police Report. He reported 80, 189 miles on the squad, the generator at the C.E. Building is checked by Henry Wallace and taken care of by the Fire Department, the Donald Johnson residence is still an insurance issue due to the fire, and talked with Village Attorney Steele concerning dogs in the Village running at large and the Village's ordinance and a process of issuing a ticket to offenders and assigning a dollar amount to the ticket that would be paid to the Village Clerk. The Board reviewed the Village's current position on dogs and the dog ordinance and registration. Chief Brendal stated that Attorney Steele had no problem with using a ticket. The Board reviewed the dog registration stating that the first offense against running at large would be to return the dog to the owner by use of the dog tag, but the second offense would have the dog taken to the Alpha Vet Service. President Peterson stated that the current ordinance and dog registration program was set up to take care of the Village's problems with dogs running at large.

Motion by Dillbeck, second by T. Gibeau to set a fee of \$50 for a ticket on a dog ordinance violation with the first offense being a warning with the dog returned to the owner, and the second offense issuing a ticket with the \$50 fine and the dog returned. This motion died due to lack of a vote and legal direction. The Board agreed to table this matter until further information from Village Attorney Steele about using tickets on dogs and a thorough explanation of the Village's ordinance.

Police Chief Brendal informed the Board about a new report form and evidence program for the police computer, and upgrading the computer system for more programs concerning the State's programs. The Board asked Chief Brendal to get more information on the matter and what alternatives there are for the department and systems for the computer.

President Peterson issued a directive to the Police Department beginning immediately that any officer on the Village's police roster must work one day a month to maintain their status as an officer with the Village.

President Peterson reported that as Liquor Commission for the Village, he talked to Dan Beattie of Dan's Pub about an incidence of a fight on the premises in January. President Peterson stated that he did a full review on the matter, and he did inform Dan Beattie of the consequences.

President Peterson reviewed the time line on the water problem at 705 Main Street and made the Board aware of the situation.

President Peterson stated that Bi State will be doing new maps with updates and corrections, but the Village has not gotten them yet.

President Peterson informed the Board that Tom Whiting had turned in his bills for work done, and that in the Spring, the Village will look at putting a tube at the Lucille Anderson property and doing work at the area by the Lutheran Cemetery corner on Walnut Street.

President Peterson stated that the Village needs to lower expenditures and increase the budget's income. He asked the Board to think about monthly rates for water rather than quarterly.

The Board tabled the Ameren ordinance, because no one from Ameren came to the meeting.

The Board tabled the weed ordinance until Village Attorney Steele could be present.

Village Engineer John Roegiers present from Missman, Stanley and Associates to bring the Board up to date on the sewer project. He stated that the survey crews had completed the north side of the Village and now were doing the south side with 68% of the field data done, and another four to five weeks needed to finish the field data sheets. He stated that then the letters to residents would be sent out about where their septic tanks are, and shoot basements for information. He also said that the homeowner could measure and return the information sheet to him.

Mr. Roegiers informed the Board about looking for sources of funding such as the Illinois Finance Authority (the former Rural Bond Bank). He stated that he had talked to them and the overall net interest rate was 5.1% which was high, but it does vary all the time. He said that other funding sources are lower such as the EPA at 2% and the USDA Rural Development 2.5% to 4% depending on the households. He stated that he wrote President Peterson a letter on the workshop that he had attended. He informed the Board that the Rural Development would want more information, and the Village would have to add to the current plan (facility plan for EPA) with some costs involved, but the Village can do both the EPA and the Rural Development to seek funding, or the Village could seek private funding, but that would probably be a higher interest rate. He then gave a quick review stating that the Rural Development would not have to be done right now, that March 31, 2010 is the pre-application deadline for the EPA, and the Rural Development has no real hard time set and can do throughout the year, but the EPA has time windows. He said that his advice would be to look into the Rural Development , because it has grants available, and apply for more CDAP grants for construction with a maximum of \$350,000. He stated that he will maintain contact with the EPA and unsewered grant money. He also stated that he would contact the Rural Development since they would take the Village's numbers that are current and see how the Village would fit in to their plans. Mr. Roegiers concluded with stating that the next step is the pre-application for the EPA grant money, and that the CDAP Grant for Design would be complete by Sept. 2010.

Motion by Kness, second by D. Peterson to authorize the January 2010 bills. Roll call votes: Gregory – aye, Dillbeck – aye, D. Peterson – a ye, 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 Dillbeck to adjourn. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

