

OCTOBER 1, 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, Beattie, Brooks, Willems, Welch (6:47 p.m.), Starcevich, and Johnson.

Motion by Willems, second by Loving to accept the September 4, 2018 meeting's minutes.  
Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich declared that Interim Police Chief Brendal was not to work again until he contacts him because of Chief Brendal's accident.

The Board received a written report on the Police activity for September 2018.

Village Clerk Johnson looked up the minutes of when the Board and President decided on the salary for Interim Chief Brendal. The Board agreed to keep the salary the same as it is.

Motion by Brooks, second by Willems to authorize the September 2018 bills except for the IMEG bill. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Stephen Thorpe present to report that he had completed the memorial at the Depot Park and had put broken concrete from the project in the bunks behind the Village Hall. The Board agreed that this was alright, and the Village would take care of the concrete.

Stephen Thorpe asked about the basketball court. President Starcevich stated that he had attended a meeting of Mercer County Better Together and asked for \$10,000 for the repair of the basketball court through their funds. President Starcevich stated that the total project estimate is \$15,000 with \$2,000 in labor that would include two inches of asphalt on top of the court, new hoops, and the money to come through in November. The Board agreed that there would be no freezing of the court for ice skating, and the project would be done within a year.

President Starcevich announced the bid for the sewer was \$7,115,532 by Langman Construction, and was the lowest combined bid. President Starcevich stated that the USDA would do a 50/50 grant funding, and engineer Scot Kammerman said that to make this happen the USDA would find \$2,000,000. Also, it was noted that Langman Construction would work with LeAnder Construction on the wastewater plant. Mr. Kammerman said that he thinks the easements are OK if previous owners of a property had signed them, and the property has now been sold, but he would check with Village Attorney Halpin.

Motion by Loving, second by Olson to authorize President Starceovich to sign the letter of the recommendation for the new wastewater collection system and wastewater treatment plant. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starceovich stated he would stay in contact with Bi-State.

President Starceovich stated he would check on getting stop signs through Moline and Mercer County.

Dustin Williams has changed his front door and would like a new house number. The Board agreed. Village Clerk Johnson was asked to check on this matter.

Motion by Welch, second by Brooks to hire Jamie Jones as the water billing person at \$225 per month starting in October for training. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starceovich stated he would go over the Munibilling program with Mrs. Jones, and they would look at Viola's and Matherville's billing system. President Starceovich stated that Mrs. Jones would need a laptop provided by the Village, and he would check on prices for one. President Starceovich told Village Clerk Johnson that she would still do the water billing this month and be paid.

President Starcavich stated that the Board needs to increase the water bills.

President Starceovich stated he had talked to Mercer County Sheriff Staley and Matherville concerning contracting with the Mercer County Sheriff's Department for policing the Village. He said there would be set hours, a cheaper cost to the Village for police, less headaches, a set cost, and a possible partnership with Matherville on using the County for police protection.

President Starceovich stated that he would meet with the Sheriff and Matherville again on the matter. He also stated that the Village should put out a notice about the County policing the Village, and he would put a letter out with the water bills.

The Board agreed that a sign should be put up at the recycle trailer about what can be recycled, and have maintenance person Garber pick up the trash around the trailer's area.

President Starceovich stated that he is looking into getting dirt for the ball diamond.

The Board noted that Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Ball Park unless it is raining, then under the Rodeo Park shelters.

The Board agreed to have Trick or Treat in the Village on October 31, 2018, but did not set a time. President Starceovich stated he would meet with the Ladies Alliance group tomorrow night, and he will see what they say about a time.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to purchase two new flagpoles at \$325 each from Regalia to replace the damaged poles at the new memorial project. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to look into an award for Stephen Thorpe in appreciation for his volunteer work on making the Depot Park memorial.

The Board agreed to send letters to the delinquent Wheel Tax residents, and President Starcevich said he would send that in his letter.

The Board agreed to look at the hole by the elevator near the road.

President Starcevich stated he would talk to Village Attorney Halpin about the Chezem property, and the Charles David property.

The Board agreed to table the removal of the tree by the Greg Feik property for \$850, and add the tree by the Mike Peterson Property to the tree list.

The Board agreed to set the Village's grader for sale at \$3,000.

The Trustees of the Board agreed to keep their salaries at the same rate of \$40 per meeting.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to raise the Village President's salary to \$5,000 after the next General Election in April 2019. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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