

JANUARY 5, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall with the following members present: Loving, Trout, Whiting, Gibeau, Kness, Schmitt, and Johnson. Absent: none.

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

Scott Frenell of the New Windsor Fire Department present concerning the weather warning siren. The Board stated that Police Chief Stotts was doing the testing with the button for the siren in the water building. The Board agreed to give the Fire Department a key to the building for their use of the siren.

Police Chief Stotts presented the December 2014 police report. He reported 63 service calls, 14 call outs, 10 tickets, 97,994 miles on the Durango squad, 140,779 on the Impala squad, 1 arrest, 1 aggravated battery, that Dennis Davison has received a doctors release so that he can work again as a part time officer, that he (Chief Stotts) will be on vacation from January 10 to 17, 2015, and that cyber-bullying is what is written on Facebook and is against the law. Chief Stotts stated that the Depot had a band New Year's Eve that played until 12:09 A.M., but was to be finished by midnight per the ordinance, and the Depot did close on time. The Board agreed that New Year's Eve could have a grace period for the traditional song Auld Lang Syne, as long as the Depot did not make it a habit.

Michael Peterson present and stated that he had talked to the USDA and Bi-State, and a meeting will be set up for February for Attorney Steele, USDA Lorali Heintzelman, John Carlson, Scott Kammerman, engineer, President Schmitt, Clerk Johnson, Meghan Overton of Bi-State, and himself to get all the latest details on the sewer project. Mr. Peterson also stated options of water rates for the Board to consider, and what is feasible to pay for the water operation and sewer payments for the sewer loan repayment.

Motion by Kness, second by Gibeau to sell Wheel Tax stickers for 2015. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Whiting – aye, Gibeau – aye and Schmitt - aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Whiting inquired about the Village having a sticker for 4-wheelers to plow snow. He said that the 4-wheeler needs a yellow light and can be licensed through the state and have an insurance card. He asked the Board to consider having a license fee for a licensed operator of a 4-wheeler, and that other Villages such as Alexis, Sherrard, and Matherville have an ordinance. The Board agreed to get copies of these ordinances to review.

Motion by Gibeau, second by Kness to enforce the purchase of the Village's dog license at \$5.00 a tag. Roll call votes: Gibeau – aye, Kness – aye, Schmitt – aye, Whiting – nay, Loving – aye, and Trout – nay. Four votes aye, two votes nay, motion was carried.

Motion by Schmitt to license cats in the Village. There was no second, and the motion died.

The Board agreed to put an ad in the New Windsor Advertiser stating the Village's snow mobile routes.

President Schmitt declared a snow emergency and will use all available avenues to plow streets including emergency help. He stated that the snow plow personnel and police department will have to inform residents to move their vehicles for the plow, and that Rich Lawson, Richard bland, and Sgteve Brooks are the Villages Snow plow personnel, but that Richard Bland will only plow during the day.

The Board agreed to donate \$50 to the Fire Department each time they remove snow from the Village's Main Street sidewalks.

Motion by Kness, second by Whiting to renew the Village's land lease with the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo Association for 2015 at the same rate of \$1,000 per year ( paid April 1 and November 1). Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Gibeau – aye, Whiting – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and Schmitt – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Whiting asked Chief Stotts why he was sitting with the squad at the power plant outside of the Village. Chief Stotts replied that he had been called out on a speeding vehicle.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Loving to renew Tom Whiting as a Zoning Board member. Roll call votes: Whiting – aye, Schmitt – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, and Gibeau – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk