

OCTOBER 7, 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, Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson, Absent: none.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to accept the September 3, 2013 regular Board meeting minutes. Roll Call votes: Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the September Police Report. He reported 83 calls out, 8 tickets, 22 warnings, other calls, 134,757 miles on the Impala squad and 83,324 on the Durango squad, 2 warrants, 2 disaster meetings attended with information on new forms concerning disaster relief, and how to classify the injured through triage with the Fire Department (who did not show up at any meetings). Chief Stotts further reported that the repeater is good in the squad, but Mercer County is looking into helping with the cost of a repeater on the water tower if the Village can get one due to the narrow banded radios. David Springer also attended the disaster meetings and reported information.

Troy Nimrick present on behalf of the New Windsor Cable System and the new Franchise agreement with the Village. Mr. Nimrick reported on the cable systems revenues and costs. Village Attorney Steele present with concerns on the Franchise ordinance. President Peterson reported that the Village could charge a maximum of 5%, and that the Village share is at 3% right now. Mr. Nimrick asked for 5 years as the length of the Franchise agreement due to the changing technology, and then an annual renewal thereafter or a written notice to opt out of the agreement by either party. President Peterson said that the Village could renegotiate after the 5 year term.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to leave the cable franchise rate at 3% with 5 years as the term. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Village Attorney Steele will prepare the Franchise agreement, and Troy Nimrick will look it over, and the ordinance will be tabled until the November 2013 meeting.

President Peterson reported that the Mercer County Highway Department truck pulled down a wire and snapped a light pole in the Rodeo Park by the legion Shelter. President Peterson reported that Ameren IL had been contacted, but have stated that it is not their pole. Troy Nimrick stated that the Telephone Co. will donate a new pole, but that Ameren should come back to hook up the wire and street light. Attorney Steele stated that the Village can accept the pole from Mr. Nimrick, and Trustee Schmitt stated that he can bring in a line truck to set the pole. President Peterson also noted that Ameren has not been in the Village to do necessary repairs a 400 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (Steve Kruse empty

house) where the power service was ripped off and laying at the base of the pole, and 513 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Doug McGlaughlin property) where the street light pole was hit and laying on the ground. The Board agreed to have Village Attorney Steele take care of these matters, since the Village has not been able to get Ameren to come.

President Peterson reported that the MFT 2013 Street oiling and chipping is done, but that he was not happy with the engineering from Missman. He stated that he went over the streets with engineer Jason and Cindy from the office and over the issues of what was to be done and not to be done. President Peterson said that on the day of the MFT program start a new engineer was sent out who did not know the correct plan. Also, the MFT program was to be done in one day, but that did not happen, 1 week later more was done, but the Post Office lot was messed up, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Ball Park road were done correctly, and then President Peterson said he was told what the engineer was going to have done, but it was not right. President Peterson said the price was at \$29,000 with \$3,000 for engineering, but the final total was \$19,000 with \$2,000 for engineering, which was under the original amount. President Peterson stated that he did not recommend using Missman again as an engineer for MFT projects, because the Village needs a project engineer to do the engineering, and there was too much miscommunication. President Peterson said that what was left on the streets, the Village's maintenance department would do as patching.

Scott Kammerman, sewer engineer, present to report that he has been working on the engineering report for the USDA with Lorali Heintzelman, USDA Area Specialist, and that after all the communications, the project report is nearing completion and approval. Mr. Kammerman brought a modified report for the state and USDA review, and gave an explanation of what has been answered on their concerns, with explanations and details. He said that the next step is to get something that has attachments, then look at construction cost estimates at 1% year by year increase.

\*Trustee Kness left the meeting at 8 P.M. due to a work schedule.

President Peterson stated that that was good news, but that he would like to see a definite outline to January 1, 2014 stating where the Village is at to the point of digging. He said he would like to see the steps with dates to show what is going on. Mr. Kammerman stated that October is the beginning of the fiscal year and Lorli can get underwriting done in a month. He stated that the best opportunity for grant funds is now with a 40 year loan. Mr. Kammerman thanked the Board for their patience on the project.

President Peterson stated that he had been informed by Village Clerk Johnson on pay raises for the collector, water department employees, treasurer, and maintenance department. Village Clerk Johnson recommended a \$50 a month raise for the collector since the last raise was in September 1, 2007, with the treasurer's last raise in August 2008, and water department employees raises August 1, 2004, and assistant water employee August 2010. The Board agreed to have the Budget Committee meet and make a recommendation at the November meeting.

President Peterson reported that the Ball Park is still being used, and the water needs to stay on.

President Peterson stated that Walton Tree Service had completed the tree work.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance department wants to get 18 3500pound blocks to make bins at the maintenance building for street materials, and that Rod McCaw has a trailer at a cost of \$100 per load to haul the blocks (3 loads total). Attorney Steele informed the Village that he must be an independent contractor with his own insurance. President person stated that Don Fowler of the Rivoli Township had something to take the blocks off of the trailer. President Peterson stated that he wanted to talk to Rod McCaw to get more information, and that the maintenance department could do just two bunkers which would be less blocks.

The Board set Halloween Trick or Treat night for October 31, 2013 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Attorney Steele stated that he had drawn up an ordinance on ATV and Golf Cart use on the Village streets. The Board took no action on this ordinance due to the State's requirements.

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

Motion by Schmitt to adjourn, second by Trout. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk