

SEPTEMBER 4, 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: Loving, Olson, Willems, Welch, Brooks, Beattie, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

President Starcevich appointed Dana Brooks to fill the Tyler Whiting trustee vacancy and Jason Beattie to fill the Jim Starcevich trustee vacancy. Motion by Starcevich, second by Welch to accept the appointments of Dana Brooks and Jason Beattie as trustees. Voice votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in Ms. Brooks and Mr. Beattie as trustees.

Motion by Willems, second by Starcevich to accept the minutes from the August Board Meeting, Hearing, and Special Meeting. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Willems to authorize the August 2018 bills except for the IMEG bill on sewer engineering in the amount of \$101,588.50 Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Welch, second by Willems to pass ordinance Number 4, Series 2018, Tax Levy FY May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Marla Whiting present to state that Charles David told her he was moving, but she asked the Board to keep on him for his violations. President Starcevich said that the Board would keep pushing forward on Mr. David's junk. Trustees Welch and Olson confirmed that Mr. David has more junk and weeds, and a log.

Sheila Shull present with concerns about the ditches, and culvert in her area that is a waterway, and the Presbyterian Church area by Second Avenue's low spot. The Board agreed to check on the area at North Second and North Third Avenues and possibly have rock filled in (at least 4" to 8" of rock) and remove the rotted railroad ties

The Board checked on the Village's Weed Ordinance 1, Series 2008 and will look at the area by Sheila Bland and Tracey Ekhardt on North Third Avenue.

Stephen Thorp present and requested speed limit signs or stop signs for Franklin Street. The Board will investigate.

Motion by Welch, second by Willems to permit Stephen Thorp to place patio blocks, rocks, and planter around the bell tower and flag memorial on the east side of the Depot Park. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Scott Kammerman, sewer project engineer, present to report that bid opening will be September 12, 2018 at the IMEG building at 10 A.M. He stated the pre-bid meeting went well with lots of interest, and after the bid opening it will take about forty days for acceptance of the bid by all agencies. He also stated that September 30, 2018 is the end of the current fiscal year, and there will be more grant money to help keep the sewer rate down.

Mercer County Better Together held a meeting that President Starcevich called in and placed a bid for the Village of \$10,000 for the basketball courts and \$6,000 for the ball diamond. He stated that he would attend the next meeting to get forms in and fight for funding.

Charles David present to report that after September 7, 2018 he will find out about moving. He wanted to keep the Board informed, but they were packing stuff up and making headway.

President Starcevich reported that he is checking on prices of diamond dirt and lime for the ball diamond, checking into drainage, because it needs to be done the right way for all distances, softball and baseball. Also, he stated the concession stand roof needs to be fixed.

The Board received no news on the Township's purchase of a recycle bin for the Village, but did note that paint cans, TVs, and other nonrecyclables have been put at the recycle trailer. The Board will check into a camera system for the trailer.

President Starcevich met with Sheriff Staley of Mercer County about a police contract, and considered a \$30,000 annual fee for 30 hours of Mercer County Deputies checking the Village. The Board agreed to explore the matter, and possibly going with another Village, President Starcavich stated that he would check on the animal control and drug problems with Sheriff Staley, and talk to Matherville on how they do their contract with Mercer County.

The Board agreed to finish out this year with Wheel Tax and get a list of delinquents, but then do away with Wheel Tax starting in 2019.

The Board agreed to look at water rates.

Village Clerk Johnson suggested looking into raising the Telecommunications Tax. The Board will check into that.

President Starcavich stated that he had talked to Jamie Jones about being the water billing person, but would have a special meeting to interview her by the Board. Village Clerk Johnson stated that she would assist with the collecting of water bills. Clerk Johnson will do the next two billings.

Motion by Welch, second by Brooks to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned. Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

