

VILLAGE OF WINDSOR

125 NORTH THIRD AVENUE

NEW WINDSOR, ILLINOIS 61465

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 5, 2017

7 P.M. AT VILLAGE HALL

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starceвич with the following members present: Loving, Devlin, Willems, Whiting, Welch, Starceвич, and Johnson. Absent: none.

President Starceвич stated that the votes on a motion would be voice votes.

Motion by Devlin, second by Whiting to accept the May 1, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Voice Votes all in favor were six, and opposed none. The motion was carried.

Matt Drake present concerning the water standing at the curbs on Main Street by the sidewalks. The Board stated that that was the State's property. President Starceвич stated that he would contact the Mercer County Highway Department on the matter.

Kelly Adamson and Dana Brooks present on behalf of Mercer County Better Together program. They stated that they had the Village's letter of intent from the former President Peterson, and that there would be a meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6 P.M. in the C.E. Building. They invited all present to participate for Mercer County and New Windsor about things that they would like to have done or changed, just not governmental, such as sewer. They reported that the program was a researched based program, and they were gathering information from the County and Villages. They reported that a steering committee would go through the entire Villages' needs. Dana Brooks reported that two sisters from Keithsburg had left money in their will for Mercer County and its villages for such needs. The Board was informed that their \$1,000 donation would need to be paid by December 2017.

Stephen Thorp present to report on his ideas for the Depot Park. He stated that he had talked to the Depot Park Committee, and they were all for it. He said that he would be trying to raise funds for the bell to be painted, the sidewalk and flags (Firemen, Policeman, EMS), and a memorial for Gary Delgelman, former State police officer from New Windsor. The Board agreed to approve this design for the Depot Park as long as it did not interfere with the Depot Park Committee's music. The Board asked that Mr. Thorp keep them posted and give the Village a drawing of the plan.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Chezum present about their property at 504 Walnut Street in New Windsor. The Board had asked for a timeline on the work to be done at the property. Mr. Chezum stated that he

is forming up footings, that he had talked to Trustee Willems about the plan, that he would be steadily working on the house and hoped to have it framed up by the Rodeo. Mr. Chezum said he is mowing and keeping it neat, and that they hope to live there, but it takes time. The Board noted that Mr. Chezum's Building permit had expired and a new one was needed through zoning officer Mike Keller. Mr. Chezum also asked for the water to be turned on, and that he would be framing up and securing the foundation and putting in tile. He said he wanted the property to be an asset to the town.

Mike Garber and Richard Bland of the Village's Maintenance Department present concerning the missing dirt. The Board explained that the dirt belonged to the Red Devil's Baseball Team and was used, but more dirt could be gotten if needed. Also, Mr. Bland reported that the burn pile for the Village was being used by nonresidents and all kinds of stuff such as a door was being thrown on it. He said they had no control over the stuff being thrown on the pile. He also stated that the burn days of Tuesday and Thursday did not always work for them.

Motion by Starceвич, second by Devlin to observe the burn days per the ordinance during regular hours during the day, but to give the maintenance department an exemption to burn the burn pile as needed. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, and none were opposed. The motion was carried.

Village Attorney Steele present and suggested that a sign be put up that states brush only and residents only to use the burn pile.

President Starceвич stated that he would like a forensic audit for the last seven years for the Village. He stated that Blucker, Kneer, and Associates had done the Village's audit for a long time. Village Clerk Johnson stated that Blucker, Kneer, and Associates were very good certified auditors, and the Village has been audited every year.

Motion by Starceвич, second by Welch to get more information on the forensic audit including cost from Sara Bonsack and Fromert LLT for a seven year audit. Voice Votes were all in favor, opposed were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Whiting, second by Loving to dispense with the Village President's expense allotment of \$60 per month as requested by President Starceвич. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, opposed were none. The motion was carried.

President Starceвич reported that Landtech representative Greg Hanson wants an ordinance by the Village to state that the Village would not have wells drilled in the area where Martin Allen's Service Station had gas leaks. Village Attorney Steele stated that he had talked with Mr. Hanson, and that the penalty should be not less than \$100, nor more than \$500. Village Attorney Steele said he would make changes for the July meeting, and he would call Mr. Hanson.

Motion by Starceвич, second by Welch to allow the Windsor Depot to have an outside band July 1, 2017 from 8 P.M. to Midnight with the area fenced in. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, oppose were none. The motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that he would like the Village Treasurer present at the Board meetings to give the accounts' balances.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Willems to pass Ordinance 5, Series 2017 Prevailing Wages. Voice votes: all were in favor, opposed none. The motion was carried.

