

MARCH 7, 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, Willems, Whiting, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: none

Motion by Willems, second by Kness to accept the February 1, 2016 regular meeting's minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Whiting – aye, Devlin – aye, and Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Dell Hicks presented the February 2016 police report. He reported 24 traffic stops, 13 traffic citations, 23 residence checks, 2 assists to Mercer County, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 loose dog complaint, 29 business checks, 1 violation of order of protection, Frenell and Starcavich are in week 4 of the academy and completed half of their firearms course, shot gun ammo was purchased, business cards were ordered for the Chief and I.D. cards for Frenell, Starcavich, and the Chief, 2 arrests were made, and mileage for the Dodge is 105,915 and 141,983 for the Impala.

Courtney Torres present to inform the Board that she would like to put a reload ammunition business in the former body shop. She stated that the interior of the building was redone, and everything is fire rated to set standards. She was informed by Village Attorney Steele to apply for a Special Use Permit for the zoning of the building.

Marla Reynolds of the Family Crisis Center present to inform the Board of this year's walk on May 7, 2016 to raise funds, and the Centers activities over the year.

Motion by Kness, second by Trout to donate \$250 to the Mercer County Family Crisis Center. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Devlin – aye, Trout – aye, Willems – aye, Loving – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Trout to approve the Mercer county 4-H Federation Proclamation for March as the appreciation month for police officers, firefighters, and EMS people. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Kness – aye, Devlin – aye, Whiting – aye, and Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported damage to the fence at the Rodeo Park, and that he would contact the Rodeo Association.

Trustee Willems reported that a power box with a cover and padlock for the Ball Park lights would cost \$50

Trustee Whiting reported that the concrete had been removed at the dugouts and the crow's nest was taken down and the telephone wires would be checked. He said then the second phase would be to move the dugouts.

Village Clerk Johnson reviewed the companies for a new water billing program.

Motion by Whiting, second by Willems to purchase the new water billing plan from Munibilling.

Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Whiting – aye, Devlin – aye, Kness – aye, Willems – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that Police Chief Hicks and maintenance supt. Bland attended the Mercer County mitigation meeting. Chief Hicks stated that they put in for a generator as back up for the water tower. President Peterson said that the Village needs to stay up with this and attend the meetings so funding would be available in emergencies.

President Peterson reported that the spreader was off the Village's truck, and the maintenance department would be checking on pot holes, and purchasing millings and asphalt for the streets.

Trustee Willems stated that Jim Starcavich at 601 Franklin Street would like to put in a new culvert and shape his ditch at his own cost. The Board approved.

The Board agreed to look at the corner of North Fourth Avenue and Main Street and the alley by the Insurance Exchange Parking area Fire Chief Scott Frenell would like the berm off at the corner and level the area.

Trustee Devlin reported that the Fire Department did one plowing of snow on Main Street sidewalks in February.

President Peterson reported that the Village will resubmit for the CDAP Grant and check on new residents and households that were listed wrong. He stated that eleven more signatures were needed, but going for thirty-five. Bi-State's Denis Bullat and Lindsay Whitson met with President Peterson and Clerk Johnson to go over vacancies and changes since the last survey. He told the Board that a resolution would be needed and a public hearing done for the grant. Also, he told the Board that Bi-State would have an intern go door to door on the surveys needed and do a direct notice to the one's doing surveys. He said that there were easements to finish, bond consuls to review, and a right of way checked at North Seventh Avenue.

Motion by Willems, second by Whiting to authorize the February 2016 bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Devlin – aye, Whiting – aye, and Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by all to adjourn, second by Kness. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk