

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Schmitt with the following members present: Whiting, Trout (7:15 arrived), Gibeau, Kness, Schmitt, and Johnson. Absent: Loving.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to accept the August 4, 2014 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, August 5, 2014 Special meeting, and August 26, 2014 Special Meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Gibeau – aye Schmitt – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Bev Lower present as the current deputy treasurer of Mercer County and candidate for treasurer. Ms. Lower introduced herself and her position, and explained that she wants a hands on policy with what the office of treasurer does and to stay connected with the governments of the county.

Police Chief Stotts presented the August 2014 police report. He reported 92,957 miles on the Durango squad, 140,191 miles on the Impala squad, 132 calls,. 18 call outs, 22 tickets, 12 warnings, a juvenile arrest, the Durango had an antenna torn off on August 9, 2014 and he sent to New York for repair and the necessary part. Chief Stotts requested that the Board consider buying his shoes for police duty. The Board noted that the policy would have to be changed. The Board took no action on the matter.

President Schmitt reviewed the Committees.

Chief Stotts stated that there had been an attempted murder and home invasion, and the person has been arrested.

President Schmitt nominated Michael Peterson to serve as a special assistant on the sewer project at a rate of \$100 per month.

Motion by Gibeau, second by Kness to hire Michael Peterson as a special assistant for the sewer project at a rate of \$100 per month. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Schmitt – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Michael Peterson present and reported that he only wants to be a part of the sewer project as a special assistant, and not a part of the Board or any other matters. He further explained that the CDAP Grant for \$450,000 is still at stake with not enough surveys in. He suggested a statement in the New Windsor Advertiser about the loan and grant from the USDA with notices in the Post Office and Bank,

and that the low to moderate income survey be done by the end of September. He also has prepared a list of vacant homes and homes owned by banks that would make the banks responsible for the installation of the sewer to the property. Mr. Peterson stated that he would look at the USDA letter on the water usage and rates at a later date.

The Board agreed to pay Mr. Peterson his special assistant amount retroactive to August 6, 2014. President Schmitt stated that Mr. Peterson would still need access to the sewer information, so he could keep his Village Hall keys.

Police Chief Stotts reported that Village Officer Sam Holman had resigned the end of August and had turned in all of his equipment to him.

President Schmitt stated that there are railroad ties in the waterway on the north side, and he will have the maintenance personnel look at them. Also, he was concerned about the waterway behind the Village Hall by the Presbyterian Church that may need digging out, and he will have this area checked also.

Trustee Whiting asked about the basketball court, and if new nets could be purchased. He also inquired about fixing the blacktop or putting in concrete.

President Schmitt stated that he would contact Walton Tree Service on the stump and tree at Lee and Maggie Ferguson's on South First Avenue, and Sharon Raes had asked about her tree at South Second Avenue. President Schmitt stated he would take a look at these and any others.

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

Motion by Kness, 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