

JULY 7, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Peterson was held with the following members present: Loving, Trout, Schmitt, Gibeau, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent- none. Village Attorney Steele was present.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to accept the June 2, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, Loving – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Cheri Lasek and Bill Kelly present concerning their property at 122 North Fourth Avenue for an area for no parking in front of their house for their disabled daughter. They asked for a handicap sign for their parking of one spot. President Peterson stated that he would look at the area, but a sign may not stop someone from parking there. The Board asked Village Attorney Steele to check if one spot on private parking could have a sign or a reserved parking sign.

Jan Hawk present concerning water surrounding her house at 128 North Fifth Avenue when there is a heavy rain. She stated that the tube on the corner is a 12" tube, and her drive is an 8" tube. The Board agreed to look at the main tube and the alley one.

Mr. McGlaughlin of 513 North Fourth Avenue present concerning driving off road utility vehicles on the Village streets. Village Attorney Steele read the State Statutes on such vehicles. Mr. McGlaughlin asked for an ordinance for slow moving vehicles with turn signals, driver's license, insurance, lights, and back lights (as a scenario for a three-wheeler). President Peterson stated that in his opinion they are not legal here, but if used for farming operations, they may travel to and from the farm only. Attorney Steele recommended that the Village do nothing, because they are not allowed unless an ordinance was passed. The Board did not want to pass an ordinance allowing this.

President Peterson introduced Anthony Johnson as the new part time police officer.

Police Chief Stotts presented the police report for June. He reported 125 calls for service, 24 call outs, 33 tickets, 14 warnings, and \$666 estimate to fix the Impala squad's compressor, 90,912 miles on the Durango squad and 139,817 miles on the Impala squad. Chief Stotts reported on the Village's ordinance paying for a dog at large with one arrest, and threat to a public official at a \$500 fine.

Chief Stotts reported on CMS membership at a cost of \$150 a year fee for various items the police department and Village needs. He stated that since the army is downsizing, many items are available through the program.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Gibeau to join the CMS program for \$150. Roll call votes:

Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Gibeau – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Stotts reported on the tickets made for the Village's ordinances giving the option of paying the \$75 or going to court.

Village Attorney Steele presented the ordinances.

Motion by Kness, second by Schmitt, to pass Ordinance 4, Nuisance Amendment from a \$50 to a \$75 fine. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to pass Ordinance 5, Burn Ordinance Amendment changing the fine from \$100 to \$75. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Kness – aye, and all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to pass Ordinance 6, Drug Paraphernalia Amendment changing the fine from \$50 to \$75. 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 Gibeau, second by Kness to pass Ordinance 7, Dog Ordinance Amendment to change the fine from \$30 to \$75 per ticket. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Attorney Steele informed Clerk Johnson to publish these ordinances in pamphlet form.

Police Chief Stotts reported that he served notices today on nuisances (cars, houses, grass), and that some had to be mailed or taped to the door.

President Peterson stated that he does not want the Village's new mower cutting grass/weeds for nuisance violations, and would like to hire Rod McCaw's mowing service. He will get a price from Mr. McCaw.

President Peterson reported on the USDA meeting in May showing the sewer project cost at \$6.7 million, and the CDAP Grant possible of \$450,000. He stated that the income survey must be done for both CDAP and USDA, but the USDA one has a time frame, and the income surveys have been sent out.

President Peterson reported on the Public Meeting held on Friday, July 11, 2014 beginning at 7 P.M. at the C.E. Building. He stated that the water and sewer bills would be manageable if the Village got a good response (2.3% interest on USDA loan, but if not enough survey response then possible 3.5 – 4% rate). He informed the Board that 235 responses were needed with a 50 +% low income amount.

President Peterson also stated that the Emergency Responses survey was sent out, and the Fire Department will assist in getting those that are not in.

****Trustee Kness left the meeting at 8:20 P.M.**

Motion by Schmitt, second by Trout to pass Ordinance 3, Series 2014, the Appropriation Ordinance. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Trout – aye, Schmitt – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson told Chief Stotts to check with other Villages that may have a used squad for sale, because the Village would like to keep the Durango squad for winter and a car for summer. Chief Stotts stated that a new squad would be \$21,000, but he would get some prices.

President Peterson reported that he and Tom Whiting had done measurements for the sewer, and that an estimate would be that if a resident had 100' of line to hook in it would equal \$1,000 or a 50 foot straight shot would be \$800, and that these are only estimates and generalizations, because there will be choices.

President Peterson also reported that if a resident is low income, they may qualify for assistance in their sewer hookup fee.

President Peterson reported that people are taking their limbs to the maintenance pile, but he would like them to call him about the limbs.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk