

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

7 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: Trout, Devlin, Willems, Whiting, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Loving.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to accept the August 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes and closed session minutes. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Officer Brendal presented the police report. He reported 141,422 miles on the Impala squad, unknown miles on the Durango squad, Impala needs the tranny pan gasket changed and rear struts, and transmission leak repaired, the Durango was towed to Essigs for a fuel pump, 14 calls to service, 4 citations issued, Chris Spears resigned due to full time position in Abingdon, Shawn Meier resigned to work for Viola, and Randy Kochwas hired for part time police officer.

The Police Committee recommended hiring Dell Hicks as the new Police Chief from their Committee meeting and interviews. President Peterson stated that he will live in Alpha for now, but the squad will stay in New Windsor except for his meals.

Motion by Whiting, second by Devlin to hire Dell Hicks as Police Chief. Roll Call Votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Devlin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that the Police Committee would meet with the new Police Chief twice a year. The Board agreed to pay \$25 towards Chief Hick's cell phone each month.

President Peterson reported that Chris Walton was done with the tree program, and it was a little higher cost due to some other trees that came along. He said that Ameren IL came out, and reported that they scheduled tree service for the Village next year

President Peterson reported that there was no news on the CDAP grant, and a meeting of the Water/Sewer Committee on rates for water and sewer. Scott Kammerman, sewer engineer, stated that the amount would depend on bids, number of users, but at this time all estimates. The Water/ Sewer Committee agreed to meet Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. at the Village Hall.

President Peterson reported that Ralph Smith has moved from Cozy Haven, and had talked to a Cozy Haven board member and found out that the former problem was gone and a new director is going to be appointed.

Motion by Whiting, second by Willems to purchase 25 new water meters. Roll call votes: Whiting – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, and Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to have the water turned off at the Ball Park in a week, and the hydrants locked.

Trustee Whiting stated that he had a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle Scout project and is considering moving the dugouts down at the Ball Park, but would have to get name and materials donated. President Peterson stated that the merry-go-round at the Rodeo Park could be a project, also.

Motion by Kness, Second by Willems to authorize the August 2015 bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – 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