

APRIL 2, 2018

RREGULAR 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. Absent: Whiting

Motion by Starcevich, second by Devlin to accept the March 5, 2018 meeting's minutes. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Devlin to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the March 2018 bills. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Marla Reynolds from the Mercer County Crisis Center present to inform the Board about the Crisis Center's work and the Champions 4 Children Walk May 5, 2018. She also requested a donation to the Crisis Center.

Charles David present with a written letter to the Board about his situation of having five children, no job, medical issues, and is not financially stable. He asked the Board for assistance in helping him and his family move out of town, but he does not want to get rid of anything he has as scrap, because he said it all has a purpose. He stated that he is looking for a piece of property to rent to own. Chief Brendal stated that he had talked to Mr. David about his problems, but he has to do his job as police, since he has had complaints from Mr. David's neighbors and residents of the Village. Chief Brendal stated that he is trying real hard to help Mr. David, but he read the Illinois laws on burning, and suggested that Mr. David talk to the guy who has storage units west of the Village. Chief Brendal showed the Board pictures of Mr. David's yard and Mr. David's stuff on Mr. Green's property. President Starcevich asked Mr. David how long it would take to clean up his yard, but Mr. David stated that nothing in the front yard is scrap... President Starcevich stated that the Board is trying to revitalize the Village and make it more attractive. Trustee Willems reported that Mercer County Better Together had a survey on the Village, and the main thing that was wanted was the Village cleaned up. President Starcevich asked Mr. David for a reasonable time to get his property cleaned up, and Mr. David stated it would take a month. President Starcevich stated that he needed to make an effort, and Chief Brendal will talk to him, and the Board will talk about it. Chief Brendal told Mr. David to start with the trailers and cars and the F150 truck. Mr. David stated that the truck belonged to his dad, who lives at the campground. The Board thanked Chief Brendal for his consideration for Charles David. The Board agreed to give Mr. David 30 days (1 month) and to remove anything in the black and white photos. The

Board also asked Chief Brendal to talk to Bob Green about David's stuff on his property. Chief Brendal stated he will put numbers on items that have to be gone, and he must get rid of unregistered items, clean up the front yard, and get rid of the mattresses.

Chief Brendal reported that he had tried for a grant for a squad car, and had talked to Lorali Heintzelman of the USDA about a grant, but found out that the medium household income for the Village is over \$47,000, and that would be only a 15% grant. Chief Brendal reported that one of the handheld radar guns had the trigger glued down, but the other radar units in the squads are recertified.

The Board noted that the Jim Adams house had been sold and is airing out, the Chezum property has had some work done, former KJ'S restaurant had Tony's plumbing in the back door to fix problems, and Dan's Pub had been bought by Jason and Emily Lawson, but both are in bad condition. President Starcavich said he would check about condemning property.

President Starcevich stated that there will be a sewer meeting at Engineer Kammerman's office with the USDA, Bi-State, and the Village's Attorney Halpin, but will have more information on the meeting in two weeks.

President Starcavich stated that the date for water bills will be May 1, 2018 with tiers for estimates, and overdue bills will begin from scratch.

President Starcavich reported that the web site will be going soon.

President Starcevich reported that Naginder Singh of the General Store wants to put in slot machines, but President Starcevich told him to clean up that property.

President Starcevich reported six complaints on the snow plowing, and he called Richie Lawson to plow on the Sunday there was snow. He stated that if it snows, he will have Richie Lawson do it.

President Starcevich stated that the Village should look at another mower type. The Board stated that this mower is only one year old, and the Village has a deal with Martin-Sullivan for a new mower every two years with a trade in.

The Board received a letter from Gale Credit Union of Galesburg requesting a letter of endorsement. The Board agreed.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Welch to join the Rural Water Association. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Willems to donate \$500 to the Mercer County Crises Center. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Devlin to donate \$100 to the Sherrard High School Academic program. Voice votes: all votes in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Starcevich to test the weather siren on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Starcevich, second by Willems to accept the fiscal year May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 audit. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board gave permission to Chris Johnson to place a culvert at his 1017 Franklin St. property.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk