

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2012

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

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to accept the September 4, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the September 2012 police report. He reported that Ryan Gaines was interested in the part time police position with the Village, that he had been a police officer with Cordova, and was highly spoken of. Chief Stotts reported that Zac Devlin had withdrawn his position with the Village, he would not take the tests required for part time police, and was going into security work instead of law enforcement. Chief Stotts requested that the Board hire Ryan Gaines as a part time officer with the Village.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to hire Ryan Gaines as a part time police officer with the Village at \$13 per hour. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Stotts continued his police report. He reported 93 tickets, 15 warnings, other violations, 124,732 miles on the squad car, 76,228 miles on the Durango, a new muffler was ordered for the Durango squad, that the Adams Hardware Store donated \$40, the Flower Shop donated \$50 to the cost of the new muffler, no major calls, and that he and President Peterson attended a disaster training in Aledo. President Peterson stated that if something is needed for the police department or squads, the request must go through the Village Board for approval.

President Peterson reported that the property at 705 Main Street formerly owned by Contract funding LLC was now controlled by the State for back taxes, and it would be auctioned off with a minimum bid of \$395. President Peterson stated that the Village was out of any connection with the property.

President Peterson stated that the street light at North Fifth Avenue and Bradley Court was fixed.

President Peterson reported that for snow plowing, the Village only had Richard Bland and Steve Kness, and suggested placing an ad for two weeks in the New Windsor Advertiser for a part time/on call snow plow person with some maintenance work, and using only Village equipment.

Motion by Trout, second by Schmitt to place an ad in the New Windsor Advertiser for two weeks for a part time/ on call snow plow person with some maintenance work possible. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Gibeau – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that he had talked to Ryan Beeman concerning a hoist for the maintenance department, and he was given an estimated of \$2,700 for the hoist, but not sure what was needed for the concrete.

Scott Kammerman present as engineer for the sewer project. President Peterson stated that Mike Jones and Jim Jones had not responded to his calls on the easements needed from them. President Peterson further stated that he did contact Mike Jones about the easements, but that Jim Jones did not answer his calls. He also stated that Attorney Steele had drafted letters to each Jones about the easements, but that the letter was not to his specifications and not sent. President Peterson said that he and Mr. Kammerman had delivered the corrected easements to Mike and Jim Jones with their requests in the easement document. President Peterson was notified by Clerk Johnson that Jim Jones had more requests concerning the easements, but that the Village Board at last month's meeting denied these requests. President Peterson and Mr. Kammerman made alternative plans for the sewer in that area by going on the Bob Tomlinson property that is in Mr. Tomlinson's back yard, still available to Partlows, and taking off the Mike Jones' permanent easement. Mr. Kammerman said that this would make a new route for the sewer to come down from Mulberry Street through Tomlinson's empty lot, behind their house (about 100 feet of sewer), and go in front of Mike Jones and Jim Jones houses. Mr. Kammerman stated that this would require a new set of easements for Bob Tomlinson. The Board agreed. President Peterson stated that Mike Jones may not like this plan, but Jim Jones would not do the easement, so this is the plan now. President Peterson said that several requests were made to Mike and Jim Jones with no responses, so rather than face a legal battle the Village has gone another way to not delay progress. President Peterson talked with Bob Tomlinson, and with the new easement, the north side should be done, and hopefully ready by January to take the next step, find USDA funds by May, and in late 2013 or early 2014 award contracts.

President Peterson reported that the softball adult league would be done in 2-3 weeks.

Trustee Trout reported that the bench was ordered by the Luxmore's for the memorial at the Depot Park, but it would take 3-4 weeks, and the company would call when the bench was in. President Peterson stated that the maintenance department should be there when the bench is placed in the park.

The Board tabled any action on the video gaming, until Attorney Steele could be present.

The Board set Halloween Trick or Treat night for Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk