

DECEMBER 2, 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, Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, Johnson, and Trout (7:05 P.M.). Absent: none.

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

Police Chief Stotts presented the November 2013 police report. He reported 95 calls for service, 136,214 miles on the Police Impala, 84,499 miles on the Police Durango, 9 tickets, 11 warnings, 2 arrests, 12 calls out, stolen guns picked up by Stark County, and a cost of \$1,082.00 for new police radios from Galesburg Communications with a trade in of \$300 for the old radios.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to purchase 2 radios for the police department at a cost of \$1,082.00 with trade in. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board acknowledged the New Windsor Christmas Walk to be December 13, 2013 from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Chief Stotts reported that he will leave on December 13, 2013 at 4:30 P.M. to participate in the Shop with a Cop program, but that an officer will be on duty.

Police Chief Stotts reported that he will attend the FEMA School in Aledo two days at eight hours each day for the emergency program. President Peterson stated that Mercer County is trying for grant funds, and the Village is a part of that plan. President Peterson stated that he would turn in hours for pay for Chief Stotts, himself, and anyone that would like to be a part of (only village employees get paid) the FEMA Mercer County program.

President Peterson reported that the Maintenance Department is ready for winter, but the spreader is not on yet, and the bunkers are done with one covered and the other to be covered.

President Peterson reported that he had talked to the USDA Loralie Heintzelman, and she is in contact with the Village's engineer Scott Kammerman of Missman. Scott Kammerman present and reported that he spoke to Ms. Heintzelman in Woodhull today, and that there is a new state engineer to look at where New Windsor's sewer program is at. He also stated that Mike Wallace, state director, was present at Woodhull, and the Village should be getting a final report for an approval for CDAP grant (\$350,000) funds, but that the Village has to have the USDA approval. Mr. Kammerman stated that the

Village can do a new income survey, and other necessary items, but it must have the USDA approval to move forward. He sent in the latest revision of the engineer's report around the last Village Board meeting, but has no response back. He said he would contact the new state engineer about this. President Peterson requested the name and telephone number of the new engineer for the Village and Attorney Steele. The Board asked Mr. Kammerman to attend the Board's January meeting, and President Peterson asked to meet with him on the sewer program to review each step.

President Peterson stated that there is a list of delinquent water payments, and residents owe quite a bit, even with a payment plan in place. He said a high number of these are consistently late, even when notices are sent. President Peterson suggested that the 10% penalty is not adequate, and winter shut offs are difficult, so the Village should raise the penalty to 50% and shut off properties at a certain dollar amount. He said the Village works with hardship cases. Village attorney Steele stated that in other Village's a date is set, and ten days after that date a red slip is placed on the door knob declaring shut off. President Peterson stated that the water department is run like a business, and that 30 days after the bill a penalty is added. The Board agreed that winter time is bad to shut off water, so an option would be to not shut off water during the months of December, January, and February, but come March 1 all bills must be paid. Also, the Board agreed that agreements must be paid, or that water will be shut off within ten days of notice. Village Attorney Steele stated that enforcing the shut off would help with the bill sent and thirty days to pay, then penalty. Attorney Steele stated that the last amendment to the Water Ordinance was in 2003 for the \$50 turn back on fee. The Board agreed to change the Water Ordinance to have a 50% penalty after the 30 days from billing, with a ten day notice, then a second notice in ten days of shut off. The Board directed Attorney Steele to prepare the amendment.

President Peterson stated that the broken pole in the Rodeo Park is still down, but the Telephone Company has a pole, and A.J. Streeter can set the pole in the spring.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to donate \$50 to the New Windsor Christmas Walk. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reviewed the gas issue at Allen's Service, and the 55 borings that required a demolition/excavation permit from the Village.

President Peterson requested that the Police Chief inform him of when the Village's squad is lent to another police department such as the incident of Viola borrowing the Village's squad when theirs had a cracked windshield fixed.

Village Attorney Steele reported that Denise Lieving came to court on her Wheel Tax, but stated she had only one vehicle. Police Chief Stotts concurred.

President Peterson stated that there had been a complaint on the Charles David fence, but that it was done according to the zoning ordinance, and had been there three years.

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

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

Village Clerk Claudine D. Johnson