

JUNE 1, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT PRESBYTERIAN C.E. BUILDING, 414 WALNUT ST., NEW WINDSOR, IL

6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the New Windsor Presbyterian C.E. Building, 414 Walnut Street, New Windsor, due to the Covid-19 Virus restrictions of social distance of six feet and no more than 10 people. President Starcevich called the meeting to order with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Willems, Brooks, Beattie, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

The last regular meeting held was March 2, 2020. April and May, 2020, meetings were not held due to the Covid-19 Virus restrictions, but copies of the bills and minutes were given by Village Clerk Johnson to President Starcevich for contact with the Trustees.

Motion by Loving, second by Willems to authorize the May 2020 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to accept the treasurer's annual report for FY 2019 to 2020. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Beattie to rehire Kevin Willems as Village Treasurer. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

John Carlson, Village liaison on the sewer project with IMEG engineers and Langman Construction present to report on the sewer's progress. He reported that the cost to hook up to the sewer will raise from \$3,000 to \$5,000 including the filling in of the septic tank, recommended three contractors for the hook-ups so that all will be done the same way, that the sewer is 38% complete with Crew 1 here since day 1, Crew 2 as cleanup crew such as cutting ditches and culverts, (Village Maintenance person Stephen Thorp cutting culvert ends), Crew 3 to start on treatment plant, street signs will be put back up by Langman Construction along with miscellaneous items, and 4 lift stations put in, 2 on each side of the Village. He stated that Number 7 payroll is complete and waiting on the USDA for approval, and payroll number 8 to be signed tonight. He reported 90 tile crossings on the north side not including the ones that go parallel, and south side has 5 so far, and every tile crossing that is hit is replaced and hooked back up. They are cutting ditches, but the Village may want to put in culverts to help with drainage, the Petrie Cemetery Road is a Township road and Don Fowler of the Township wants to meet with President Starcevich and himself about working on the road. Mr. Carlson reported

on the water services on the south side and water lines that have been located (Melba Johnson's line is not the Village's and Sheila Spencer has a leak, but probably in the house).

Mr. Carlson asked the Board if they wanted the New Windsor Telephone Company bucket truck. The Board agreed that the Village did not want the truck.

President Starcevich reported that the Village's squad had been damaged when Officer Taylor hit a deer. The cost to repair the Taurus squad would be \$5,400 and is covered by insurance.

President Starcevich presented the ATV/Golf Cart permit stickers.

President Starcevich reported that Officer Taylor would buy the Durango squad for \$200. The Board agreed to consider taking it to the scrap yard for Officer Taylor to buy there, or putting it up for bid. President Starcevich stated he would talk to Officer Taylor.

Stephen Thorp present from the maintenance department and reported that the Village's Case tractor is junk, and he would take the new spreader off and lube it up. He also reported that the Depot Park Gazebo was almost finished refurbishing, with just primer and paint left, and the Ladies Alliance donated \$1,500 for the wood.

President Starcevich stated that the three ash trees at the Baseball Park need to be cut down.

Mr. Thorp stated that he had cleaned the gutters at the Village Hall and trimmed the trees beside the Hall, and requested that the Village get gutter guards, and he would repaint the outside of the windows.

The Board asked Mr. Thorp to get prices on new windows that are energy efficient for the Hall.

The Board asked Trustee Willems to check on the Village Hall air conditioner and furnace and get prices on new ones.

President Starcevich informed the Board that Scott Frenell wants to put in a 10' tube long enough for his property with Mr. Frenell buying the pipe and Mr. Thorp putting it in. President Starcevich asked the Board to look at the area.

President Starcevich reported that Mrs. Hartshorn on Mercer Street had requested to make \$40 payments with no penalties on her water bill each month to bring it current, but she has only made 2 or 3 payments a year, and has a bill of \$700 +/- due. He reported that there have been no penalties since the Covid-19 Virus and no one has been shut off. The Board agreed to not be lenient and have her pay half of her bill or more, and if she doesn't, shut her water off.

President Starcevich stated that there are broken tiles in the lot at 205 South Ninth Avenue bordering Mercer Street and a vacated alley. The Board agreed to find out who owns that property, get bids on repairing the tiles and check the area for all tiles.

President Starcevich stated that the Village will check on the Ordinance on grass/weeds, and unlicensed vehicles. He stated that he will be sending out another letter soon.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to raise Jamie Jones salary to \$250 per month. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The raise will start with the June 2020 paycheck.

The Board agreed to look around for a used backhoe and tractor.

The Board denied a request to place a ramp to the Rodeo Park restroom.

The Board agreed to have the weather siren tested each Tuesday at 7 P.M. as a one minute blast by the fire department. They instructed Clerk Johnson to place a notice in Don's Market News.

The Board agreed to send a bill to the Rivoli Township for the new cost for the recycle wagon in the amount of \$350 due to Eagle Recycling's raise.

The Board agreed that Rivoli Township should clean up the gravel and remove the culvert from the easement. President Starcevich stated he would contact Justin Fowler.

Village Clerk Johnson informed the Board that a budget hearing would be held prior to the July Board meeting and the Budget/Finance Committee needs to meet to prepare the proposed budget/appropriations. President Starcevich stated he would check on a date and time.

President Starcevich informed the Board that Michael Garber had quit the Maintenance Department.

Trustee Welch offered to take the Durango on his trailer to the dump.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk.