

APRIL 3, 2017

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

Motion by Willems, second by Whiting to accept the March 6, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, Willems – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hicks presented the March 2017 Police Report. He reported 84 contacts made, 15 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 20 residence checks, 30 business checks, 2 criminal trespass complaints, 1 custody dispute, 1 domestic dispute, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 loose dog complaint, 4 civil services, 1 rooster complaint, investigation of 5 chickens in a fenced in area and notification of violation of the Village Ordinance 5, Series 1972, and the mileage on the Durango is 112,972 and the Impala 142,436.

Cory and Shaila Tegtmeier present concerning their chickens. Cory stated he was a high school student and a 4-H member for two years and had purchased the chickens last August 2016. He stated that he kept the chickens in their backyard in a coop. He said he realized the rooster was a nuisance and that he had fourteen chickens, but now has only 5. President Peterson stated that there is a communication gap on who Mrs. Tegtmeier talked to, because it was neither him nor the Village Clerk. Also, President Peterson stated that if a chicken was loose and crossing a street, it could cause an accident. He also stated that the Village does not contract with the Mercer County Animal Control, and the Board determines the ordinances. Village Clerk Johnson stated that she grew up on a farm where there were chickens and that chickens do stink and run around, and that she would not want a chicken coop next to her property in the Village. President Peterson stated that the Village does have an ordinance against the keeping of certain animals, including chickens. Mrs. Tegtmeier and Cory, her son, requested an amendment for the animal ordinance with rules and stipulations. The Board agreed that they needed more information on the matter and tabled it. Trustee Willems said that he would look into other Village's ordinances on chickens and bring the information for the May meeting. The Board agreed that the Tegtmeiers were allowed the chickens for the month of April.

Dana Brooks, Kelly Adamson, and Kyle McKewen present for Mercer County Better Together program. Ms. Brooks stated that the Ladies Alliance that used to be the Ladies Rodeo Auxiliary would like to do some events, fund raising, and set goals for the betterment of the community. Mr. McKewen

stated that Mercer County Better Together is an independent group, not a government, and operates in all of the Mercer County communities, and holds community forums in each one. He said that all eleven Mercer County Communities have representatives. He also reported that two teachers that had lived in New Boston left money to Mercer County for making Mercer County better. Mr. McKewen informed the Board of this trust fund and that the Village could write a letter of intent/commitment to use this trust fund money for projects. He proposed a one-time commitment financially from the Village of a range of \$750 to \$1,000, whatever the Village would be comfortable with to be paid by December 31, 2017 to develop the community projects. He said there would be a forum in New Windsor at the C.E. Building June 7. The Board agreed to wait for a month until the new Board takes office, but would do the letter of commitment.

President Peterson talked to Mike Keller, Zoning Officer on the Joe Adams storage unit, but nothing has been reported yet.

President Peterson asked Trustee Whiting to check into other excavation permit fees that Villages have, since the Village's fee is \$100.

President Peterson reported that there is a hole on South First Avenue, and Tom Whiting has estimated \$680 to fix. Motion by Willems, second by Kness to have Tom Whiting fix the hole at South First Avenue for \$680. Roll Call votes: Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, Willems – aye, and Loving – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that the maintenance department has patched streets, and to purchase rock from the Village the cost is \$15 for a bucket, \$30 for  $\frac{1}{2}$  truck load, and \$60 for a full truck load.

President Peterson stated that Walton Tree Service had looked at Colleen McCaw's tree (\$350), Marla Whiting's tree (\$1500), and Dana Kovacic's tree (\$800) for a total cost of \$2,600 to cut down and get rid of everything.

Motion by Kness, second by Whiting to hire Walton Tree Service to take down the three trees at a cost of \$2,650. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson called Lindquist Stump Removal for 6 stumps to be removed.

President Peterson announced that the CDAP Grant was awarded to the Village in the amount of \$450,000 to assist the low to moderate income residents with the cost of putting in their sewer.

Village Attorney Steele read the Sewer Ordinance. Motion by Kness, second by Willems to accept Ordinance 2, series 2017 Sewer Ordinance as read. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Whiting – aye, Kness – aye, and Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Whiting, second by Willems to pass the amending water ordinance number 3, Series 2017 as read. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Loving left the meeting at 9 P.M. to go to work.

Village Attorney Steele reported to the Board on the Bond Consuls that are available. He stated that Chapman and Cutler of Chicago were the lowest with the amount of \$9,000. He suggested going with them since they have the lowest amount and are very reputable.

Motion by Willems, second by Kness to hire Chapman and Cutler at a cost of \$9,000 as Bond consul for the sewer project. Roll call votes: Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board noted that there had been no changes on the Chezum property on Walnut Street as far as clean up.

The Board considered water charges, but tabled.

President Peterson will contact John Carlson on repairing the playground equipment. He also requested ball teams' schedules for the Ball Park. He had been notified by Casey Switzer of the Red Devils baseball teams to have a portable restroom that they would hook to the fence and they would pay for it. Trustee Whiting said he would check with Casey Switzer on the Red Devils.

The Board tabled any action on Landtech, the company doing borings for Allen's Service for gas leakage.

Trustee Whiting reported that the bid on the concession stand roof is \$2,900.

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

Village Attorney Steele said that Joe and Sara Ryner still need to sign the revised easement.

Motion by Kness, second by Willems to authorize the March 2017 bills. Roll Call Votes: Kness aye, Willems – aye, and Whiting. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness to adjourn, second by Whiting and Willems. Roll call votes: voice votes. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk