

VILLAGE OF WINDSOR
125 NORTH THIRD AVENUE
NEW WINDSOR, ILLINOIS 61465

JULY 10, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M. VILLAGE HALL

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Devlin, Whiting, Willems, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Devlin, second by Willems to accept the June 5, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Loving to accept the treasurer's June 2017 report and approve the June 2017 bills. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Kelly Adamson and Dana Brooks present to report on the Mercer County Better Together public forum held earlier in June. They reported the top five priorities of the attending residents of the forum. They were property upkeep, safety, revitalize roads, sewer, and property taxes. They informed the Board that an event will be held in August to go over all the Villages surveys.

Scott Kammerman present as sewer engineer for the Village. He stated that the easements were done, and the last step would be for the USDA State engineer to review the Village's plans, and let bids this fall.

Scott Frenell, Fire Chief of New Windsor, present to inform the Board about painting the fire hydrants and color code them to size. Also, he said the Fire Department would be letting bids for a new fire station.

Scott Frenell on behalf of the Fair and Rodeo Association stated that coverage for the Rodeo would be done with a few Mercer County Deputies and Village Police.

Dell Hicks present and asked the Board if they agreed with his termination as Police Chief. President Starcevich stated that Mr. Hicks was an at will employee and could be terminated as was done on the previous Friday. Mr. Hicks asked about an ongoing investigation he was to attend in Ottawa and for money for the gas for his own car. He also asked about his vacation time and pay for six days. The Board would check with Attorney Steele on the matter.

Brice Frenell, Laura Oberson of Cozy Haven and Charles David present in support of Dell Hicks as Police Chief.

Charles David asked the Board about his violations on the nine cars that he had moved and cleaning up his property. The Board said that the removal of the cars satisfied that violation, and Trustee Whiting stated that he would stop by and talk to him about his yard.

Mike Garber present from the maintenance department and reported that the spreader would be put on to spread sand on the bleeding streets. Tom Whiting would fix the hole along the highway and Second Avenue tomorrow morning.

President Starcevich informed the Board he was checking on companies and cost for the Village's audit.

President Starcevich stated that the Maintenance Department would get cold patch for the holes in the streets. Trustees Welch and Whiting would make a list of holes.

President Starcevich noted that the Depot parking lot is in bad shape, and that he would talk to Don Fowler, township supervisor about a price to fix it. Trustee Whiting stated he would look at the lot and get prices on blacktop.

The Board tabled rescinding the dog registration ordinance.

Motion by Welch, second by Starcevich to table lowering the liquor licenses. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported that Well #3 had the pump pulled and replaced with a new pump.

The Police Committee noted that Dell Hicks was terminated as Police Chief, and recommended Officer Clayton Brendal be interim chief.

Motion by Devlin, second by Loving to appoint Clayton Brendal Interim Police Chief. Voice votes: all votes in favor, and the motion as carried.

President Starcevich reported that he had Sheriff Deputy Tony Baugh present when he terminated Dell Hicks as police chief and took the evidence key. He added that Mercer County Sheriff's Department has been notified and would plan for coverage.

President Starcevich and the Board agreed on the vacation pay and pro-rating pay through July 6, 2017 for Dell Hicks, and to have him give a receipt for gas used on his case in Ottawa.

Motion by Whiting, Second by Devlin to have the merry-go-round fixed at the Rodeo Park at a cost under \$1,000. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Welch to pass the Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board noted that the fire hydrants had been flushed by the fire department, and two hydrants are not working. The Board agreed that a notice should be put in the newspaper when flushing of hydrants is to be done.

President Starcevich reported that he had talked to Lorali Heintzelman of the USDA on the sewer project and the ADA report needs to be completed.

President Starcevich stated he would have the treasurer come to the Board meetings. Trustee Willems suggested he talk to the treasurer first.

Village Clerk Johnson reported on Carl Ferrell's herb garden next to Spencer Bros., and that Mr. Ferrell does not want it mowed due to his herbs and other edible plants.

President Starcevich stated the Village should have a web site. Village Clerk Johnson will talk to Kevin Willems, treasurer, about preparing the sight.

Trustee Welch stated that the Charles David property is a nuisance. The Board agreed to look at the property.

President Starcevich recommended getting a price on new chairs for the Board members, and Clerk. He would check on prices.

Motion by Willems, second by Starcevich to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk