

OCTOBER 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: Loving, Trout, James, Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: None.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to accept the September 6, 2011 regular meeting and closed session minutes. 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.

Police Chief Stotts presented the September police report. He reported 14 tickets, 8 warnings, 6 court notices served on Wheel Tax, 2 arrests, criminal damage done, 1 warrant, NIMS completed the dates of October 11, 12, 13, 14, and 24, 25, 26, 27 for President, maintenance and fire department to take #300 and #400 NIMS test, 96 calls for service, squad mileage at 107,985, and ordered decals for the squad car at \$120. President Peterson reminded Chief Stotts that the Village requires a request form for purchases.

Motion by Kness, second by James to purchase the squad decals at \$120. Roll Call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Trout – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Stotts reported that the cheapest digital camera for the squad cost \$4,000. The Board stated that a camera would show proof of stop and officer protection. Chief Stotts stated he was still looking into grant money for a camera. The Board asked Chief Stotts to work on that.

The Police Committee stated that it had not met, but they would meet with Chief Stotts on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Noon at the Village Hall

President Peterson asked Chief Stotts to notify owners of nuisance violation vehicles.

Police Chief Stotts requested one-half cost of his cell phone be reimbursed, since he uses it for Village business, especially calls to Mercer County.

Motion by James, second by Gibeau to pay Chief Stotts \$25 per month for his cell phone use. Roll call votes: James – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the culvert on Walnut Street was almost done, and the one between South Fifth and Sixth Avenues was not done. Also, he stated that the sidewalk work was on hold, and the maintenance department was going to make a list of sidewalks.

Darci McGlaughlin present concerning the west side easement on her property at 513 North Fourth Avenue, because she would like to purchase that easement. The Board agreed to research the area and check if an easement is there and if any sewer lines would go through there. Ms. McGlaughlin stated they had the property surveyed at 15 ft. by 100ft. alley. President Peterson stated that the Village needed more details. The matter was tabled until the Village gets more information.

President Peterson reported that the tree by the Doug Skallberg property was taken down, but the stump still needs to be removed, and K & R Tree Service will take care of that.

President Peterson reported that Richard Willems is building a garage on his property and a tree is in the middle of the driveway, and Tom Whiting will be doing the work to place a plastic tube 8" X 40'. President Peterson reminded the Board that the Village gives the first 16', then the owner pays the rest.

Scott Kammerman, engineer for the Village's sewer project, was not present. President Peterson went over the meetings they had on the easements and answered questions concerning the easements. President Peterson stated that they met with the Cozy Haven Board, who was concerned about the billing, since the Village bills Cozy Haven for the water used, and President Peterson said that he preferred the billing stay that way, but the Cozy Haven Board will meet and get back to President Peterson. President Peterson stated that there are certain things to be done by the end of the year, so the USDA money will come through, but if that fails, then the p[roject will be put off for maybe five to six years. President Peterson also stated that he had told Cozy Haven he would check on the low income part.

President Peterson reported that they met with the Rodeo Association, President A.J. Streeter, Troy Nimrick, and Steve Spivey members, and Tom Bischoff, farm manager for the Petrie farm, on easements at their locations. They also met with three other homeowners and answered questions. President Peterson said he will call all back and give a plat mat, and that that meeting will be with all easement properties, Scott Kammerman, and himself with some unique problems being solved and getting the details down. President Peterson also said that he had talked to John Carlson about working with the Village and Missman on the sewer project, but that Mr. Carlson had not heard back on his retirement funding matter, but did get an O.K. without the retirement Board's vote.

President Peterson stated that Missman Engineers had made a bid of \$298,000, but that with increases and more work done, have requested an extra \$100,000 for their agreement with the Village. President Peterson stated that Missman has been working with the Village as the project goes along.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to pay the \$100,00 to Missman Engineering agreement provided the grant is received. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, James – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reviewed the Village's insurance over the Peters/Bearce trailer home. He stated that Peters/Bearce had asked for \$40,000 from the Village's insurance company, and water supt. Johnson will talk to the Village's agent about the matter. He also stated that Peters/Bearce had filed for compensation from Contract Funding, and that the Village had redone the ditch, but Peters/Bearce wanted a trench dug in their back yard by the Village for the water drainage, and President Peterson denied their request, so the water sat and seeped into the trailer. President Peterson stated that now the Village asks for a request to turn water off at the street.

President Peterson stated that the Antique Engine Show was in the Village, and had the issue of them using the Village's Rodeo Park straightened out, so they now have

requested that the event be held annually in September with next year's being held September 22-23, 2012.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout for the Depot Park Committee to place a clock in the Depot Park with the trenching 18 inches deep in  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch PVC pipe, and all installation being paid for by the Depot Park Committee. Roll call votes: Kness – nay, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Trout – aye, and Loving aye. Five in favor, one opposed, motion carried.

The Board stated that there is nothing else needed in the Depot park.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to approve the Motor Fuel Tax resolution in the amount of \$19,000. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, James – aye, Schmitt – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, and Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board set Halloween Trick or Treat night for Monday, October 31, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to purchase a new computer for the Village. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Trout – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Trout inquired about the policy of no bikes or scooters on sidewalks, and the Board asked Chief Stotts to enforce.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk