

DECEMBER 7, 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, Willems, Whiting, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent were Loving and Devlin.

Motion by Kness, second by Willems to accept the November 2, 2015 meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Whiting – aye, and Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hicks presented the November 2015 police report. He reported 44 contacts, 1 snowmobile complaint, 1 traffic stop, 1 traffic citation, 1 residence check, 3 assists to Mercer County, served 1 civil notice, 1 civil complaint, 4 loose dogs complaints, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 hazard road work complaint, and received the shot gun back from former chief Stotts, 0 arrests, 104,663 miles on the Dodge squad, 141,822 miles on the Chevy squad, and Bill Starcavich to take power test. President Peterson stated that there would be some daytime coverage, but left hours up to Chief Hicks.

Bryce Frenell present to report that his East Moline police hiring would be pending, and that he was rated at number 9 on their list so there would be a slim chance that he could get hired. He stated that he would like to go through the academy with the Village as a sponsor. President Peterson stated that the Village could sponsor him, but would get reimbursed by the state as long as he completed his contract. President Peterson and Village Attorney Steele said that there were no guarantees that Mr. Frenell would work for the Village, but if like in March 2016 East Moline calls him, he would have to pay back the Village. Also, President Peterson stated that the state budget would be a consideration. Chief Hicks stated that the schooling would cost around \$1,450, the power test \$30, and Mr. Frenell would need a physical exam before the power test and would need to be done before the end of the month. Mr. Frenell stated that he would reimburse the Village the school cost of \$1,450 over 12 months (\$130 per month with no interest) with the first payment in 30 days prior to his dropping out.

Motion by Whiting, second by Trout to sponsor Bryce Frenell for the Part Time Police Academy at a cost of \$1,450, but if he fails to complete or the state does not reimburse the Village, he will pay back the \$1,450 by monthly payments of \$130 per month (over a 12 month period) with Attorney Steele preparing a contract. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Hicks reported that there would be 6 months of schooling with once a month on weekends and a year for all classes required, but the power test would have to be passed first with the Village's check due at the time of the test and reimbursed by Mr. Frenell.

President Peterson stated that snow removal went well, but some power lines were down. He thanked everybody that helped. He reported that the maintenance department went around getting the limbs that were hanging, and Walton Tree Service came in to get the larger limbs at a cost of \$425. The Fire Department cleaned the Main Street sidewalk.

President Peterson reported that the Village should know first when the CDAP Grant goes through, and he had talked to the USDA who realizes that the situation of the state is unknown due to the budget. President Peterson stated that he e-mailed DCEO to find out what is known about the grant, and the Village will meet with the USDA in late January.

Village Attorney Steele reported on the Bond Consuls bids, and that the Village sells the bonds to the buyer with the USDA purchasing the bonds. He stated that the bonds were not needed to be done right now.

Attorney Steele reported to the Board about the easements needed for the sewer project, and that engineer Scott Kammerman was preparing them. He said that some of the easements needed to be amended, and since the USDA requires an opinion from him, he has found several that have a mortgage on them. Attorney Steele stated that he would have to get a statement from the banks that would show that they would not foreclose the easement. Also, he stated that some of the larger banks show ownership, judgement liens, or IRS liens. Mr. Steele reported that the Rodeo Park and Seventh Avenue need a further easement, and he would rather get the easement instead of a deed on a small portion of Seventh Avenue, and other easements need some corrections. Attorney Steele stated that the USDA wants a clear owner, and he has to verify a site map from Mr. Kammerman.

President Peterson reported that the Mercer County Health Department wants E-cigarettes in the Village's policy, and wants to know about the rules for smoking in the Rodeo Park. President Peterson stated that he told the Health Department to contact the Rodeo Association.

President Peterson reported that he had not found anyone to fill the Zoning Board positions.

The Board acknowledged that the New Windsor Christmas Walk would be December 11, 2015 from 3 p.m. 6 p.m.

Motion by Willems, second by Kness to donate \$25 to the Sherrard School District Operation Santa. Roll Call votes: Trout – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to authorize the November 2015 bills. Roll call votes: Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, Trout – aye, and Kness – 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