

September 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, Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to accept the August 5, 2013 meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Schmitt- aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the August 2013 Police Report. He reported 113 calls, 133,179 miles on the squad, 82,852 miles on the Durango, 16 tickets, 1 warning, 10 call outs, report on ordinance to use for ticket money that would come to the Village given to Village Attorney Steele, ordinance on golf carts (insured and equipped), received resignation from Gordon Nichols as part time police, and Samuel Holman hired as the new part time officer.

Trustee Trout reported a frame car with no windshield running on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Chief Stotts to follow up on this report.

President Peterson stated that the streets would be oiled and chipped starting September 9, 2013 (Monday) through September 10, 2013 (Tuesday) for the MFT 2013 program, and the Village Hall lot will be done.

President Peterson reported that the USDA engineer Jonathon retired, but that Lorali Heintzelman, USDA Area Specialist, is talking with the Village's engineer Scott Kammerman, who submitted more information last week. President Peterson said that Village Attorney Steele will be kept informed of their conversations concerning the sewer project.

President Peterson reported that he and Chief Stotts attended the Mercer County Emergency Management meeting, and that there will be a Debris Management meeting September 26, 2013 and that Mercer County is trying to qualify for grant funds.

President Peterson stated that the Water Department is making a list of meters to be replaced, and that Wilbur Brooks has a new outside read meter. He also stated that the maintenance department put a new roof on the aeration building.

President Peterson reported that Blucker, Kneer, and Associates audited the Village's accounts on August 29, 2013.

President Peterson stated that the Depot Park is done with music for this season, the Ball Park will be having a co-ed league, and the Antique Engine Show will be September 20 – 22, 2013 at the Rodeo Park. The Board agreed to put the Village's grader in the show, but not to sell it.

President Peterson reported that a tree limb broke off by the Alan Celada property, and he had Ron Fontenoy pull the limb out, cut up, and take it away. He also informed the Board that K & R Tree Service (Robert Rigg) is no longer in business, and that he has contacted Walten Tree Service of Orion about removing the tree at Celada's. President Peterson stated that the cost by Walten Tree Service would be \$300 to drop the limbs, and \$100 to do work on limbs at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a total of \$400 for the dropping of the limbs only, but could get an estimate for chipping debris and hauling away. He stated that the Village could take the brush to burn, and that Ralph Morrow would take the logs. President Peterson stated that Walten Tree Service is low in cost due to just cutting and dropping the trees/limbs, and he is insured.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to cut the tree at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Mulberry Street, and Celada's to be safe. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that Rivoli Township has put cement blocks next to the Village's sidewalk to keep their rock from spilling over, and that the Village could purchase blocks at a cost of \$15 per block to use to make bins at the maintenance building for the Village's street materials. He said that the maintenance department wants 18 blocks, but they are very heavy (3500 lbs.) and the Township hauled theirs in their truck. He stated that the maintenance department is checking with Don Fowler of the Township for more information on the blocks and hauling them to the Village. The Board agreed to table the matter until more information on the cost to haul the blocks to the Village.

President Peterson reported that the Cable TV Franchise Agreement with the New Windsor Telephone Company has expired, and needs to be renewed. President Peterson stated that the Village needs to consider new rates and an increase. Trustee Trout stated that she had complained about her lines, and the Cable Company has tried to fix, but have not been successful. President Peterson stated that the Village needs to consider the issue of term, such as five years, then maybe redo each year, since technology has changed the cable, and they may go internet wireless. President Peterson stated that a courtesy telephone call on the fiber optic would have been considerate since the State mandated the 911 being put in by the Geneseo Telephone Company through the New Windsor Telephone Company. The Board agreed with the five year franchise agreement, with a review year by year, and President Peterson stated that the highest the Village could go with rates is 6% to FCC regulations.

Dave Springer present and informed the Board about ham radio use, and if the Board would be interested in getting a link with weather through the Quad Cities. He said he would like to set up a ham radio repeater with backup power, but would need an antenna location and power. President Peterson stated that this may also be of assistance to the Mercer County Emergency Management Program, and put in the sheriff's frequency. The Board asked Village Attorney Steele to check into the matter, and tabled it until further information is received.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to authorize the August 2013 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 all to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk