

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

6 P.M. VILLAGE HALL

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 (6:12 p.m.) Starcevich and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to accept the October 5, 2020 regular Board meeting minutes. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

Kathy Litton present to register a complaint about Charles David and his property. She complained that she counted sixteen vehicles at his property, he drives through the alley every which way, drives in her yard and leaves ruts, and she has asked him not to do this. President Starcevich stated that the Village has a structural engineer coming to look at his properties and others in the Village to condemn them. Ms. Litton would like these violations taken care of. President Starcevich stated that the Village has cleaned up the David property, followed Village ordinances, and have No Parking signs for the alley. He also has told the police department to tow vehicles in violation and check on damages done to Village property. The Board stated they would try to take care of Mr. David's violations.

Jack Kusek from IMEG, engineers for the sewer project, to report that they are waiting on the easement from the Post Office, the north side of the Village is all done, Ameren finished gas lines, and the project was 90% done. He said one crew was sent home due to the Covid virus, and Ameren went to all four lift stations, and in two weeks they should be done.

President Starcevich reported that Dave Maynard and Stephen Thorp did some training on the sewer. John Carlson present to report the Village needs an orange trash pump, and Langman will help hook up CDAP grant properties, with eight hooked up already. Mr. Carlson stated that he had talked to Bi-State, and they came out twice. Mr. Kusek stated that the trash pump would cost an estimated \$1300 - \$1350, and it would be reimbursable and to let him know when it comes in. Mr. Kusek stated that the cost for extending the gas service would be \$2,900., and the Village need to sign off on this. He also said that they received the service connections book with 87% complete by Langman. Mr. Kusek informed the Board that Lynn Armstrong would be the new USDA contact, and app 12 is good, with app 13 ready. The change orders are in place, and Ameren will bill the Village.

The Board asked Mr. Kusek about the streets. He stated there is still a lot of work to do with service hook-ups, but in the spring, the streets will be tilled up with money from the contract and Village MFT Funds. The streets are to be put back the way they were.

President Starcevich went over the proposed Sewer Ordinance and wants to go over the amounts with the Board. Mr. Kusek stated that the Sewer Ordinance needs to be in place no later than the middle of January 2020. President Starcevich will check on other communities that are the Village's six and their charges.

Mr. John Kusek reported that the two buildings are up at the treatment facility, and lift stations three and four are being worked on with lift station four's pad ready to pour, so that Ameren can hook it up. He also noted that Leonard Bird's transite main was dug up and cut out due to breaks.

President Starcavich stated that David Maynard is interested in the sewer operation manager job at \$1,000 per month and a three year contract, until Stephen Thorp can get certified as an operator.

President Starcevich reported on ordinance violations. He reported that Matt Dolan was told to clean up his property, and he did, some kid snipped wires at the substation that Ameren had to fix, but he was found and put in jail, but then let out today. Also, he reported on some drug violations that the police are working on and collecting evidence, and spray painting was done on some buildings that Stephen Thorp cleaned up. President Starcevich stated he would talk to the violators and have them do some community service.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to purchase 9 hp leaf sucker with a grinder for \$1,100 from Stephen Thorp. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that he was working on the abandoned houses and would have a structural engineer come look at the properties

President Starcevich reported that Dana and Shawn Kovacic purchased a 12 foot culvert and band to put on the east side of their property that they bought from Austin Adams at North Fourth Avenue.

President Starcevich reported that he would have Stephen Thorp talk to the people with the chickens about having no roosters.

President Starcevich reported that the Mercer County Better Together will be having another program and the Village will be receiving information on it.

Motion by Willems, second by Brooks to donate \$1,000 to the Mercer County Better Together Challenge Grant program. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to have a policy on water bills paid by cash in the drop box due to the recent bag of change and rolled up bills placed in the box. The Board agreed that paying cash in large amounts must be done at the bank for water bill payments.

Motion by Brooks, second by Olson to donate \$100 to Sherrard School District's Operation Santa. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to reimburse Stephen Thorp for a winter coat and bibs. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson stated that the next Board meeting would be December 7, 2020 at 6 P.M., and the People's Party Caucus would be at 5:30 P.M. prior to the meeting. She reported that three trustee positions at four year terms, one trustee position at a two year term, the President and Village Clerk positions were to be nominated.

The Board agreed that the Jarrod McNall and Julie Weeks dispute over boundaries is a civil matter.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk