

JUNE 3, 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 (7:08 P.M.), Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to accept the May 6, 2013 regular Board meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Georgeanna Torres present concerning Village Ordinances, in particular the burn ordinance, because she wants to have a wiener roast this weekend. The Board stated that wiener roast was allowed under the ordinance.

Wilbur Brooks present requesting information on what the Village Board member's salary is and the budget being published. Village Clerk Johnson stated that the Appropriation Ordinance is published annually in the Times Record newspaper, and it is published there because it is a newspaper published in our county. Mr. Brooks also complained about a semi on First Avenue being parked on the street. The Board stated that the Village does not allow semis to be parked on the streets. President Peterson stated that Eric Daves, owner of the semi, parks his semi on his property, and if there is a violation, Mr. Brooks should call Mercer County to contact the Village's police department. Ms. Torres stated that Mr. Daves also burns his garbage by her property on First Avenue. Police Chief Stotts told Ms. Torres to call Mercer County who then will dispatch the Village officer. Ms. Torres and Mr. Brooks also complained about the semi's noise. Again the Board told them to contact the police Department. Ms. Torres and Mr. Brooks complained about the trucks (semis) tearing up the Village's streets. President Peterson stated that the Village chips and oils the street and calculates how much is needed, and there is a base there, such as the elevator. The Board stated that truckers know the law, because of their CDL licenses. Police Chief Stotts stated that he had the State come out and set up a weigh station. The Board stated that the Village is aware of this being a rural area with farmers making their living. President Peterson stated that the Village has widened South Third Avenue by the elevator.

Steve Brooks present on behalf of the American Legion Post and requested a burn day for burning expired flags in a ceremony by the Legion. He stated that it may not be on a burn day, but that it will be attended and water will be present. The Board granted Mr. Brooks request, since this is a service by the legion.

Janice Rosene present concerning a dog attack on her dog. She stated that she contacted Mercer County Animal Control, and they do not have a filed complaint on the attack. Police Chief Stotts told Ms. Rosene she needed to file the complaint, and then would get the name and address of the

owner of the attacking dog through Mercer County. He stated that the police officer goes to the Mercer County State's Attorney, but that this is a civil matter and needs to file her complaint with the Mercer County animal control. President Peterson stated that the Village is aware of this matter.

Richard M. Sinnott present and introduced himself as an engineer with Klingner & Associates, P.C. engineers from Galesburg.

Police Chief Stotts presented the May 2013 Police Report. He reported calls for service, 130,130 miles on the squad car and 82,074 miles on the Durango squad, 14 tickets, 11 warnings, 3 warrants, held a meeting at the C.E. Building about violence against women with the Mercer County Crises Center, but had a small attendance. He further reported on grass violations that were turned in to Attorney Steele.

President Peterson reported that he met with the Missman engineer on the street oil and chip project on the north side. He stated that they drove every street, and also found two places on the south side, but had had no documents on the project. He said that the engineer will get with Mercer County Highway Department on the two options that he came up with. Option one is doing all of the north side plus the two spots on the south side, and option two is doing only the needed areas on the north side plus the two spots on the south side. President Peterson reported on the priority areas on the north side and what was recommended by the engineer. President Peterson stated that two years ago the cost was \$27,000 for only the hot spots on the south side, but the Village would need to consider street work if the sewer is going in as to what will be torn up.

Mr. Wilbur Brooks asked the Board why the Village doesn't put in new waterlines during the sewer process. Trustee Schmitt explained that the cost would be great, and getting funding is difficult.

Mr. Brooks asked about assignments to the trustees, and President Peterson stated that all trustees are placed on various committees, and that they are trustees, not alderman.

President Peterson stated that next month (July) he would have more information on the street oil and chip project options.

President Peterson stated that Gary Anderson on Franklin Street is still concerned about his culvert for drainage. Trustee Schmitt stated that he and Trustee Kness checked out Mr. Anderson's request to extend the culvert, but they found that the yard is higher than the culvert and nothing can help that. President Peterson stated that the Village does not go on private property, the culvert is too low in the yard, and the end of the tube is open on Village property. The Board agreed that a bigger tube would not make a difference, but the Village may be able to cut ground and v it out.

Trustee Schmitt stated that they looked at the Chris Phillis tube and recommended that the tube be pulled out and asphalt put over the top. President Peterson stated that the Phillis's want it done properly, and Mercer County could do it at the time of the MFT program.

Marla Reynolds of the Mercer County Family Crises Center present and stated that she has been to every community in Mercer County, even though she missed the Village's April and May meetings, she is here now for the children's advocacy program. She reported that from January 1, 2013 to the

middle of March, thirteen new kids came to them with abuse problems, and kids are growing up to be fearful. She stated that the children's advocacy center is part of the crises center, and that last year the Village donated \$200 to their program.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to donate to the Mercer County Crises Center \$250 and Police Chief Stotts agreed to donate \$100 from the police fund for a total of \$350 as a donation. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, Trout – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported on the sewer project, and that engineer Scott Kammerman had turned in his report, but is now waiting on Mike Wallace of the EPA to accept the report. President Peterson said that if the report is passed, the loan grant through the USDA should continue to the construction permit phase, and easements would be filed with advisement from Attorney Steele. President Peterson stated that the Village could move on after the EPA answers.

The Board addressed the matter of a torrential downpour on the lagoon, but the lagoon could be pumped out to the second lagoon, with the first one being the primary, and the second lagoon being the secondary.

President Peterson stated that LandTech of the Martin Allen problem was not present.

Ralph Smith present to report on a meeting that he and President Peterson attended concerning the Mercer County disaster recovery. He informed the Board that he is in a Mercer County medical reserve corps, which is a partner organization of volunteers dedicated to hometown security, and supplements the hometown first aid, getting help, and funds for a disaster situation.

President Peterson stated that he gave the New Windsor Ball Games schedule to Police Chief Stotts.

President Peterson stated that the Rodeo Park shelters use is to be given to the Village Clerk and marked on a calendar, and the picnic tables stay in the park, and the picnic tables are labeled according to their organization.

President Peterson stated that notices were sent out to delinquent water customers giving them a chance to make a payment plan with the Water Department.

President Peterson read the resignation letter of Dave Olson as Zoning Officer. The resignation would take effect as soon as the position is filled by someone else.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to accept the resignation of Dave Olson as Zoning Officer. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to have the weather warning siren tested each Tuesday at 10 A.M..

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

Dennis Loving was sworn in as trustee for a four year term as elected in April 2013 by Village Clerk Johnson.

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