

AUGUST 3. 2015

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 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, Devlin, Willems, Whiting, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Kness, second by Whiting to accept the July 6, 2015 Budget /Appropriations Hearing and regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Whiting – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Willems – aye, and Devlin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Officer Brendal presented the July Police Report. He reported the Impala squad had a gasket fixed and needed a serpentine belt, the Durango squad will be checked over Wednesday August 12th and the recall done, seven calls for service, one arrest, plus there were calls for County and a County arrest in the Village, seeking another part time police officer and the word is out, Dennis Davison, former officer, referred someone, all three officers will be on duty plus Viola and Sherrard Officers will help with traffic, Officer Brendal has requested time off from County to do the Fair and Rodeo, and a list of properties that are in violation of grass nuisances is being prepared.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to go into Closed Session for personnel reasons. Roll Call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was closed.

CLOSED SESSION 7:12 P.M.

John Hamilton present concerning a semi-truck across from his property (Ben Daves) running long periods of time when should only run one hour or one-half hour in summer, and starts it up every day. Trustee Willems stated that there is another truck running long periods. President Peterson said that he will bring Officer Brendal up to date on this nuisance violation.

President Peterson reported that the Village has no Police Chief at this time, but is using Part Time Officers. He stated that the Village needs a Police Chief, and the Village needs to run another ad in the newspapers for a Police Chief, and he asked the Board for an increase in the Chief's salary. The Board noted that Officer Brendal is the Acting Chief, and the current rate for the police chief is \$26,000 but no insurance. Mr. Bill Starcavich telephoned in and would like to go to part time academy, if the Village would sponsor him. Officer Brendal stated that he has someone lined up for the part time officer position that is already certified, Christopher Spears. Officer Brendal stated that he would stay with the Village as a Part time Officer for a couple of years.

Motion by Whiting, second by Willems to place a Police Chief ad for resumes with a starting salary of \$31,000 and other wording the same as before, and the deadline for resumes to be August 24, 2015. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, Willems – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. President Peterson stated that Chris Johnson, a Milan Police Officer who lives in the Village, could assist with the background checks on the resumes.

Village Attorney Steele reported that the grass nuisance at the former Greg Plunkett residence is going to a new owner, but that he has until December 10, 2015 to get the deed. He stated that a lien of \$73 by the Village would be superseded by other claims, and the Village would not get any funds from the lien.

President Peterson reported that Chris Walton would be doing the tree program, but trees that are in power lines needed to be reported to Ameren IL. President Peterson stated that the trees in the program are the Depot Park's Oak with dead limbs at \$125.00, the west side \$35 to drop but \$50 to haul away, an Ash tree at \$300 to drop and \$425 to haul away or \$600 to do all, a Pin Oak at \$75 to drop and \$100 to haul away, and an Oak to drop at \$75 and \$100 to haul away, and Kevin Andre is willing to take some of the oak wood and haul away. Trustee Whiting suggested that the Village cut the wood and place an ad in the papers for its sale. The total Depot cost was \$710, but there will be stumps. President Peterson stated that there is a Pine tree at the Bruce Devlin property that could be dropped for \$185 or hauled away for \$325, but Trustee Devlin was to check on this. President Peterson stated that the Maintenance Department would take care of some of the trees and there was a tree at the Shawn Breitenstein property that was dead that would cost \$600 to take out plus \$65 for limbs on another tree, and he wants some of the wood. President Peterson said other trees were at the Presbyterian Church block and Dan Sedwick's property (\$75 cost), and State Street at Cynthia Peer's property at a cost of \$590 to drop limbs or \$765 to take out.

Motion by Whiting, second by Devlin to hire Chris Walton Tree Service to take out the list of trees at a cost of \$2,215 (Depot park \$710, Breitenstein \$665, Sedwick \$75, Peer \$765). Roll call votes: Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that areas with trees in wires will have Ameren IL to take care of them, and the Maintenance Department will clean up. Also, the Maintenance Department cleaned up the limbs that were at the maintenance building, but now there is three times as much. The Board agreed to place a notice in the New Windsor Advertiser stating that the Village does not allow dumping of limbs or brush by the maintenance building.

Trustee Devlin said that he would talk to the Fire Department about doing a control burn on debris brought up to the building.

President Peterson reported that the stump at Ferguson's would have to be pulled out, but has been left there until the sewer comes in.

The Board agreed to have the Ordinance 1, 2015 concerning ATV, UTV, and Golf Cart vehicles allowed in the Village published in the new Windsor Advertiser.

President Peterson reported on the sewer meeting with the USDA, Bi-State, Attorney Steele, Engineer Kammerman, President Peterson and Clerk Johnson. He reported that they went down the outline prepared by the USDA and made sure that everything is correct and documents done. He stated that the Village is waiting on news of the CDAP Grant in September or October. He also reported that the USDA will control the sewer account, and that he is working on a general idea or example of the sewer use cost and water cost on a monthly basis.

Ralph Smith present to report on the Mercer Co. Emergency Program, and the surveys that were needed (10) to be done. He said that he had them completed and turned in.

Mr. Smith informed the Board about Cozy Haven Homes having some problems with tenants, and that it was not just a senior citizen place anymore, but open to all 62 years or older or disabled regardless of age. He said that thirteen times the police were there in twelve weeks, and there is a case of a lady moved in then her boyfriend moved in and so did her children, but he works and is living rent free. He said there are eight empty apartments, and he spoke to the manager and Board of Directors. He is concerned that it does not look too healthy for New Windsor. President Peterson stated that he would contact some Board members of Cozy Haven.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to pass Ordinance 4, Series 2015 The Tax Levy. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the restroom at the Rodeo Park needed maintenance, and that John Carlson may have a plan for it. Trustee Whiting stated he would check on it.

President Peterson stated that the Zoning Board still needed one more member, and asked the Board to check on anyone interested in serving.

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

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk