

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

6 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 ( 6:35 P.M.). Absent was Whiting.

Motion by Willems, second by Devlin to call the meeting to order. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Richard Herbert of 129 North Eighth Avenue present requesting trees in his backyard be removed, and the one tree is rotted at the bottom. Mr. Herbert would like to be notified when the trees would be done. President Starcevich advised Mr. Herbert that the Board would look at the trees and call Walton's Tree Service, and have maintenance person Mike Garber look at the trees tomorrow and let a Board member know what he thinks.

Mr. Herbert also reported that approximately a year ago the septic truck cracked his sidewalk, and the septic company told him they would contact the mayor, but nothing was done.

Mr. Herbert also would like to see a web page for the Village.

Mr. Herbert stated that he would like to see a speed limit sign in the southbound lane coming into town on the Knoxville Road moved. Officer Nichols present and said he would check on who maintains the road, Henry or Mercer County.

Gary Anderson present inquiring whether or not the Village will have money to fix the roads after the sewer.

Mike Garber, maintenance, advised that First Street was finished, and that he ordered two tons of asphalt at \$400, 1 ton for First Street and one ton for the Village's streets.

President Starcevich reported that he was waiting to hear back from the auditors, and he has not talked to Mercer County about policing the Village, and he is checking on a Village Attorney.

(Village Clerk Johnson arrived at the meeting at 6:35 p.m.)

The Board agreed to look at the sidewalks by the John Greer property and the Post office.

Trustee Welch stated there were problems with the waterway at North Second Avenue between Mulberry Street and Washington Street.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Willems to approve the August 2017 meeting's minutes. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, Second by Loving to authorize the August 2017 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich asked the Board to think about the Village doing the garbage pick-up and making one bill for water, sewer, and trash on a monthly basis. At this time the garbage pick-up is by a local company.

President Starcevich gave each Board member a copy of the delinquent water list and the shut off notices.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that the water samples for July 2017 were not done in July, but done June 28, 2017, but the EPA wanted them in July even though all samples were good, and the follow up samples of August were good. She said that a notice on the samples would be in the New Windsor Advertiser as required by the EPA.

President Starcevich stated that he would talk to Mercer County and to Interim Chief Brendal on the Village's police.

Scott Kammerman, engineer for the Village's sewer project, present to inform the Board about the Missman Company merger, and past bills that have not been paid. He said some of the bills were from fixing the easements after Attorney Steele had gone through them. He reported that \$20,000 was given by the USDA towards easements. He stated that \$298,000 was the beginning figure for the engineering on the sewer project. He also reported that he had turned in to the EPA all the information that they required on the sewer project, and when the EPA gives the O.K. the Village can let bids in late October 2017

President Starcevich asked to meet with Mr. Kammerman and Greg Reichert, the new manager of the company.

President Starcevich stated he would check into a web page for the Village and a maintenance building fence.

Kevin Willems, Village Treasurer, present and stated that a company through the Illinois Government charges \$700 to set up a web page. President Starcevich stated he would check with other Village's about their web sites.

President Starcevich said that he would check on a new attorney, and police coverage from Mercer County to assist Officers Brendal and Nichols.

President Starcevich stated he would like to raise the salary of the Village Trustees to \$75.00 from \$40. Village Clerk Johnson stated that it had to be done so many days before an election, and the

Village rotates the trustee's elections every two years. So three trustees would have a new salary while the other three would wait until their terms were up.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk