

NOVEMBER 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: Loving, Olson, Willems, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: Brooks.

Motion by Olson, second by Welch to accept the October 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

The Board agreed to have maintenance personnel Mike Garber clean the gutters on the Village Hall.

Karin Baker and Stephen Thorpe present to attend the meeting and inform the Board that the solar lights at the Depot Park are not working, and he filled in the memorial with bricks along with the ones who had names on them from people who donated.

Brent Johnson present concerning the Chezum property on Walnut Street. He stated that the yard had not been mowed once since the fair and rodeo, and there is junk, and dirt piled. President Starcevich said he had talked to the Village Attorney about this since nothing has been done by Mr. Chezum since June 6, 2017. He said he would contact Attorney Halpin again on the situation to see what the Village can do.

President Starcevich reported that Charles David will be getting a letter from Village Attorney Halpin about his property not being cleaned up.

Ritchie Lawson present and the Board kept him as the lead snow plow driver, and told him to plow the Fire Department first.

President Starcevich informed the Board that Jamie Jones had met with Mindy Barnhouse, Viola water billing person, on their program UB Pro, and she liked it. President Starcavich will check on the program, and instructed Village Clerk Johnson to do the November water billing.

President Starcevich presented the option of Clayton Brendal doing 30 hours of Village Police duty a week at \$17 per hour (\$2,040 per month). He said the Village should wait until after the election to determine any changes in the Village Police Department. He asked that Interim Chief Brendal turn in a time sheet. He also stated the Village could go with Matherville and North Henderson on a contract with the Mercer County Sheriff's Department, but the Sheriff would have to go through his Mercer County Board. He said there could be 35 hours for all three Villages for patrol, and Chief Brendal now

does 100 hours a month, but the contract would be for part time work when school is out, until the bar closes, maybe no Sundays. The Board agreed to keep Chief Brendal on the same duties for November.

President Starcevich gave a sewer update that the USDA will pay the engineers after the election.

President Starcevich reported on the Ball Park's diamond. He stated that the big diamond needed to be sprayed again, the bases taken out, new plugs put in this spring, the stand needs a new roof, and he is now the president of the New Windsor Ball Association. He plans to charge the travel teams, have clean up days, or trade work for cost of upgrades.

The Board agreed to have the leaves on Main Street cleaned up.

President Starcevich stated that the money through the Mercer County Better Together should come this month.

President Starcevich stated he would check with Aledo on getting two new stop signs.

The Board agreed to have a sign made for the recycling trailer stating what can be recycled and what cannot.

The Board noted that Blake Kallenbach had moved out of the Eric Jones house, but left a golf cart and other junk.

President Starcevich reported that a letter from Village Attorney Halpin is going to Charles David on his logs, trailer with no plates, and other junk to be cleaned up, or the Village will get a court order to clean up, and the judge would determine if he is guilty and fine him an amount for days not cleaned up. If this is not done by Charles David, the Village will clean up. Also, included would be Bob Green's property where Charles David has junk there. The Board agreed to serve Bob Green notice on the junk left there by Charles David. Chief Brendal said he would list every item at the Bob Green property and give a copy of the notice and list to President Starcevich.

President Starcevich stated he would make up a letter on the delinquent Wheel Tax.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to take down the trees, and take out the stumps, and haul away by Etheridge at \$350 for the Dennis Johannsen tree on South Tenth Avenue and the Greg Feik tree at \$850 on Sycamore Street. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that the Board needs to look into raising the water rates, maybe starting January 2019.

Trustee Olson stated that he checked on a rock in appreciation for Stephen Thorpe's work on the Depot Park memorial at Lackey monument.

Motion by Willems, second by Loving to get the rock from Lackey Monument in appreciation for Stephen Thorpe's work on the Depot Park east side memorial. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Welch to donate \$100 to the New Windsor Christmas Walk. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board noted that the Christmas Walk is December 14, 2018 from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.

The Board agreed to have Maintenance person Mike Garber rake and level out the area by Sue Dahlgren's that has standing water, and to clean the sidewalk by Henry Wallace's property where the water leak had been across the street and mud had covered the sidewalk.

The Board agreed to put up new signs at each edge of town with a Village logo, and let the other group take care of the flowers under the signs.

Village Clerk Johnson informed the Board that the Independent's Caucus would be December 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The Board agreed that McMeekan Excavating look at the sink hole from the drainage tile in the south west field farmed by Tom Bischoff, and look at the hole by the gas station.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk