

AUGUST 7, 2017

REGULAR MEETING  
7 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Devlin, Willems, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: Whiting.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Loving to approve the July 10, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Willems to authorize the July 2017 bills and accept the treasurer's report. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Devlin to pass Ordinance Number 7, Series 2017, Tax Levy. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Sheila Shull present concerning a tree by her house that has overgrown and is hanging on her roof. She stated that the tree is on Village property, and just wants the tree trimmed away from her house. The Board will check with Walton Tree Service.

Sheila Shull also made a complaint on the house owned by Jim Adams on North Fourth Avenue west of her property being unsightly due to garbage. Officer Brendal stated he had talked to Mr. Adams, and the renters were being evicted September 1, 2017.

Richard Bland of the Village's maintenance department present to state that this (August) would be his last month working for the Village due to his wife's health problems. He stated he would stay until after the Rodeo and Fair, but would be available if needed. He said he had enjoyed working for the Village the past 18 years.

Mr. Bland also informed the Board that he had put a square around the Depot Park's bell tower to keep weeds down. The Board agreed to check into doing more at the tower's base.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Loving to hire Carpenter, Mitchell, and Goddard from Moline as auditors for the Village's annual audit. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Welch to have Village Part time Police Officer Brendal as Interim Chief at the chief's pay. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported that Matherville uses Mercer County Sheriff's Department for 20 – 30 hours a week as police. President Starcevich stated that he would contact the Mercer County Sheriff for information on using the County for policing the Village. The Board agreed to 30 to 40 hours of patrol needed a week with staggered times, copies of the Village's ordinances, and tickets written for Village ordinances. President Starcevich stated that it would eliminate two police vehicles, possibly then enlarge the Village Hall, but renegotiate each year with the County. The Board agreed to have President Starcevich talk to Sherrard on their ideas of County police, and having the two Villages work together on the patrol.

President Starcevich informed the Board of the letter he received from Village Attorney Steele stating that he was retiring September 1, 2017. President Starcevich said that he would check into attorneys for the Village.

Trustees Welch and Willems along with John Carlson and Steve Brooks repaired the merry-go round at the Rodeo Park.

The Board agreed to check into the owner of the lot at 205 South Ninth Avenue and have the weeds and tall grass taken care of. Also the Board was concerned with the lot on Main Street next to Spencer's, and the Gary Nelson property on Main Street for weeds, grass, and debris.

President Starcavich stated that the alley in front of the Depot could be scarified, rolled down, and rocked by Don Fowler of the Township for an estimated \$600. The Board tabled the matter until the cost of asphalt was known. The Board agreed to have the maintenance department drag the alley in front of the Depot so it would be in better shape.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Welch to purchase a semi-load of chips at an estimated cost of \$500 to stockpile for the Village's streets. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The next Board meeting would be September 5, 2017, Tuesday, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Devlin to change the Village Board monthly meeting time to 6 P.M. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Scott Frenell present requesting a change in the Rodeo Parade route. The Board agreed that this was a matter for the Fair and Rodeo Association.

President Starcavich stated that he declined being the parade's Grand Marshall.

J.T. Suarez had notified the Village of having a pulled pork, brisquet, tamales, soda drinks, chips, and cole slaw in a booth. The Board stated that they could have it in their own yard, but would have to have permission from the Fair and Rodeo Association to be inside the Rodeo grounds.

Trustee Willems reported two lights out on a pole in the Rodeo Park. The Board agreed to have these fixed.

President Starcavich stated that Tom Whiting had not fixed the hole at the corner of South first Avenue and Main Street, and that Mr. Whiting may submit a second bid.

The Board received a written Police Report for July from Officer Brendal, because he was at work for the county. He reported 10 traffic stops, 3 citations, 14 calls for service, 5 assist other agencies, an unknown vehicle registration, the Durango squad' muffler is bad, work is being done on cleaning up properties including vehicles, and agreed with the Rodeo Association as in previous years to have Village Officers work the Fair and Rodeo and be paid \$18 per hour, but the Fair and Rodeo would pay the Village \$20 per hour for the service. Officer Brendal reported that William Starcavich is now a part time deputy with Mercer County and is going through the Field Training Officer program.

Motion by Starcevich to have the muffler on the Durango squad fixed by either Allen's Service or Keith's Service. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Loving to pay the Village's Officers \$18 per hour for their Fair and Rodeo duty with the Fair and Rodeo donating \$20 per hour to the Village.. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Devlin stated that the Fire Department would paint the hydrants, but Dana Brooks could paint them as characters, soldiers, police, etc...

President Starcevich stated he had talked to the USDA, and the ADA paperwork needed to be completed.

President Starcevich stated that the fence at the maintenance building belongs to the Ball Park and will be put in the garage before the rodeo.

The Board agreed to check on the corner of Eighth and Sycamore Street.

Motion by Starcavich, second by Devlin to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk