

MARCH 5, 2012

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, James, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Trout, Gibeau, and Schmitt

Motion by Kness, second by James to accept the February 6, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and James – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Tom Whiting present concerning issues with the Village's Police Chief, Carl Stotts. Mr. Whiting brought up certain complaints that he was aware of against Chief Stotts, such as Sara Ryner running in the mornings, which President Peterson said was an old issue and had been addressed. Mr. Whiting also was concerned with speed limits and tickets issued. President Peterson stated that the Police Officer deems a violation and uses radar to check the speed of vehicles and tickets are valid. He also stated that the Board has a police policy, and that tickets were written on violations. Mr. Whiting stated that he had heard all kinds of stories about Chief Stotts. President Peterson stated that Chief Stotts has not violated anyone's rights.

Mr. Wilbur Brooks present and stated that when Chief Stotts went to Springfield on police business, he took Mr. Brooks with him. President Peterson stated that he did not have information on this matter.

The Board asked Mr. Whiting to document or write out and send it by certified letter to the Village any item he has on the police department. President Peterson said that the letter will come to him, he will deal with the issue, and notify the Board.

Wilbur Brooks also stated that he has concerns on Chief Stotts, such as Martin Allen at the Allen Service Station confrontation. President Peterson stated that nothing was mentioned to the Board or himself on this matter. President Peterson stated that he would look into the squad being on private property, and he would talk with Chief Stotts.

Police Chief Stotts not present, because he was at a training meeting. President Peterson presented the February police report. He reported 114,832 miles on the squad, 88 calls, 23 tickets, 9 warrants, 2 other warrants, 4 domestic batteries, 1 burglary, EPA in Village due to illegal burning, and Officer Shawn Meier had back surgery and not able to work.

The Police Committee agreed to meet with Chief Stotts and do some investigating into police matters.

President Peterson reported that the law suit against former police chief Clayton Brendal and the Village and the Eric Jones property, as far as the Village knows, has been dropped.

President Peterson stated that Ameren will be working on trimming trees.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance department has prioritized the Village's sidewalks that need work done.

President Peterson reported that Karen Riddell on West Franklin Street requested a street light be placed at the bottom of the hill on Franklin Street. President Peterson stated that the Board should look at the area for the street light and get a cost estimate on a street light.

President Peterson stated that the maintenance department is looking into rock to repair some pot holes.

President Peterson reported that he met with Scott Kammerman, engineer on the sewer project, and residents of the new easements, Tomlinson's and Partlow to run lines to the cul de sac and hook up straight back, not a new line, by Jones' property, and the Rodeo Association to get hooked up on Walnut Street to avoid taking any trees

President Peterson also reported on a meeting with the USDA Rural Development on an outline to follow, and the Village is well on its way to complete the outline while following the proper steps. He also stated that Village Clerk Johnson will be a notary to assist with the paperwork.

President Peterson stated that the hydrants will be flushed this spring with a date to be set and notification to be put in the newspaper.

Motion by Kness, second by James to authorize the February 2012 bills. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, James – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk