

DECEMBER 5, 2011
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 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 (7:08 P.M.), James (7:05 P.M.), Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to accept the November 7, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the November police report. He reported 112,020 miles on the squad, 11 warnings, tickets written, and information on the police camera that he has been testing. He reported that the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association will donate \$500 towards the camera, but that would leave \$1,700 due from the Village not including the tapes plus \$1,200 per year fee to keep information for Village. Chief Stotts further stated that it does have a holster and is nice, and that he likes it, and could get \$2,000 for the Village's old camera making the total cost of the camera \$4,200, without the donation and old camera money. Chief Stotts stated he would like to see a new squad, but that would be up to the Board. He also stated that he would be serving chili at KJ'S during the Christmas Walk.

President Peterson stated that the Village could get along without the camera. The Board agreed to table the matter to explore other options.

President Peterson reported that the culvert at South 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue was fixed by Tom Whiting, and that Mr. Whiting donated a tube, and patched sidewalk where it was needed.

Scott Kammerman, engineer from Missman on the Village's sewer project, present to report that the easements were done, and that Village Attorney Steele reviewed the documents and wanted some things stated differently, but the drawings and descriptions were O.K. Also, he stated that the Rodeo Association and Cozy Haven Homes would need to pass a resolution on their easements. President Peterson stated that he would have a letter sent from the Village that the easements are done, the Village Attorney is reviewing them, and the Village will contact them to finalize the easement requests, but no date at this time.

The Board acknowledged that the Village will commit to put areas back as they were before with the construction contracts set up to do so within two years so nothing goes wrong.

Mr. Kammerman stated that the USDA Rural Development has recommended two phases for a better chance of getting funding, with a letter sent that the Village is moving into the phase of \$2,000,000 in grant money and more funding. He stated that Duane Smith is officially retired and Lora Ly Heintzelman will be the new contact.

Mr. Kammerman stated that he is doing what the USDA needs, and fine tuning the preliminary engineering report, operation, and maintenance budget.

President Peterson stated that he had talked to John Carlson, and he is available to assist with the inspections, but Missman needs a resume form him for the USDA.

President Peterson reported that Darci McLaughlin had wanted an easement to the west of her property, but that her land runs up to the adjoining neighbors, so he is not sure what easement is there, and the Village maps shows no alley.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to pass Ordinance Number 4, Series 2011 Amending the Burn Ordinance. 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 asked about the raises for the two part time police officers that had been tabled. Chief Stotts recommended a \$1.00 per hour raise for each officer. President Peterson stated that looking at raises for only the police and not the other employees of the Village would not be correct, and he could not justify raises at this time due to the budget woes of the Village. The Board agreed that the funding was not there during these economic times, but they recognize the good work of all the employees. The Board will look at the matter at the next budget meeting.

Clerk Johnson announced that the new computer had arrived.

Motion by Schmitt, second by James to pass Ordinance #5, Series 2011 Telecommunications Ordinance Amendment. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, and Schmitt – aye.. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board tabled the ordinance concerning the Special Use Permit for Joe Adams until they talk to Village Attorney Steele.

President Peterson reported that Jolene and Brian Easley are working on their drive and having the work done by Tom Whiting at their expense.

The Board noted that the Christmas Walk is December 9, 2011 from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to donate \$25 to the Mercer County Senior Citizens Center, and \$50 to the Sherrard School District Operation Santa. 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.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance department is looking at a hoist for the spreader, and specifically a Jib hoist. But they are getting figures together and descriptions with a cost of \$1,200 minimum amount not including concrete. The Board tabled the matter until further figures were obtained.

President Peterson reported that the MFT Resolution has been accepted by IDOT.

President Peterson and the Board agreed to Entrepreneurship Week in February.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk