

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

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 (7:15 p.m.), James, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent were Schmitt and Gibeau.

Motion by Kness, second by James to accept the January 2013 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and James – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson introduced Ralph Smith who has moved back to the Village, and when previously living in the Village assisted with the emergency plan system and other projects. Mr. Smith stated that he is living at Cozy Haven and his telephone number is 667-2199,

Police Chief Stotts presented the January 2013 Police Report. He reported 87 calls, 18 tickets, 10 warnings, police duties, 79,635 miles on the Durango Squad, 127, 637 miles on the Chevy Squad, a battery booster was purchased due to the Durango having a dead battery from melted battery cables due to increased amps at a cost of \$159, and this booster does jump the vehicle without cables. Chief Stotts reported that all police departments are going to tasers, because using a taser can replace using a gun. He stated that a Taser X26 costs \$1,050 with six cartridges, two holsters, and only shoots one at a time. He further stated that there is a free school April 23 – 26, 2013 in East Peoria on “Violence Against Women”, and the only cost would be meals at a total of \$75. Chief Stotts reported that he got one radio from Cordova at no charge, with a free battery and clip (cost would have been \$40). Also, the camera is working in one squad, and this week the other camera will be put in the other squad.

President Peterson questioned the taser for use in a small Village, because back up would be called, and would a taser be something that is needed. President Peterson stated that he does not want officers in danger, and questioned how many tasers have been used in Mercer County. Chief Stotts stated that the States Attorney is behind the taser program, and the training is free. Chief Stotts stated that crime is getting worse, and foresees the use of tasers coming. The Board agreed to table the matter for further information and reaction to a taser. The Board concluded that right now the taser is a choice and not a law. President Peterson instructed Village Clerk Johnson to contact Village Attorney Steel about the legal issues, and also send him a copy of the taser information for his opinion.

President Peterson informed the Board that he had talked to the Village’s sewer engineer, Scott Kammerman, and that the Village has not heard from the USDA. President Peterson stated that the Village is okay with what Mr. Kammerman is doing, and the construction permit should be approved within two weeks to a month. President Peterson said that the Village’s information is in, but would like Attorney Steele to contact the USDA on why they have not sent the requested information.

President Peterson reappointed Joe Ryner to the Zoning Board for a five year term. Motion by Kness, second by Loving to accept the appointment of Joe Ryner to the Zoning Board. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, James – aye, Trout – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by James, second by Kness to authorize the January 2013 bills. Roll call votes: James – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the borings done by the Geneseo Telephone Company through the New Windsor Telephone Company are sinking and will need repair with dirt work. President Peterson stated that he would talk to Troy Nimrick of the New Windsor Telephone Company to find out who is responsible for the repairs.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk.