

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

C.E. BUILDING

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the C.E. Building, 414 Walnut Street, and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Beattie, Brooks, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: Willems.

Motion by Beattie, second by Brooks to accept the August 10, 2020 minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor.

Motion by Loving, second by Olson to authorize the August 2020 bills including \$31,450 for the backhoe/loader and \$175.00 for the Greg Feik tree. Voice votes: all votes in favor, and the motion was carried.

Jack Kusek, IMEG engineer, and John Carlson present to report on the bid letting for the LMI sewer service held August 25, 2020. Mr. Kusek reported that there were six requests, and the two bids that were lowest were C.H Langman & Son, Inc. on H/7 Bid Pkg , and McClintock Trucking & Excavating on all others. A representative from the Labor Management and from Langman, Inc. present along with Village Attorney Mike Halpin and Bi-State Planner Tara Cullison . Motion by Loving, second by Olson to award Langman & Son, Inc. the bid project for the LMI sewer project. Roll call votes: all votes were in favor. The Board determined that the low bidder appears to have less work experience and unknown capabilities, while the other contractor, Langman, had longer, proven experience, including on prior projects within the Village. The Board also expressed concern with the low bidder's ability to complete the projects within the time frame required by the federal grant, which could mean that property owners in the Village would have to pay more out of their own pocket without grant assistance. Therefore, the Village determined that Langman was the lowest responsible bidder for each bid package and awarded each contract to Langman.

Tara Cullison of Bi-State present to report the grant extension for the LMI sewer project is December 31, 2020.

John Kusek stated that the Village will need a sewer ordinance and sewer use ordinance outlining cost, what the charges will be, what materials are to be used, and charge a hook up fee for houses that are built later. Mr. Kusek stated he would work with Village Attorney Halpin, and make a list to choose from to do the hook ups. He stated that work must be done by qualified companies with certificates of insurance, and application fee of \$100, and homeowners cannot do the work themselves.

Motion by Olson, second by Beattie to authorize pay requests app. Number 11 for sewer construction. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Kusek said that Ameren IL stated that they would finish the gas main project by October 1, 2020, and the easements for Richard Willems need to be recorded, and the Post Office is looking over theirs.

Village Clerk Johnson asked about the sewer for the house at 201 Main Street that has a well and is not hooked up to Village water. Mr. Kusek stated that they would have sewer.

President Starcevich informed the Board about the abandoned houses, Michael Chezem, Mary Niles, Adam's, and two buildings on Main Street, needing notices to be fixed or take them to court. Attorney Halpin stated that the Village should take pictures of the properties and send to owners, give them fifteen days to fix and site the appropriate sections such as violation of building codes of the County and Village, nuisances, dangers, and not habitable problems. Attorney Halpin stated that fines, petitions to recover costs of taking down, and liens

should be done.

The Board approved these measures and included Charles David's junk that has been moved to his Main Street house where his father lives.

President Starcevich paid for his culvert in the amount of \$160, and is checking on the Brent Johnson culvert.

Steffen Thorp present from the Maintenance Department to report that the Village Hall windows are not in yet.

The Board waived the hook up fee for Tyler Whiting to hook on to the Village's water main, and Zach Johnson Plumbing of Monmouth will do the work.

The Ladies Alliance is planning a Trunk or Treat night on October 31, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ball Park, and the Board set Trick or Treat in the Village for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Board was informed that the New Windsor Depot restaurant was turned in for not complying with the mask mandate to the Mercer County Health Department. The Board agreed that this liability falls on the New Windsor Depot.

The Ladies Alliance is planning a Christmas Lighting contest, program and dinner, and in the spring a beautification plan.

The Board agreed to check on costs for a digital sign for the Depot Park.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

