

MAY 4, 2015

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: Loving, Trout, Whiting, Kness, Schmitt, and Johnson.  
Absent: Gibeau

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to accept the April 6, 2015 CDAP Hearing minutes and the regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Schmitt – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in the elected officials Michael Peterson as Village President, and the three trustees for four year terms Tyler Whiting, David Willems, and Zach Devlin.

President Peterson went over the Village's procedures, committees, and the committee's duties on the various departments.

Police Chief Stotts presented the April 2015 police report. He reported 62 calls, 7 call outs, 7 tickets, various duties, 140, 947 miles on the Impala squad, 101, 730 miles on the Durango squad, Officer Meier will be in charge of the program for equipment purchase (CMS), guns purchased will be locked in a safe, and Chief Stotts stated he had 19 days left of service. He thanked the previous Board members and the new members .

Village Attorney Steele stated that committee meetings must be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting. The clerk will post the notice on the door of the Village Hall.

James Unsworth present for the Mercer County Sheriff's Department Canine Unit. Mr. Unsworth explained that the current canine is done and Deputy Switzer is not the current handler. He requested a donation for a new canine since the cost of training for the dog would be \$14,000, but the County would like \$20,000 to establish the unit. Mr. Unsworth stated that he had applied for the new handler position. Chief Stotts reported that he is a retired master trainer and has used the K-nine unit. Chief Stotts recommended that \$500 be donated out of the SVF Police Fund.

Motion by Peterson, second by Devlin to donate \$500 from the Police SVF Fund for the K-nine unit at Mercer County. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that a new list of nuisances be made on grass 8" tall or taller and abandoned vehicles.

The Board looked at the police chief applications. Chief Stotts stated that his last day would be June 1, 2015, and that Viola is looking for a police chief, also. He said that Viola Police Chief Mulder wanted the Village's applications to look at for their position.

Wilbur Brooks present asking why the Village has two police vehicles and two police computers. President Peterson stated that the Village purchased the Durango squad from a police department that closed at a good price and kept the Impala squad as a backup squad, and the police department has only one computer that is tied in to Mercer County and has GPS.

The Police Committee agreed to meet Monday, May 11, 2015 at 3 P.M. at the Village Hall to go over the police chief applications. Police Chief Stotts recommended a better salary for a chief.

Motion by Kness, second by Loving to accept the resignation of Dennis Davison as a part time police officer for the Village effective May 31, 2015. Whiting – nay, Willems – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Devlin – aye. Five votes aye, one vote nay, and the motion was carried. President Peterson thanked Mr. Davison for his service to the Village.

President Peterson asked the Street Committee to make a list of the streets in need of patching or shaping.

Robert Lenz present of 704 Franklin Street concerning the water in his yard. He requested replacing the tube in his yard where the water plugs up. He stated that when the water plugs up it reaches within 18" of his basement window. He would like a tube replaced under the street. Trustee Whiting stated that Mr. Lenz's problem is drainage, because everything runs that way, and a bigger tube is needed. President Peterson requested that the Street Committee check on this problem to assess the situation, and to check the Gary Anderson property directly across that street.

Village Attorney Steele presented an ordinance he had drawn up for the Village in 2013 on 4-wheelers, golf carts, and ATVs, and asked the Board if they wanted to use that ordinance now. The Board stated that they did not want lawn mowers in the ordinance, that a driver's license be required along with turn signals, brake lights, and a registration. Attorney Steele read from the Illinois State Statutes, and President Peterson stated that the Board was trying to allow these types of vehicles on the Village's streets. Attorney Steele stated that the state regulations trump any Village code, and the highway is the states. Attorney Steele also reported that 50" in width or less covers a 4-wheeler, but no a side by side. President Peterson asked Attorney Steele to review the statutes on the matter and prepare an ordinance per the Board's wishes.

Trustee Whiting stated that he is working on the stand at the Ball Park and is getting material for the Rodeo Park restroom. Richard Bland of the Maintenance Department present stated that new doors are needed for the restrooms at the Rodeo Park. President Peterson asked that they get a dumpster from Spencer Bros. , maintenance employees Cooper and Bland will be mowing the parks, and the Village will look at a future road on the west side of the Ball Park for the sewer access. Trustee Whiting stated that he will get prices of dirt for the Ball Park.

President Peterson stated that the Village is waiting on the governor for his budget.

Motion by Kness, second by Whiting to purchase a new printer for the Village. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, Willems – aye, and Devlin – aye.

President Peterson stated that the correct figure on the sewer was \$3,600,000 and \$450,000 for the CDAP grant. with an estimated 140 people in New Windsor that could apply for that grant's assistance.

President Peterson reported that he and Scott Kammerman, engineer, and John Carlson put in flags to show the sewer system with red flags as the berm, white flags for the water line, and yellow flags for the blower building. He stated that the flags are there with 30' from fence and 120' across and 30' berm. Also, he said that Rutledge Landscape was willing to do the landscaping.

President Peterson said that issues with the sewer were laterals and number of homes vacant. He said he talked to Mr. Kammerman and Mr. Carlson about every lateral for every house, because Bi-State needed to know about vacant properties and laterals to them.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to accept the annual FY treasurer's report for 2014 – 2015. Roll call votes: Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, Trout – aye, Whiting – aye, Kness – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported on the hydrant by the fire station needing to be replaced, and rates for water and sewer, late fees, and number of users. He reported that that the sewer and water bill would become monthly with one set fee for sewer and gallons used for water. The Board considered that the water rate would go with the sewer rate.

The Board addressed the Freedom of Information Act and a request made.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to go into closed session for the purpose of FOI and litigation.

\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\* 8:55 P.M.

The Village Board agreed to work with water customers on payment plans.

President Peterson reported on the Village's emergency plan and appointed Ralph Smith as a representative for the Village at the meetings. President Peterson stated that there would be a meeting in May, and that Mercer County got a grant and asked him what would the Village need if unlimited resources were available in an emergency situation. He also stated that the Board members should get certified in the NIMS program. Trustees Whiting and Devlin stated they were through the Fire Department.

President Peterson stated that Trustee Devlin will continue as Zoning Officer until a replacement is found.

Motion by Kness, second by Loving to authorize the April 2015 bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk