

JANUARY 6, 2014

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, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Gibeau.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to accept the December 2, 2013 regular Board minutes. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the December 2013 Police Report. He reported 106 calls, 11 tickets, 19 warnings, 1 warrant, 2 arrests, 16 call outs, 136,453 miles on the squad car, 85,935 miles on the Durango squad, the radar units were certified, and 10 stickers for concealed carry were purchased.

President Peterson reported that the snow removal was going very well, and he thanked the snow plow crew for doing the best that they can.

President Peterson reported on the street sign program for the new reflective signs, and paperwork due by January 31, 2014 to participate. He stated that a map of the Village's signs was made, and the cost of the signs would be refunded by the state at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

President Peterson reported that he had talked to sewer engineer Scott Kammerman who has talked to the new USDA engineer, and that only one item for updating costs was now needed. Also, he stated that the date for the CDAP grant had been moved back to April, and he would be in touch with Bi-State, but the Village would need the acceptance by the USDA first.

President Peterson reported on the Mercer County Emergency Program.

President Peterson informed the Board about the water leak on 7th Avenue and Main Street that was discovered about 1:30 p.m. today. He stated that the leak was at the lid, and Water Superintendent Mike Johnson has Bill McMeekan and Tony's Plumbing lined up to repair it. President Peterson stated that he had talked to IDOT, and they will drop off signs and barricades for alongside of the road. Also, He stated that the Village has a verbal permit from Michelle of IDOT to go ahead with the repairs along the highway.

President Peterson reported that water bill delinquents were down to 20.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to pass Ordinance 1, Series 2014 an Amendment to the Water Ordinance raising the water penalty to 50% after the firsts 30 days. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt to order Wheel Tax stickers for 2014. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Loving – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported on the lady that stepped into a hole across from the Village Hall near the alley. He stated that it was about a four inch hole, and that the Village had checked with the Telephone Company, Water Department, sewer maps, and Ameren to see if the hole could have been made by one of them. President Peterson said it could possibly be an old tile that had collapsed. President Peterson stated he had contacted the Village's insurance company.

President Peterson stated that the gas issues at Allen's Service would have to wait for inspection by the Village until spring.

President Peterson stated that there have been coyotes in the Village, and Bethell Wildlife Service had been contacted. He said that Mr. Bethell had trapped one outside the Village, but no traps are allowed in the Village.

President Peterson recommended that the Village donate \$50.00 to the Fire Department for cleaning snow off of the sidewalks on Main Street. He said it took the Fire Department about an hour to do.

Motion by Trout, second by Kness to donate \$50 to the Fire Department for Main Street sidewalk snow removal. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to authorize the December 2014 bills. Roll Call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk