

JULY 5, 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: Loving, Trout, James. Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to accept the June 6, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Schmitt – aye. all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Craig Sinkweed present looking for information on the property at 129 North Sixth Avenue. President Peterson stated that the Village did not have any information on the house, because the last known owner's address was no longer viable, and mail was returned.

Police Chief Stotts presented the June 2011 police report. He reported 122 service calls, 2 warrants, 2 juveniles arrested, 41 tickets, 103,115 miles on the squad, and had looked into having the police phone transferred to his home phone (the police phone would ring three times at the police office then transfer to his house) at a cost of \$4.00. President Peterson stated that the police respond to law and criminal problems, and Mercer County should be called. The Board agreed to have another message on the answering machine made referring calls to Mercer County. Chief Stotts was called away from the meeting.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to pass Ordinance Number 2, Series 2011, Appropriations for the fiscal year 2011-2012. Roll call votes: James – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Loving – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to hire Blucker, Kneer and Associates as the Village's auditors for this year at a cost of \$4,250. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, James – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that K & R Tree Service will be coming into the Village's parks to service the trees.

President Peterson reported that the MFT street oiling and chipping on the Village's south side would be delayed until the end of July due to problems with the Mercer County's equipment.

President Peterson reported that Everett Sims on State Street had a tree limb fall out of the tree near his property, and that the tree is grown out with several limbs. He stated that Mr. Sims wants the tree taken out, but it is not dead. President Peterson will have K & R Tree Service look at the tree and get three estimates one for the dead limbs, one for trimming the tree, and one for taking the tree out with a 50/50 cost split between the Village and Mr. Sims. President Peterson stated that he was not in a hurry to take out a living tree.

Scott Kammerman, Missman, Stanley and Associates Engineers, present concerning the sewer project. President Peterson stated that he had letters sent to the

people on the easements that are needed, but that he only got a 50% response. He stated that Mary Linker is concerned about her fence, and having it replaced, so he would like information from Mr. Kammerman on how this works. Mr. Kammerman stated that usually the general contractor takes care of replacing any disturbance caused by the easements, and that a contract or agreement is done case by case. He also stated that the Village will have a bond on the contractor. President Peterson requested that he meet with Mr. Kammerman to find out the information he needs on these easements, and have the language looked at by the Village's attorney. Mr. Kammerman stated that the bond would have a 5 year guarantee and would assure people that it will be taken care of, but that they try to avoid IDOT right of ways. President Peterson stated that Cozy Haven Homes and the owner of the rental house north of it need to meet with Mr. Kammerman and himself concerning the easements. President Peterson reviewed the easements, and would have a letter sent to those involved to set a meeting at their convenience in late August. President Peterson also requested a meeting with Scott Kammerman to look at all the questions that he has received on the easements, and a map for each homeowner. Mr. Kammerman asked about the Rodeo grounds shower area for a sewer connection to be looked at.

Police Chief Stotts completed his report after returning to the meeting. He reported on one house that the State's Attorney (101 N. 2nd Ave., Charles David) had been contacted about. Chief Stotts stated that it is being taken care of with the paperwork started on the violation, and that he will meet with the State's Attorney.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to authorize the June 2011 bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, and Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk