

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

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 (7:05), Willems, Whiting, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to accept the January 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hicks presented the January 2016 Police Report. He reported 15 traffic stops, a list of duties completed, 2 civil complaints, new trainees Starcavich and Frenell had passed their power test on January 9, 2016, and will start training February 13, 2016, and they will do firearms training in March, and they will need 1700 rounds, 200 duty ammo, 1900 rounds, 10 rounds #4, 10 rounds rifle, 5 rounds slug at a cost of \$542 for both, and then will need shotgun.

Motion by Whiting, second by Willems to purchase the ammunition for firearms training for Bill Starcavich and Bryce Frenell at a cost of \$542, with the shotgun shells purchase to be approved by President Peterson at a later date. Roll Call Votes: Whiting – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Willems – aye, Loving – aye, and Devlin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Hicks reported that the trainees, Starcavich and Frenell, have to have a uniform to wear to the academy along with a badge, which the Village only has one. Chief Hicks presented a sample ordinance on diesel trucks showing only ten minutes to run the parked truck. President Peterson asked Chief Hicks to have Village Attorney Steele look over this sample ordinance and include any vehicle with loud mufflers and the current nuisance ordinance, because this may all be included in an amendment to the nuisance ordinance, then present his information next month.

The Police Committee Meeting was set for February 4, 2016 at 4 P.M. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Kness reported seeing quite a few cars going through the Village above the speed limit, and enforcement is needed on Highway 17. Chief Hicks stated that if a vehicle is doing 40 mph or above, a ticket is issued.

President Peterson reported that the Maintenance Department has been picking up limbs in the parks, and some were burned. He also stated that a tree in the Rodeo Park is dead and will be taken down on the next round of tree programs this spring.

President Peterson reported that the CDAP Grant was denied, and a meeting on January 26, 2016 was held with Bi-State, Scott Kammerman, President Peterson, Clerk Johnson, John Carlson, and telephone conference with USDA Lorali Heitzelman, and Village Attorney Steele. Also, the Village Clerk sent letters to State Representatives, the Governor, and Cheri Bustros asking for assistance in this matter. President Peterson informed the Board the USDA is still a go with the project and funds, and the Village can resubmit for the CDAP Grant. President Peterson is checking with the criteria used on the grant process with a representative from the Governor's office, and the discrepancies on the Village's application. He also talked to Bi-State's Lindsay Whitson, who is checking into the grant. President Peterson stated that the funds from the USDA are secure, but that they do not help the low to moderate income residents with help on putting in their sewer. President Peterson stated that the Village can resubmit for the CDAP Grant for \$450,000, but the Village did not learn why the application was denied. He said that there would be another meeting in February with the USDA, Bi-State, Scott Kammerman, John Carlson, the Clerk, and himself on the sewer grant and project. Also, John Carlson was contacting State Representative Moffitt, and Clerk Johnson was checking with Representative Verschoore on the DCEO \$50,000 grant. The Board agreed to resubmit for the CDAP Grant. President Peterson asked Village Attorney Steele at the January 26, 2016 meeting to work on the easements and bonds, and Scott Kammerman to work on the right-of-ways. Mr. Kammerman had reported that the Village does not have enough dirt and would need 5,000 cubic yards for the berm. Mr. Carlson stated that he would contact Dr. Brian Anseeuw about the dirt that was piled on his property by Ameren, and President Peterson would contact Mr. Kammerman.

President Peterson announced that on February 25, 2016 at 6 P.M. there will be a Mercer County Mitigation Meeting on the Mercer County Emergency Program, and that Police Chief Hicks, and Richard Bland of the Maintenance Department would attend. He asked Trustee Devlin to notify the Fire Department about the meeting.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that the water program was not working, and the bills had to be written by hand, and that she had looked at new programs and told the Board about the Muni Billing program. The Board asked for more information on other programs and their costs, and tabled the matter until next month.

President Peterson reported that the Village would be using part of the ground that had been leased to the Rodeo Association for the sewer. He said the Village charged \$1,000 dollars per year (payable April 1 and November 1 @ \$500 each) rent. President Peterson stated he had talked to Rodeo Association President Russell Robb about the land rent and suggested no cost this year since the Village may start work out there, and that the Association could donate that money to giving ride tickets or something needed for the fair and rodeo.

President Peterson reported that there are still two vacancies on the Zoning Board.

President Peterson reported on the use of a telephone from the New Windsor Telephone Company for the conference call at the sewer meeting. He suggested checking into purchasing a phone for conference calls, but checking into prices first.

Motion by Kness, second by Loving to donate \$25 to the SADD Chapter of the Sherrard School District for Post Prom. Roll call votes: Whiting – aye, Trout – aye, Willems – aye, Devlin – aye, Loving – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Whiting reported that the Ball Park lights had been broken into and turned on. He also reported that the Boy Scouts, with their own insurance and waiver forms, would tear out the tall storage building behind home plate, and move the dugouts down the line on each side past the bleachers and put roofs on the dugouts. Also he said there may some practice mounds for pitching on the inside of the outfield lines, safety nets/screens to guard them, and concrete floors for the dugouts, and use the old fence and take out the concrete slabs. He said this would all be done for free, and the Ball Association would start when the frost is out of the ground. The Board requested a copy of the insurance and waivers, a list of who is doing the work, and that an adult must be present at all times during the work. Trustee Whiting stated that the stand's new siding will painted and stained. The Board agreed to this work at the Ball Park.

Trustee Whiting would like an electrical box that would close so the switches for the Ball Park lights would be locked inside. The Board would look into the matter.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to authorize the January 2016 bills. Roll Call votes: Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, and Willems – 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