

AUGUST 6, 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, Trout, James, Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Kness second by James to accept the July 2, 2012 public hearing minutes and the regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the July 2012 police report. He reported 122,758 miles on the squad, 28 tickets, 12 warnings, 2 notices served, 1 dog taken to the vet, and attending a class on the Spanish language. Chief Stotts informed the Board about a 2006 Dodge Durango with a full police package and 75,290 miles for by the Cordova Police Department. Chief Stotts stated that he had taken the vehicle to Keith's Auto Service for an inspection, but he only found that it needed a muffler and was in good condition. Chief Stotts stated that there is a computer, camera, and everything in it at a cost of \$6,000 by the Village of Cordova, since they are closing out their police department. Chief Stotts stated that the Village could offer \$5,000 with \$4,000 coming from the SVF Police Fund and the balance from the General Fund, and that the Blue Book value of the vehicle is \$10,000. Chief Stotts did not recommend getting rid of the Village's current squad, because the value would only be \$1,500 with a cost of \$500 to remove the police equipment. He further stated that there is a ding in the side of the vehicle, but Barton's Body Shop would donate removing the ding and would take off the Cordova name and number. Chief Stotts stated that the vehicle gets about 17 miles per gallon. President Peterson said that he spoke to the mayor of Cordova and that he said the miles per gallon were around 12 -17, and a Chevrolet dealer gave the amount of \$1,500 for the Village's current squad. The Board went outside of the Hall to look at the Dodge Durango Police vehicle. President Peterson stated that the Board would have to make a decision, that the SVF funds would be used, and a price set as an offer to Cordova.

Motion by James, second by Gibeau to resolve to offer the Village of Cordova \$5,000 for the 2006 Dodge Durango with police package with \$4,000 paid by the SVF Police Fund for the vehicle's use for drug law enforcement and \$1,000 from the General Fund. Roll call votes: James – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Chief Stotts was instructed by the Board to talk to the State's Attorney to get the O.K. for use of SVF funds. Chief Stotts requested a typed offer on Village letterhead to present to Cordova. The Board agreed, and Clerk Johnson typed up the offer.

Chief Stotts stated that he had a schedule for the fair and rodeo that included the four Village officers, 4 auxiliary officers from Mercer County, and coverage for the extended hours for both taverns for Friday and Saturday nights.

Clerk Johnson reported that The New Windsor Depot restaurant and tavern has applied for a video gaming license for five video gaming machines, and that two gaming officials from the State had been in to look over the Village's liquor ordinance. The Board agreed to have Village Attorney Steele look into the matter.

President Peterson reported on properties in violation of the weed ordinance.

President Peterson reported that Contract Funding LLC and Forrester Bank had no interest in the former Skelly station and house on Main Street, and that they had contacted Village Attorney Steele about giving the property to the Village. He stated that Attorney Steele is in contact with their lawyers, and checking into no liability for the Village. President Peterson stated that the Village would have no interest in owning the property for a period of time, but that Kari Cashen was interested in purchasing it from the Village. Ms. Cashen and Ryan Beeman present to state that they were interested in the property for the amount of \$10,000. The Board tabled any action on this matter until more information was received.

President Peterson reported that Ameren is in the Village doing tree work, and that the mulch from that tree work is too thick and big to put under the Village's playground equipment. He suggested putting pea gravel and dragging the area, and putting more rock in to avoid any sinking of the area.

President Peterson reported that McMeekan excavating has fixed the broken tile on Kaye Drive.

President Peterson reported on the sewer's progress, but engineer Scott Kammerman was not present. President Peterson reported that the preliminary engineering report was sent to the USDA, and their engineer came back with nineteen issues that needed to be addressed, and that the money for projects had been spent for this year, so now looking at 2013. He also reported that there had been a USDA meeting with Attorney Steel, Mr. Kammerman, Clerk Johnson, Meghan Overton of Bi-State, and himself attending. He informed the board that the USDA talked about one big project instead of the two phases that the Village had proposed, and wanted to revisit the Village's options from the beginning of the sewer project.

President Peterson reported that the easements are still being worked on, with five left, including Mike and Jim Jones. He stated that the Jones' felt that the Village was taking property away from them by asking for a permanent easement with laterals on the sides of their yards through the north edge of the yard and the northwest corner of Mike Jones' yard, plus they came up with stipulations of Mike Jones' water bill from four years ago that was around \$200, a lateral in the backyard, and putting both in on each property. President Peterson stated that the only property that have permanent easements were where the sewer line is, and doing this without purchasing property, and also looking into the drainage. President Peterson stated that he had no real problem with their stipulations if they would agree to it, and then Tim Partlow would sign his easement.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to make an agreement with Jim Jones and Mike Jones per the stipulations to obtain the easements necessary for the sewer. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Schmitt – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the sewer ordinance is tabled pending further information.

President Peterson reported that there had been a meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Oldfather, Trustee Trout, and himself on the memorial for B.J. Luxmore and veterans. Steve Oldfather present and reported that the memorial was taken out of the Ball Park, due to the Ball Park possibly folding, and placed at the Depot Park. He said that they had looked at a foundation with a brick wall, where people could buy a brick to go in the memorial wall, and place the wall by the flags. He said it would be for someone who had been in the service, with a standard size, the name with “in memory of”, and insignia of the particular service. He stated that they wanted only a standard size with a standard statement. President Peterson stated that Brenda and Leonard Luxmore were in on the planning and preferred the Depot Park. Mr. Oldfather stated that the group/committee would collect the money and keep track of it at the bank, but that this project is in the beginning stages. President Peterson set a meeting with Mr. Oldfather, Trustee Trout, and would contact the Luxmore's for Saturday at 9:30 A.M. at the Village Hall. He also invited any interested parties.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to pass Ordinance 4, Series 2012, The Tax Levy. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, and James – aye/. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance department had purchased the chain saw, and the mower had needed a new belt.

The Board tabled any action on the Ameren contract.

Clerk Johnson reminded the Board that the next meeting would be, Tuesday, September 4, 2012 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to authorize the July 2012 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 all to adjourn. Voice Votes. All votes were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk