

SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Schmitt, second by Kness to accept the regular meeting minutes of August 1, 2011. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the August police report. He reported 106,601 miles on the squad, 24 tickets, 6 warnings, evidence sent to Springfield, 1 warrant, 1 arrest, 137 calls, Officer Engle resigned. Officer Engle present to thank the Board for having him work for the past year, and that he would like to come back again at a another time. The Board thanked Officer Engle. Chief Stotts reported that the police department is down one part time officer. President Peterson stated that the police committee have a meeting with Chief Stotts (meet twice a year) one on one about the police department. Police committee chairman Kness stated that the committee would meet, and was reminded that a notice would be needed on the door of the Village Hall for the meeting.

President Peterson noted that the NIMS password had not been received.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to go into Closed Session for the purpose of personnel. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

CLOSED SESSION 7:08 P.M.

MEETING OPENED 7:15 P.M.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to reimburse \$75 to the people who wrote a letter of complaint and description of incident and whose car was towed at a cost of \$75 at the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo, and that the funds come from the Police SVF Fund. Roll call votes: James – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board requested that Chief Stotts look into a camera for the squad.

Scott Kammerman present from Missman as engineer for the Village's sewer project. The Board agreed to wait for Mary Linker to arrive at this meeting, before beginning discussion.

President Peterson reported on the culvert on Walnut Street by the Lutheran Cemetery. He stated that the culvert is “sucking mud” and seeping into the basin, and that he had talked to Tom Whiting on the problem. Mr. Whiting had recommended that to fix it, the culvert should be ripped out a new tube put in at a cost of \$3,230, and the street would be repaired.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to hire Tom Whiting to repair the catch basin on east Walnut Street at a cost of \$3,230. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, James – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson also stated that there was a drainage problem between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue, and that Tom Whiting would look at that also.

President Peterson stated that the sidewalk on Main Street has a problem, and that he will meet with Tom Whiting on the sidewalks, particularly two areas and only using the appropriated amount of \$1,500.

President Peterson reported that a tree at the Doug Skallberg residence had a limb fall on the roof of his house. He stated that the incident was turned into the Village's insurance, and was taken care of, but recommended by the agent that the tree be taken out. President Peterson said that K & R Tree Service would remove the tree at a cost of \$350.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to hire K & R Tree Service to remove the tree by the Skallberg residence at a cost of \$350. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, James – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that he is preparing a resolution for Motor Fuel Tax Funds as last year for assistance with certain projects, and would present it next month.

Scott Kammerman stated that he is checking with John Carlson about working on the inspecting part of the sewer project, but that Mr. Carlson is looking into his retirement to clarify any issues that would conflict with this position.

Mr. Kammerman stated that through USDA Rural Development the Village is looking at \$1.5 million in grant funds, \$3.5 millions in loan money, grant funding through CDAP at \$350,000, and maybe \$90,000 more for assistance. He said that Missman is on hold for \$60,000 on this project so far, and asked the Board to consider adding to the Rural Development loan, if the loan works out, \$100,000 on the engineering agreement. He stated that the Village could save funds by using John Carlson as an inspector, but that the Village could agree to terms of the cost in design that would be loan eligible. Village Attorney Steele present and stated that the Board should review the engineering agreement. Mr. Kammerman stated that the design was \$298,000, and undershot by one-third (\$100,000 extra), and that he has time on this and will get more information to show the increase of cost, and find out Duaine Smith's deadline for Rural Development. The Board tabled the matter until October.

The Board took a five minute recess.

Mary Linker and her daughter and son-in-law present to review the sewer easement being sought by the Village that runs through her property to Kaye Drive to Judy Nelson and Richard Abel. Mr. Kammerman explained that the easement would be a 20 foot wide strip. Mrs. Linker is concerned about her fence. Mr. Kammerman stated that the easement could run down the fence line and would send a new plat of that. Mr. Kammerman stated that he would profile Mary Linker's property and answer any other questions and direct them back to the Village, including a property research.

President Peterson reported that on September 22, 2011, he and Scott Kammerman would meet with the Fair and Rodeo Association, Cozy Haven Homes, Tom Bischoff, and others concerning easements.

President Peterson recommended to the Board that the Village disregard the liens on mowing, as far as collecting any money from them, and next year look at mowing properties in violation one time and then if not paid, only mow the easements.

The Board instructed Clerk Johnson to get estimates on a new computer system for the Village.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to approve the August bills. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau –aye, and Kness – 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 motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk