

SEPTEMBER 7, 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: Smith, T. Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Dillbeck and Gregory.

Motion by Kness, second by T. Gibeau to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2010 and the Closed Session minutes of August 2, 2010. Roll call votes: Smith – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson presented the written resignation of Bruce Gibeau as Trustee (4 year term) due to personal reasons. Motion by Kness, second by Smith to accept the resignation of Bruce Gibeau as Trustee effective August 21, 2010. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, T. Gibeau – aye, and Smith – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Brendal presented the August Police Report. He reported 88,710 miles on the squad, William Engle was hired as a part time police officer, the Fair and Rodeo went smoothly, the General Store sold liquor to under age persons and the State's Attorney is handling the matter, the squad needs work at a cost of \$150 and an upgrade of the radio and light bar which can be done at the same time at a cost of \$200, and a headlight.

Village Attorney Steele reported that the Contract Funding hearing will be set by Judge Conway and the water lien will be added in with the mowing/clean-up liens.

Leonard Luxmore and Steve Spivey present on behalf of the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association. President Peterson reported issues with the parade on that Thursday with horses on resident's properties. President Peterson stated that the people want their property protected from 7th Avenue on Walnut Street to the Ball Park. President Peterson stated that he had talked to Greg Streeter about the unloading of horses on sidewalks, and had asked if some directors could help to take care of this matter. Mr. Luxmore stated that the Association can eliminate the staging of the horses on the street and have them wait at the back of the fair grounds, and then bring them up when it is their time in the parade. He said that the Association can deal with that.

Mr. Luxmore and Mr. Spivey told the Board that they had concerns about the location of the sewer project, and that they are afraid that it would put the rodeo out of business. They further stated that the Rodeo Association would like to buy the Village's rental ground in the future. They asked if a couple members of their executive board could meet and discuss their concerns and bounce around their ideas. Mr. Luxmore stated that the Rodeo Association would like to sit down at some point to let the Village Board know where the Village and they are at.

President Peterson presented a diagram from the Village's engineer, John Roegiers, Missman, Stanley and Associates, showing two acres for the project from the northwest corner up to the Ball Park on the Village's rental ground.

Trustee Smith reported on a meeting with the Jennifer Garner and a representative of a housing project that is interested in building ten individual homes with rent from

\$400 to \$1,000 based on size of house with a one car garage. Mr. Smith reported that this company is looking at putting 15 houses in Viola, and 20-25 houses in Aledo. Mr. Smith said that the developer has met with all three Villages and found that all three met requirements. Mr. Smith stated that the developer didn't quite set right with him, and that he was told that after fifteen years, the developer would sell these houses. Mr. Smith stated that he has not heard back from the developer. He informed the Board that this is a private finance company through the HUD program.

President Peterson stated that he thinks the Village should check out the south side of the Village for the sewer. He also stated that the Village should get with Mr. Roegiers to find a way to include fixing water valves in the project. President Peterson told the Board that if the sewer project was moved to the south side of the Village, the six acres of rental ground could possibly be sold to the Rodeo Association, but the Rodeo Association could help in getting ground on the south side. He further stated that the Village would need three acres for the sewer.

President Peterson then entertained the idea of putting the housing program on the land across from the Ball Park and possibly using the west edge of the Ball Park parking area for housing lots. He stated that all should keep an open mind, and that this is something to think about.

President Peterson stated that the Village would need to talk to John Roegiers to see if any of these ideas are feasible with the sewer project. The Board stated that they did not know if they could even get ground. President Peterson stated that he and John Roegiers should meet with the Rodeo Association on the matter, and that John Roegiers needs to be involved.

President Peterson concluded that the Village should get in touch with John Roegiers on the sewer project and any issues or concerns about changing the sewer project, and to go by what the EPA tells the Village to do. Then the Village could get with the Rodeo Association. President Peterson stated that the Board may call the Rodeo Association back to a future regular meeting, so they will be fully aware of the situation. The Board tabled this matter until the October regular meeting so that information from John Roegiers may be obtained.

President Peterson reported on the watermain break and two valves that were broken. He stated that the Board had raised the water rates for quarter 4, 2010 to \$20 for the first 4,000 gallons and \$3.50 per thousand thereafter. However, President Peterson said that the Board could amend this rate change and suggested the water bills be sent out every other month instead of quarterly starting in 2011. (January bills due in March). Village Clerk Johnson stated that the water program is an older program and may not be able to accommodate these changes. The Board requested that if she looks into a new program that it could go to a monthly billing. The Board agreed to check with John Roegiers on what is figured in with the sewer on water lines. The Board asked Clerk Johnson to look into the present program to see what it can do. The Board tabled the matter.

The Board agreed that the current diagram from John Roegiers on the lagoon placement for the sewer project is troublesome.

President Peterson asked Trustee Smith to stay in contact with Jenny Garner and the housing project, and not take the Village out of the picture.

President Peterson reported that the Village's new mower is in from Kleine Equipment, and the cost was \$3,500.

President Peterson reported that Steve Brooks is learning the water meter reader position, and stated that the Board should consider doing something for Dean Friichtenicht for his 41 years of service with the Water Department since he plans to retire in October, but would still be available to help out if needed.

President Peterson reported that Tom Whiting is working on the drainage tile at the Walsten property at Walnut Street, and the original repairs to the collapsed tile would cost \$1,300, but more of the tile has collapsed and the repairs will cost \$2,200.

Motion by Smith, second by Gibeau to hire Tom Whiting to repair the drainage tiles at Walnut Street at the John Walsten property. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Smith – aye, and Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Gibeau, second by Kness to pay the maintenance personnel minimum wage of \$8.25 per hour. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, and Smith – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that the Village's audit would take place Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at the Village Hall by Blucker, Kneer, and Associates.

President Peterson reported that Bi-State and John Roegiers have extended the sewer project with the EPA sixty days.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to authorize the August 2010 bills. Roll call votes: Smith – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Smith, second by all to adjourn. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk