

APRIL 7, 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, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent – none.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to accept the March 3, 2014 minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Stotts presented the March Police report. He reported 113 calls, 15 call outs, 88,574 miles on the Durango squad, Impala squad 138,348 miles, 31 tickets, 4 arrests, 2 car burglaries, 2 car thefts, 1 drug arrest, a complaint on the pole down at the Rodeo Park, 15-20 cars broken into, Easter Egg Hunt at the Rodeo Park April 12, 2014, 1 dog killed by attack with a \$500 fine in court and restitution with payments of \$30 per week, and attending CPR class in Aledo tomorrow. Chief Stotts reported that Kelly St. John was found guilty on dog attack, and stated that she had paid the Mercer County pound fee.

President Peterson read the letter from Attorney Steele concerning vicious dogs. President Peterson said that the Village does have an ordinance for registering dogs in the Village, a control officer would be too expensive, and the Village uses County and State laws on attacks. Chief Stotts stated that three attacks or bites will make a Judge rule a dog vicious, and the two parties go to court. President Peterson stated that dogs must be attended and in control, not running loose, and that is stated in the Village's dog ordinance.

President Peterson said he would take any comments back to Attorney Steele, and Mercer County has to respond to a bite on a human. Chris Johnson present whose dog was killed in the attack stated that reported on Milan dog ordinance and Sterling codifiers.

Mercer County Family Crisis Center representatives Marla Reynolds and Sherri Brown present to report on the center and the walk on May 3, 2014, and a donation.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to donate \$250 to the Mercer County Family Crisis Center. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to have the month of April for residents to clean up debris, cars, and abide by the nuisance ordinance, and to place an ad for one week in the New Windsor Advertiser. President Peterson said the maintenance department will be out cleaning up gravel, debris from snow plowing, cleaning culverts, and limbs. President Peterson stated that he should be notified for limb pick up, and there would be a fee for the Village to pick up.

President Peterson reported that Chris Walton Tree Service has checked the trees in the Village, and found lots of broken limbs in trees, one tree on State Street (Phil Wells's property) is dead and can be dropped for \$275.00 with no hauling away, but there is someone (Kevin Andre) who would take the wood. President Peterson asked the Board to look at the tree.

President Peterson reported that Sheila Shull's property on Main Street has three trees along the highway, and she wants them taken down by the Village due to the highway and power lines. President Peterson stated that Ms. Shull told him that she could not get insurance due to those trees, and Chris Walton Tree Service looked at them and said it would cost \$700 to take down. President Peterson recommended splitting the cost with Ms. Shull (\$350), but she had an estimate from Etheridge Tree Service to take down and grind stumps for \$600. Trustee Schmitt stated that the State of Illinois easement is there, not the Village's (15 ft. from center of highway). President Peterson said he would call Mercer County to look at, because the Board wants to know. President Peterson said that no one from the Village gave permission to cut on those trees. The Board tabled any action until Mercer County looks at the trees.

President Peterson reported that Scott Kammerman, Village sewer engineer, went to Kirkwood and got operating expenses to fill out forms with up to date operating system's information, since Kirkwood's sewer is similar to what the Village will be putting in.

President Peterson said that the Bi-state work will be a year from now, because CDAP grant money would have been available in April. He also stated that he and Tom Whiting will measure for estimates on costs to hook up sewer to homes.

President Peterson reported on the Tom Miller water delinquent bill, with the water now shut off, and his new residence in the name of Attalissa Owen.

President Peterson reported that the new mower is in and working.

President Peterson reported that the parks cleanup has begun, and the playground equipment checked for razor blades.

President Peterson reported that Tyler Whiting will be working on the Ball Park stand and bathroom at the Rodeo Park.

President Peterson reported that a pole for the Rodeo Park needs to be larger than the New Windsor Telephone pole, and it will be set with the Rodeo Association taking care of the power.

President Peterson stated that the snow plowing is done, and the new spreader assembly is needed due to damage to the old one at a cost of \$465.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kness to purchase the new spreader assembly at \$465. 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 stated that the weather siren should be tested the first Tuesday of the month at 10 A.M. The Board agreed, and asked Clerk Johnson to place a notice in the New Windsor Advertiser.

Village Clerk Johnson stated that the insurance company paid their part in the break in damage and a new dead bolt lock for the Hall, and a police door and a treasurer's file cabinet will be purchased.

She also inquired about an alarm system or motion lights for the hall. The Board tabled this matter.

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

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to adjourn. Voice votes. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk