

MAY 6, 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: Trout, Schmitt, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Loving and Gibeau.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to accept the April 1, 2013 regular Board meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Trout – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in the elected officials of the April 9, 2013 election: President, Michael Peterson, and Trustees Linda Trout and Steve Kness. Trustee Dennis Loving was not present.

President Peterson reviewed the new committees.

Police Chief Stotts presented the April 2013 Police Report. He reported 75 calls, mileage on the Durango Squad at 81,643 and 129,107 on the Impala Squad, 18 tickets, 11 warnings, 2 warrants, and 2 dogs taken to the vet.

President Peterson directed Chief Stotts to send grass/debris and vehicle violations.

Chief Stotts reported that someone had driven through the Rodeo Park. President Peterson stated that the Rodeo Association ran a yellow cable striping off the west end of the park from fence to fence, east of the storage building to the corrals, and that the Ball Park also had tracks. President Peterson stated that there were four kids in a golf cart riding around on Sunday, and that the Police Department needs to move their schedules around on Sundays.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to accept the Police Chief 's contract for a 1% raise May 1, 2013 to May 1, 2014, and a 1 % raise May 1, 2014 to May 1 2015. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Kevin Willems, Village Treasurer, present to report on the fiscal year May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to accept the annual treasurer's report as presented. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson nominated Kevin Willems as treasurer for another four years.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to accept the nomination of Kevin Willems as treasurer for another four years. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that Eric Jones and conveyed to Police Chief Stotts that he is willing to pay the bill for Tony's Plumbing on the water line break caused by him, but thought that he had already purchased the curb stop. The Board stated that Mr. Jones would have to take care of that matter with Tony's Plumbing.

President Peterson reported that he had met with Missman Engineers on the MFT 2013 street oiling and chipping project for the north side of the Village. He reported that there were two options. One is to do all the north side, and two is to do just the bad spots, plus there are two bad spots on the south side that would be included. He said this would take about one-half the MFT Fund, but he doesn't want to spend too much if the sewer is going in.

President Peterson stated that the Village's maintenance department cleaned up the ditches and culverts, but that Chris Phillis on the east end of Walnut Street has an issue with a hole in the middle of the culvert with water running over the top of it. President Peterson said that the culvert could be ripped out and the drive area blacktopped so it can be driven through (harden the ditch), and do this work when the MFT work is being done by Mercer County. He instructed the Street and Alley committee to look at this project.

President Peterson stated that another culvert was looked at the Gary Anderson property on west Franklin Street. He said that this east culvert runs across, and Mr. Anderson wants a bigger tube to drain faster, President Peterson and Richard Bland of the maintenance department looked at this area. President Peterson asked the Street and Alley committee to check this out, also.

At this time President Peterson and the Board went out to the north side of the tennis court to check on three sink holes. President Peterson stated that the holes will be probed to find the weak spots, and the area will be fenced off.

President Peterson reported that Scott Kammerman, sewer engineer, is working on a new PR for the EPA, and that the Village has Alpha's response that it does not want to go in on a sewer with the Village.

President Peterson reported that the Landtech representative was to show up at this meeting concerning the Martin Allen problem, but he was not able to come. The matter was tabled for the June 2013 meeting.

Ralph Smith present to report on the meeting that he and President Peterson attended with Mercer County on the emergency plan.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance tractor's brakes have been repaired, and the maintenance department is doing monthly maintenance.

The Village received the EPA letter on the Village's water system evaluation. The Board reviewed the letter and recommendations.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to send Richard Bland and Jack Cooper to the larvacide class May 23, 2013 from 10 A.M. to Noon to get certified.

President Peterson stated that zoning officer Dave Olson would like to have in the Zoning Ordinance laws on the boundaries, and that property owners must have these before a building permit for fencing is given, Mr. Olson is concerned that he has no way of knowing the boundaries. Village Clerk Johnson stated that she has been in contact with Gena McCullah of Bi-State about doing a new updated Zoning Ordinance with input from John Carlson, Zoning Board Chairman, and Village Attorney Steele.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to hire Blucker, Kneer and Associates as auditors for the Village at a cost of \$4,450. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Trustee Schmitt reported that he had radon in his house on a level 5 (high), and was concerned that Radon could be very prevalent in the Village. He reported that it is an odorless, tasteless gas, and State law requires two tests that have to be done before the house is sold or bought. Trustee Schmitt stated that a Radon test kit is available, and the average cost to take care of the problem is \$1,200 to \$2,000 .

Village Clerk Johnson reported that the Mercer County State's Attorney had sent a letter to resident Wilbur E. Brooks on his comments against Village Chief Stotts. A copy had been sent to Chief Stotts. President Peterson asked Clerk Johnson to send a copy of the letter to Village Attorney Steele.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk