

MARCH 2, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

VILLAGE HALL 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, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Willems, second by Loving to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to authorize the February 2020 bills and Treasurer's report. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Tom Bischoff present concerning a 12-inch tile of the Village's that takes water to the creek and has three large open holes, and the tile is getting very weak. Mr. Bischoff had a map showing the tile problem south of the Village and proposed a 12 inch perforated tile to the creek after the sewer is in, but for now the Village could go with an 8 inch or 10 inch at an estimate of \$24,000 for the project with plastic tile that would not corrode, or a non-perforated tile at \$16,000, or fix tile at the three holes at \$2060, lay a new 12 inch tile 400 to 500 feet at \$3,000. He has an excavator ready, Frieden, and wants the 3 holes fixed.

Stephen Thorp present concerning the trees in front of 417 South Second Avenue being taken out by the sewer, since the sewer will come down on his side of the street. He stated that the trees are Oak trees and as old as the house, and he doesn't want them to die. He said he also has a concrete driveway he is concerned about.

Jack Kusek from IMEG engineers present to give an update on the sewer. He reported there are two crews working from now on, and he talked to Ameren, and the generators will be natural gas. The Village had received a call from Ameren about issues with the sewer. Mr. Kusek said that was probably a prank call, because they had no problems with Ameren. He stated a revised plan for the outlet to the creek that the Township was concerned about, but it had been taken care of and gave a permanent easement. He also said the alley north of Route 17 has been staked out. He said costs had gone up for doing the plant including \$19,000 increase for plant material, no increase in labor, a \$68,900 credit since they did not need a liner, and parallel piping tile and sewer for North Second Avenue, Route 17, and Seventh and Eighth Avenue being shortened so some credits there. He will show those next month. He said the grant will administer to qualified houses and procuring contractors for the project by prequalifying them. He reported that the project is 16.4% complete and this month's bills are

\$312,459.15 for Langman and \$15,480.36 for IMEG. He hopes the north side will be done by the end of April.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to approve the pay requests and process with the USDA for payment. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated the Village's Police Department had a good month with drug busts here and in Matherville.

Interim Police Chief Brendal reported that Blake Kallenbach had stolen a trailer that was from Peru, Illinois, and the Secretary of State had an open investigation on it, and Paul and Tammy Miller were involved. Chief Brendal said the trailer was illegally parked and had been stolen December 30, 2019 with building material on it. He said the owner gave a \$150 donation to the Village's police fund. Chief Brendal reported that the Impala squad would not unlock and not going out of first gear making sounds like a transmission selector switch, and a tire needs to be fixed. Chief Brendal reported that the radar certification was done Wednesday, and he gave his 30 day notice of resignation,

Motion by Welch, second by Loving to accept Chief Brendal's resignation effective in 30 days. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Chief Brendal said he would help out if the 30 days was not enough to find a replacement, but not as Interim Chief.

President Starcevich thanked Chief Brendal for his service, and asked him to check on the Impala (154,000 miles on the 2004 Impala squad),.

Chief Brendal reported there are grants for body cameras and in car cameras.

President Starcevich reported on a new mower, and had contacted Martin-Sullivan about a trade in (current 2017 mower 696 hours) with a 60 inch deck at \$5,400 cost.

President Starcevich also checked on a 90 horse tractor at a cost of \$56,000, but there are smaller ones available. The Board tabled someone new to do the mowing.

Motion by Loving, second by Willems to purchase a new mower at the maximum cost of \$5,400. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Loving, second by Welch to donate \$100 to the Sherrard High School Academic Association. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to write tickets and fine Cambor Hall for trailers parked on the lot behind the Depot, and President Starcevich said he would contact Halpin.

President Starcevich stated that he would contact Village Attorney Halpin on the old bar and restaurant on Main Street and check if County has it for taxes.

Motion by Welch, second by Loving to fix the south side tile and hole for \$3,000. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to pay Jared Greer \$12 per hour for snow plowing. Voice votes: all votes were in favor.

The Board tabled replacing water valves at a cost of \$25,000 on the north side of the Village.

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