

VILLAGE OF WINDSOR
125 NORTH THIRD AVENUE
NEW WINDOR, ILLINOIS 61465

JANUARY 3, 2011
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: Schmitt, James, T. Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Gregory

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to accept the December 2010 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the December 2010 Police Report. He reported 15 traffic stops, 7 tickets issued, arrests, warnings, a missing person, 2 domestic calls, and 2 call outs. Chief Stotts requested a contract with the Village for 3 – 5 years. He also reported the squad's interior lights had went off, and it will need to go to a Chevrolet dealer for repair. Chief Stotts stated that he had promoted Officer Bill Engle to Sergeant and requested that he be paid twice a month. He also recommended that Class T Liquor Licenses be raised to \$50 from the current \$25. Chief Stotts asked if he could go to the businesses for donations for a hand held radar unit at a cost of \$495.00. Village Clerk Johnson requested that the Police Department use their SVF Fund for this purchase. The Board agreed to have the squad's interior lights repaired, stated that the Police Chief was on a probation period for 6 to 12 months before a contract would be considered. The Board agreed to a six month probation period for Chief Stotts, and then a review with the Police Committee in July, and then discussion of a contract would be done. The Board agreed to pay Officer Engle semi-monthly (1st and 15th). President Peterson stated that he was the Liquor Commissioner and that the Class T liquor license happens only a few times and the \$25 covers the 1 hour cost of an officer working that time. President Peterson stated that he would not give more than one hour, and if there is a problem, then it will be taken care of.

The Board agreed to have Chief Stotts use the SVF Fund for the radar unit unless the States Attorney denies the use of the funds.

President Peterson reported that Chief Stotts picked up a dog on a Saturday night, but was unable to take the dog to Alpha Vet since it was closed, so the dog went to the Mercer County animal pound. He stated that the charge was \$150, and the dog belonged to Matt Dolan. President Peterson made an agreement with Matt Dolan to have him pay \$40 per month for a total of \$160 to cover the cost of the charge. The Board agreed to this arrangement, and Mr. Dolan will start payments this month.

Village Attorney Steele present and stated that Matt Robinson's court date is set for Wednesday, January 5, 2011 on the two dogs in violation.

Village Attorney Steele reported on Contract Funding LLC and their foreclosure. He stated that their mortgage dates back to 2004, and for the Village to file an answer to the foreclosure would cost \$131. Mr. Steele further stated that the Village is subordinate

to the mortgage holder, and recommended not to file the answer, but let the bank (mortgage holder) know about the water lien and money due on the water. He stated that the Village would lose the lien on the yard mowing. Mr. Steele said that the water is the leverage the Village could use, but he does not know what they are going to do. The Board agreed not to file an answer at a cost of \$131, but take a default on the lien for mowing, but still have Attorney Steele send a notice on the water amount to the bank.

President Peterson reported that the Peters/Bearce matter with the Village's insurance is on hold, because the Village's insurance company needs more information from the Peters/Bearce insurance company.

President Peterson reported that Tom Whiting fixed the area on Second Avenue where the water main break had been. He also reported that Tony's Plumbing and Heating would accept payments on their bill to the Village for the repairs.

President Peterson stated that he is talking to Bi-State (Meghan Overton) about water mains, valves, and meters funding along with the sewer project.

President Peterson stated that he had talked to engineer John Roegiers, Engineer Scott Kammerman, and Bi-State representative Meghan Overton about funding and a "game plan" for the sewer project and funding and grants.

President Peterson informed the Board that John Roegiers is retiring for Missman, Stanley and Associates, but will continue to assist the Village in its sewer project.

The Board agreed to check into the matter of water meters that are under buildings, in pits, and not easily accessible to the meter reader Steve Brooks.

John Roegiers and Scott Kammerman from Missman, Stanley Engineers present and stated that they would be working together on the sewer project, even though John Roegiers has retired, the Village is not losing him. They reviewed the Village's project location and explained that it is the best place, and there would be a large cost to change it.

President Peterson reported concerns by residents and the Rodeo Association about a smell and the appearance of the sewer. President Peterson reported that he went to Plymouth, Illinois to look at their sewer facility which will be like the Village's. He stated that their population was 500, and their cost was \$3.9 million for their sewer. He said that Plymouth used funding through the Rural Development program and was very satisfied with it. He also stated that they had no problems with the facility, and had one maintenance man that took him out to the sight. President Peterson stated that the maintenance man was trained for a week and a lot of electrical matters were involved. President Peterson explained their facility, and asked John Roegiers for information on where the Village's lagoon and facility will actually go. Mr. Roegiers stated he would get that information. President Peterson stated that Plymouth's facility had no smell and that it was designed for 500 people, where New Windsor would be more around 900 people. President Peterson stated that he was very happy with the design and its appearance, and that Plymouth had an electric bill of \$700 per month. He also stated that the lagoon was built first and took 3,000,000 gallons of water that had to be transferred from a quarry. Mr. Roegiers stated that the water would be the responsibility of the general contractor and would be incorporated in the bid. President Peterson said that Plymouth had a grant for low income and had a cost of 3,000 gallons or less of \$30 for the sewer per month.

President Peterson said that he would go to the Rodeo Association to talk about the sewer project and Plymouth's sewer, but if there is any area that the Association would want to buy, he would listen.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to purchase a snow blade guard for the truck at a cost of \$621 and one for the tractor at a cost of \$210 with MFT Funds. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, James – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that he would be working nights, but would be around during the day, and that on January 24, 25, and 26 he would be in Indiana for work. The Board agreed to have Trustee Kness as President Pro Tem during his absence.

Village Clerk Johnson announced that the Independents Party Caucus would be January 10, 2011 at 7 P.M. at the Village Hall with three four year trustee terms and one two year trustee term up for nomination.

John Roegiers presented a speech concerning his retirement. The Board thanked him for his work for the Village.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to sign the Amendment to Agreement for the services between Bi-State Regional Commission and the Village of Windsor work beginning January 1, 2009 and completion by February 28, 2011. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to Proclaim February 20 – 26, 2011 as National Entrepreneurship Week. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by James to order Wheel Tax stickers for 2011. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, James – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to renew the agreement for the land rent with the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association for 2011. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, and James – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to donate \$25 to the Mercer County Senior Citizens. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, James – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to adjourn. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk