

MARCH 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, Dillbeck, D. Peterson, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: B. Gibeau, and T. Gibeau

Motion by Kness, second by Dillbeck to accept the February 1, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, D. Peterson – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Brendal presented the February 2010 Police Department Report. He reported 81,854 miles on the squad, and he reviewed the Village's Dog Ordinance. Chief Brendal read a part of the ordinance and section 12, paragraph 072 where the Village has in the ordinance about a ticket, a \$50 fee paid to the Village Clerk, and the dog taken to the Vet in Alpha, plus the Clerk must be notified with the paperwork from the police department.

President Peterson stated that he, Chief Brendal, and Ralph Smith attended a mitigation meeting in Aledo, and that Ralph Smith will attend other mitigation meetings. He also stated that the Village is preparing an emergency mapping program and bringing the maps up to date through Bi-State. He said that once the maps are complete, the emergency program will be practiced for accuracy later in the year. Also, President Peterson stated that the Village received only about 40% of the emergency letters back, and that he, Chief Brendal, and Ralph Smith will go door to door to get the rest of the responses.

President Peterson reported that a form has been created for the water shut off requests that will be dated and signed for the Village's files.

Village Attorney Steele reported on the house and property at 705 Main Street. He reported that the Village had the court date, the judge assessed the fine, and owners Contract Funding wanted to set that aside and have a new trial. Mr. Steele stated that the Village has liens for mowing the property, and a water bill, and Contract Funding has contacted him to come to an agreement over the fines and liens.

Motion by Kness, second by D. Peterson to go into Closed Session for the purpose of litigation. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, D. Peterson – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the meeting was closed.

7:20 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

\*\*\*\*\*Trustee Gregory arrived at Closed Session.

The meeting was opened.

Motion by Dillbeck, second by D. Peterson that the Board give Village Attorney Steele the authority to negotiate a settlement with Contract Funding, LLC's attorney including fines, liens, and water bill, (to wrap up everything) and keep President Peterson

apprised of the negotiations. Roll call votes: Gregory – aye, D. Peterson – aye, Kness – aye, and Dillbeck – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Dillbeck to pass Ordinance 1, Series 2010, Cutting and Removal of Neglected Weeds, Grass, Trees, and Bushes. Roll call votes: Gregory – aye, D. Peterson – aye, Kness – aye, and Dillbeck – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Attorney Steele informed the Board about the Open Meetings Act compliance(2 hr. course) by July 1, 2010 and the Freedom of Information Act compliance (3 hr. course) by July 1, 2010, and that the Village would have to appoint a representative to take both classes by computer. Also, Mr. Steele stated that the Village could not charge more than .15 per page for any documents referring to these acts.

Motion by Kness, second by D. Peterson to designate Village Clerk Claudine D. Johnson as the Village's representative of the Freedom of Information act and Open meetings Act. Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, D. Peterson – aye, Gregory – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that a representative from Ameren IP was to attend this meeting, but did not show. He stated that he has invited Ameren to the meetings, and they do not come, so the matter was tabled until next month, and Village Attorney Steele was asked to contact Ameren IP.

President Peterson reported that there is a leak at the Ball Park and the water will be shut off when the shut off is located under the ice and snow.

President Peterson reported that Dean Friichtenicht is the water assistant, and that Steve Brooks will be learning the meters reading system.

President Peterson reported that Village engineer John Roegiers is doing the preapplication design for the sewer project.

President Peterson informed the Board that Lisa Miller of Bi-State is correcting the Village's maps.

President Peterson reported that the street light pole was broken in Windsor Court by the snow plow.

President Peterson informed the Board that the Village needs to lower expenditures, and that he is having Village Treasurer Willems look at what can be cut for the budget.

Motion by D. Peterson, second by Gregory to donate \$25 to the Sherrard High School Saddle Chapter Post Prom. Roll call votes Dillbeck – aye, D. Peterson – aye, Gregory – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that she would be gone March 5<sup>th</sup> through March 12, 2010.

President Peterson reminded the Board about the mower program that is due this year (a two year program), and he will contact the maintenance department.

Motion by D. Peterson, second by Dillbeck to authorize the February 2010 bills.

Roll call votes: Dillbeck – aye, D. Peterson – aye, Gregory – 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 meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk