

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

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, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Loving, second by Olson to accept the minutes of the regular Village Board meeting on August 1, 2019 and the reconvened meeting on August 5, 2019. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Loving, second by Olson to authorize the bills except for the Superior Asphalt bill and the IMEG bill. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich announced that on September 6, 2019 at 10:45 A.M. at the Village Hall the closing and preliminary construction meeting on the sewer project will be held.

President Starcevich reported that the Ball Park needs new toilets, and that Trustee Olson painted the outside of the concession stand.

President Starcevich stated that Maggie Ferguson has 2-3 trees to be taken down on Village Property at 714 Washington Street, and they are on the tree removal list.

President Starcevich announced that no one was shut off due to delinquent water bills, and all paid in full or in part.

President Starcevich stated that Village Attorney Halpin is preparing a new water ordinance.

Motion by Willems, second by Brooks to pass Ordinance Number 8, Series 2019, An Ordinance Establishing Combined Billing for Village Water and Sewer. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich informed the Board about a contract for police with Matherville with New Windsor charging a flat rate fee of \$25 per officer and 24 hours per week of duty. He stated that the Villages would try it for one year where the officers would float between New Windsor and Matherville. The Board agreed to wait until the October 7, 2019 meeting to accept the contract.

President Starcevich stated that the Village needs a new police vehicle and get rid of the Durango, but keep the Impala. Interim Chief Brendal stated that Aledo has purchased pickup trucks from Thomas Dodge of Indiana with a cost around \$23,407, but the Village would need a police package and transfer equipment or buy new. Chief Brendal stated that child locks on the back seat, 4-door cab, short bed, and cage in the entire back seat would be needed.

Trustee Willems reported that Superior Asphalt is not going to seal the new basketball court, because that was not in their bid. The Board agreed to have them fix the two inch puddle that is on the court after rain, before paying the bill.

President Starcevich stated that the Charles David property was surveyed.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to purchase 6 stop signs and posts for a possible three-way stop on South Seventh Avenue and Franklin Street.

The Board instructed Chief Brendal to give a verbal warning to Ruth Wolter about her yard, and a fine if not done.

Trustee Brooks informed the Board that the Ladies Alliance group is taking over for the Depot Park Committee, who is disbanding. She said that items needing attention were the Gazebo handicap railing, steps, and ramp, and the two signs on the edges of the Village. She stated that the Ladies Alliance works as volunteers and will receive the \$3,100 left from the Depot Park Committee. Trustee Beattie stated he would check out the Gazebo problems.

Trustee Willems stated that laser on metal for the signs would be best. President Starcevich agreed to check into the matter.

The Board noted that the 911 ride and Car Show will be sponsored by the Fire Department and they will be providing food.

The Board agreed to have the bathrooms at the Rodeo Park pumped out. Village Clerk Johnson was to call a service.

President Starcevich stated he would get prices on a spreader for the truck and a new tractor since the Villages are not in good shape.

President Starcevich reported that Charles David had been fined, and Attorney Halpin will take to court. He also stated that Michael Chezem will be fined, and his building permit not renewed, and Robert Green will also be fined with Village Attorney Halpin taking care of the nuisances and will send the process for going to court. The Village can start fining every day, and fines do not stop if water is shut off.

The Board agreed that 16 feet of culvert is given for the first culvert, then the property owner buys the other feet over 16 feet.

The Board agreed to check on putting the bucket truck in the Rodeo building and share its use with them.

Motion by Willems, 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