

MARCH 4, 2013

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

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to accept the February 4, 2013 regular meeting Board minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the February 2013 police report. He reported eighty calls, 12 tickets, 14 warnings, 80,280 miles on the Durango squad, 128,116 miles on the old squad, 1 warrant of service, ATV theft, vacation for him to be March 11, 2013 through March 15, 2013, and that Officer Davison (ME69) will be staying at his residence and will work weekend. Chief Stotts reported that a donation was made of a Taser to him at no cost to the Village. Chief Stotts noted that his contract would be up April 1, 2013, and that he would like another two year contract with his retirement after that. President Peterson stated that he was aware that the Taser purchase was put on hold at the February meeting, and the Village was waiting for information from the Village Attorney on the Taser. President Peterson stated that the policy is that no purchases would be made without his knowledge. President Peterson stated that there is a chain of command on these purchases. Chief Stotts stated that he was certified through Mercer County on the use of the Taser. The Village Board stated that they determine the policy, and agreed that the Taser should be added in to the policy stating the proper procedure for using it, and that the Taser should not be used until it is written into the policy. President Peterson outlined the steps that needed to be taken on the Taser. Step one is having the Board okay having a Taser, that all officers must be trained on its use, but the donation was appreciated. Step two is having a policy on the Taser written in first, before the Taser is used or carried. Step 3 is the chain of command with President Peterson being notified first before a purchase is made. The Board agreed that the steps need to be written in the policy by Village Attorney Steele. President Peterson stated that the chain of command must be followed. Police Chief Stotts apologized. The Board agreed to have Village Attorney Steele prepare the procedures in the police policy. The Board agreed that the next meeting is April 1, 2013, and the Police Chief's contract would be voted on at that meeting.

President Peterson reported that the brakes are out on the Village tractor, and maintenance superintendent Bland will check on the brakes and warranty, but the snow removal had gone well.

President Peterson also reported that the snow plow's rubber blade is worn, but that the Village could wait until next year to get a new one to replace it, bearing that there will be no more snow.

President Peterson stated that the Village's mower is a 700 series with only 400 hours on it, so the Village could wait one more year to trade, going three years instead of two.

President Peterson stated that the Village will check into complaints on snow being pushed too far back into yards.

President Peterson reported that he had talked to Troy Nimrick of the New Windsor Cable company, and the cable system that did the digging will come back to fill in dirt and grade where needed, but the Village will just have to contact them and show where the problems are.

President Peterson reported that the Mercer County Health Department meeting was cancelled on Thursday, and was rescheduled, and Ralph Smith and Chief Stotts will be the emergency preparedness representatives for the Village.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to purchase 24 water meters at \$110 each plus \$100 for a base reader. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Loving – aye, James – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that outlets were moved and hook-ups done for the generator for heat at the Village Hall. He also said that the maintenance garage door opener would need a generator hook up.

Scott Kammerman present as engineer for the Village's sewer project. President Peterson stated that in December he reported that the USDA would send their report on the preliminary engineer's report by the January 2013 Board meeting, but the Village finally received it last week. President Peterson read the report to the Board.

Scott Kammerman stated that the big problem the USDA has is with costs from 2009 to date at 2013, and they would like updated cost estimates. Mr. Kammerman stated that he could track the costs, but the index number has gone up about 10% (2% a year), and the USDA is questioning everything. Mr. Kammerman said that there needs to be something in writing from the USDA that he can answer, and this outline of the report must be right on the money. President Peterson said he doesn't hold anyone responsible, but some of these questions in the report could be answered by phone. President Peterson stated that in the July 2005 EPA letter, the EPA tells why the Village needs a sewer system.

Mr. Kammerman stated that the object is to work to get the issues resolved so the Village can get funds from the USDA. President Peterson requested a copy of Mr. Kammerman's response, with it polished up to make the report so the USDA will be satisfied, and hopefully do the bid process this fall, if all goes well.

Mr. Kammerman said he will do a quick response to the USDA letter, and that he did look at IEPA loans at 20 years payback, but the user rate would increase \$30 to \$40 more to around \$95 per person.

The Board agreed to have Mr. Kammerman come back next month, have the preapplication for the EPA revolving loan, and the Board agreed to do what is necessary to stay on the list.

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

President Peterson read the written resignation of Trustee Reuben James effective March 5, 2013.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to accept Trustee James' resignation. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, James – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. President Peterson stated that he would be checking on a replacement for the trustee vacancy.

Motion by Kness, 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