Motion by Whiting, second by Starcevich to pass Ordinance 4, Series 2017 pertaining to the keeping of chickens in the Village with the following changes: that the coup must be 4 ft. wide by 8 ft. long by 8 ft. high and covered by a screen. Voice votes: all were in favor, opposed were none. The motion carried.

The Board agreed to return the port a potty that was at the back ball diamond to PS3 Enterprises.

Motion by Willems, second by Starcevich to authorize the May 2017 bills. Voice votes: all were in favor with none opposed. The motion carried.

President Starcevich tabled raises for other employees other than the maintenance department who already had received one.

Police Chief Dell Hicks presented the May 2017 police report. He reported 112 contacts made by the department, 24 traffic stops, 11 citations, 30 residence checks, 30 business checks, 2 criminal damage to property complaints, 1 domestic, 2 disorderly conducts, 1 loose dog complaint, 2 theft complaints, 2 911 calls, 1 attempted burglary, 1 welfare check, 1 assist citizen, 1 theft by deception, 1 theft, 1 ATV complaint, 1 accidental death investigation, on May 22 through 25 attended a chiefs' training conference in Springfield with all expenses covered by the Illinois police training board except transportation of which Chief Hicks used his own vehicle and kept note of Village gas used, there were no arrests for May, and 113,974 miles on the Dodge squad and 142,735 miles on the Chevy squad.

President Starcevich questioned Chief Hicks on his residence, and Chief Hicks stated that he lives in Alpha. President Starcevich asked for some proof of his residence.

President Starcevich questioned Chief Hicks on the Village's squad going out of the Village. Chief Hicks stated that he reports on the duty log, the police computer, and the Mercer County Sheriff's radio where he is, and that it is necessary for him to go to Aledo to the Court House on cases.

President Starcevich stated that Tom Whiting will be repairing the corner at North Second Avenue.

President Starcavich stated that Jeff Anderson had complained about the snow plow plowing his alley. He would like it stopped.

Village Attorney Steele stated that the rodeo Association President Brent Peterson needs to sign the easement for the sewer so that he can file it with the USDA.

Trustee Willems stated that he had checked on the playground's merry-go-round and materials. Village Clerk Johnson stated that he should check with John Carlson on those repairs, because he had offered to repair it.

Trustee Whiting stated that rubber matting under the playground equipment would be better than sand, and the basketball court should be put out at the Ball Park. These matters were tabled. Trustee Whiting suggested a button to turn on a 45 minute light at the basketball court, and he is checking on the basketball court cost. He also stated that the roof on the concession stand at the Ball Park and the Rodeo Park restroom roof are not done.

Village Clerk Johnson reminded the Board of the Budget/Appropriation Committee meeting needed for the Budget/Appropriation hearing prior to the July Board meeting. President Starcevich stated he would contact the committee members for the meeting. The Budget/ Appropriation hearing has to be published at least ten days prior to the hearing, and is usually held fifteen minutes before the Board meeting.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Willems to change the July Board meeting to July 10, 2017 due to the July 4th Holiday. Voice Votes were all in favor, and none opposed. The motion was carried.

President Stacevich noted that there are weeds and tall grass in the Village behind the Ron Hargis property, and the ordinance needs to be enforced to remove the violation.

Village Attorney Steele was directed by the Board to place a claim on the Beverly Reddick property that was closed on June 3, 2017 for delinquent water bills.

President Starcevich stated that Chief Hicks contact Charles David concerning his junk, unlicensed cars, and logs around the cars.

President Starcevich stated that he would check with the maintenance department and their building on their equipment. He suggested a new truck like a F250 or F350, and to look into grants or the Rural Water Association for funds.

President Starcavich also stated that the Village should look at one employee for all Village work in the future.

President Starcavich reported that Village equipment was being used for an employee's own use. The Board agreed that the use of Village equipment was not allowed.

The Board noted that at the corner of Mulberry and North Second Avenue had limbs hanging down from a tree. The Board said the maintenance department could take care of the limbs.

The Board agreed to community development needs for the sewer. The community development needs were water main replacements, sidewalk repairs, a community center, a new Village Hall, and improvements to parks.

Motion by Starceвич, second by Welch to adjourn. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, opposed by none. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

James Starceвич, Village President