

MARCH 5, 2018

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: Devlin, Willems, Whiting, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: Loving.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Devlin to accept the regular meeting minutes of February 5, 2018 and the Special Meeting of February 26, 2018. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Whiting to accept the Treasurer's report and the February 2018 bills. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to check into a light placed in the ground for the Ball Park flag, and to get a new flag.

Trustee Devlin requested that the Board look into privacy fences and redo the requirements in the Zoning Ordinance. The Board asked Trustee Devlin to check into the matter and report back at the next meeting.

President Starcevich stated that the audit for fiscal year May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 was done and available to the Board to look at and bring back to the next meeting to accept.

President Starcevich reported that there is a 6 month span on water bills, and he would like to go to a zero balance to start new, the Village owns the shut-offs so the Village should fix them, keep the \$50 turn on fee if water is shut off for non-payment, with meters read at the end of month (March), and beginning in May start from ground zero. He also stated that the Rural Water association could do a rate study to see what the Village's rates should be to sustain the water system. He asked the Board to think about zeroing out all accounts for next month, and have the last two readings put in.

President Starcavich reported on the web site and asked for any input on what could be placed on the site.

President Starcavich met with Kelly Adamson on the Mercer County Better Together program and reported that there is now a Board that will look into the uses for the available funds such as the basketball court upgrade.

President Starcevich stated that he would check with the Village's attorney on the insurance bond with the telephone company.

President Starcavich reported to the Board about the condition of the former Dan's Pub and restaurant on west Main Street. He reported that the buildings were in really bad condition and falling apart. He asked the Board to consider purchasing the buildings (owned by two different owners) to clean up and take out, since the surrounding buildings have been greatly improved. He stated that he would talk to Jason Lawson, owner of the former pub, and check into condemning the buildings.

President Starcavich stated that the Police Department should start checking on yards and nuisances. He said he would talk to the Village's attorney on the matter.

President Starcevich stated that Naginder Singh, owner of the General Store gas station wants to put in slot machines in his back room. President Starcavich stated that he would have to follow the rules, but first should clean up the General Store.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that Ronald Dehm of 209 North Second Avenue requested rock for the alley behind his residence. The Board agreed to check on alleys when the weather permits.

The Board tabled the matter of reciprocating ATV, UTV, and Golf Cart permits with other Villages that have the same permits.

Village Clerk Johnson informed the Board that the Illinois EPA has requested that the Village plug Well 1, since it is abandoned, Water Superintendent Mike Johnson will take care of the matter.

President Starcavich stated that the Village will wait on the payment to Missman, sewer engineers, until the Village starts receiving funds for the sewer project.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk