

OCTOBER 5, 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: Loving, Trout, Devlin, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Willems, Whiting.

Motion by Kness, second by Loving to accept the September 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hicks presented the September 2015 police report. He reported ten contacts, the Durango squad was jumped this A.M., no mileage reported. President Peterson asked Chief Hicks to make out a schedule, and Chief Hicks stated that he had, and that he would be attending two days of training (16 hours), and that he needed twenty hours by December.

Motion by Devlin, second by Trout to pay Police Chief Hicks a monthly reimbursement of \$300 for his health insurance. Roll call votes: Devlin – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Hicks reported that Bill Starcavich had talked to him about attending the part time police academy, and that he would pay his own way. Chief Hicks said that first Mr. Starcavich would have to take the power test in October or January, but the Village would have to sponsor him.

Motion by Devlin, second by Kness to sponsor Bill Starcavich for the part time police academy, with him paying all costs and taking the power test on his own time. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, and Devlin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Chief Hicks stated that Mr. Starcavich would pay for all costs and was interested in pre-paying.

President Peterson reported that Trustee Willems had received a complaint about a semi-truck being towed down State Street, and that it left marks on the street. President Peterson reminded the Board that anyone with a complaint must contact the Village's Police Department or the Mercer County Sheriff's Office about a complaint.

President Peterson reported that Ralph Smith had moved from the Village, and that Richard Bland will attend the Health Department's Emergency Program meetings on behalf of the Village.

President Peterson reported that John Carlson had approached the Village Maintenance Department about a Cyclone Rake that he had for sale with a trailer, nine horse engine, adapter for mower, duel tires, suction hose, and storage bracket at a cost of \$1,500. President Peterson said that this would pick up the leaves in the parks and areas of the Village, and he asked Trustee Devlin to look at

the leaves in the parks and check the cost of a new Cyclone Rake. He also said that he would let Mr. Carlson know that the Village was interested.

President Peterson stated that he was still searching for two new Zoning Board members.

Trustee Trout reported that the Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches would be going door to door to inform residents about the churches and the times of service on October 17th.

The Board agreed to set Halloween Trick or Treat night for Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to pass Ordinance 5, Series 2015 authorizing the Village to use any and all streets, alleys, and village property for its sewer system. Roll call votes: Devlin – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that he had been working on the water rates and sewer rates that would be billed monthly in order to pay back the loan each year. He reported \$246,992 total payout with a per month amount of \$20,582.66 using an estimated average of 310 users, with the cheapest sewer rate at \$50 and cutting the water rate in half of what is paid now making a \$10 minimum for the first 2,000 gallons then \$1.75 per thousand thereafter. Scott Kammerman present to report on the user charge rate system that would be based on financing and a 3 ½ % interest loan of 40 years. He stated that \$366,600 would be needed per year with a reserve of 10% or \$16,636, and an estimated \$64,000 a year for maintenance, and a yearly cost of \$246,992 a year to cover costs and using the estimated 310 users or a flat fee. He stated that \$50 per month minimum bill with 310 customers for about \$23,720 per month above. President Peterson asked when does this need to be put in a form for the Village. Mr. Kammerman stated that loan payments would be after the first of the year – a delayed year so that all final costs would be in so that not until 2018 would the pay back start. President Peterson said that he would talk to the USDA.

Also, President Peterson and Mr. Kammerman reported that the laterals and hook ups would be based on economics with the system running from a house to the lateral. Mr. Kammerman stated that one possibility would be that those who have easements would not pay, and the ones that qualify and do the paperwork can use the CDAP grant funds for hook up. President Peterson stated that there was no news on the CDAP grant from Bi-State. He asked that the Board think about the sewer situation cost, but there is nothing to do now. He also stated that the lateral to the main line the Village should take care of, but on the homeowner's property line is the homeowners. He stated that he would like to do this option.

President Peterson reported that Antique Engine Show had been in the Rodeo Park, and the Village put the grader out for sale with a sign to make an offer, and no offer was made, but some wanted the Village to give the grader to them.

Motion by Kness, second by Devlin to authorize the September 2015 bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, and Loving – 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