

SEPTEMBER 6, 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.

Taylor Humphrey and his father Cory Humphrey present for Taylor to work on his Community Badge for Boy Scouts.

Motion by Kness, second by Devlin to accept the August 1, 2016 Public Hearing on the Budget and the Regular Meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, Loving – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hicks presented the Police Report for August. He reported 15 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 24 residence checks, 1 battery complaint, 29 business checks, 1 911 call, 4 Mercer County assists, 2 medical assists, 1 violation of no contact order, 1 child endangerment, 1 suspicious vehicle at cemetery, 1 vehicle lock out, and 1 vehicle crash report. He further reported that the TASER had arrived and is being used by the police department, the new hires, Frenell and Starcavich are in week 13 of their PTI training, and there was 1 arrest for the month of July. He said the mileage on the Dodge was 109,389 and 142,130 on the Chevy. Chief Hicks will check on the Rodeo police pay from the New Windsor Fair and Rodeo. President Peterson asked Chief Hicks about moving to New Windsor, and he stated that he had some issues right now to take care of.

President Peterson reported that the IDOT permit was here, and Tom Whiting would be fixing the hold on Main Street.

President Peterson explained the street sign program to the Board, and that he and maintenance personnel Bland had prepared the labeled map for Mercer County, and they are ready to be put in. He said that all the new reflective signs will go where the current signs are. President Peterson asked Chief Hicks to make a list of stop/yield signs that he thinks are needed.

President Peterson reported that there are two small holes on 5th Avenue by the service station that will be filled in.

President Peterson reported that he had talked to Walten Tree Service about the Ash trees, and he stated that if the tree was eighteen inches around the cost would be \$75 to treat per year, but if the tree was bigger, the price would be higher. Also, President Peterson stated that if a tree is borderline with the property owner and the Village, the cost would be split. President Peterson said that Joe

Lindquist would take care of the stumps. President Peterson stated that he would like the two trees by the tennis court removed, and requested that the Board look at these trees.

President Peterson reported that the sewer surveys were done, and Bi-State is working on resubmitting for the CDAP Grant.

Motion by Kness, Second by Trout to pass Resolution #1 Establishing a Policy Regarding Fair Housing Practices in the Village. Roll call: Loving – aye, Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, and Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that the Village has an ADA survey to complete for the USDA.

President Peterson stated that if any of the Trustees are aware of low water pressure, they should contact Michael Johnson, Water Superintendent.

Motion by Kness, second by Loving to pass Ordinance #4, Series 2016 Tax Levy. Roll call votes: Willems – aye, Devlin – aye, Trout – aye, Loving – aye, Kness – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Devlin reported on the Red Devils Baseball Teams request to make a new diamond at the Ball Park up front by the main diamond. He stated that Casey Switzer could not be at this meeting, but had contacted him about 20 feet of fence and 180 feet down the line, and that they would need to get going so it would be ready for spring. Trustee Whiting questioned the use of the current back diamond for the Red Devils team, and if they were paying for all this proposed construction. Trustee Devlin stated that Mr. Switzer had said that they have the dirt and there would be no lights. Trustee Kness questioned if they had the funds available. The Board agreed that Mr. Switzer needed to come to a meeting with more information and consider the back diamond

Dana Brooks, not present, had sent a request by the Ladies Auxiliary with the Fair Queen Contest to do a trunk or treat at the Ball Park parking lot the Saturday before Halloween. No time was given. President Peterson stated that he would talk to Mrs. Brooks.

President Peterson reminded the Board that the mower will be traded in March.

The Park Committee was instructed to check on the merry-go-round and other playground equipment.

President Peterson reminded the Board of the Antique Tractor Show September 223 – 25 at the Rodeo Park.

Taylor Humphrey asked what the kids could do for the Village, and asked about the basketball court. The Board said that they would need to see a budget for fixing the court.

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

Motion by Devlin, second by Loving to adjourn this meeting. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk