

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

C.E. BUILDING

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, Willems, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent were: Beattie and Brooks.

Motion by Willems, second by Welch to accept the January 4, 2021 minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to authorize the January 2021 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor. The motion was carried.

Jack Kusek, IMEG engineer for the sewer, present to update the Board. He recommended suspending work on the contract with Langman Construction due to the weather. Mr. Kusek reported that Brian Gaul of Langman Construction will take care of the generators, and in the spring the pond and streets will be taken care of. He stated that Langman Construction proposed oil and chip or asphalt for the streets, and use contingent funds and MFT funds to get the streets done right. Mr. Kusek stated that the streets should be a standard width of sixteen feet wide, be tilled up and add stone, then add asphalt, seal mix, or oil and chips with the entire street being done. He did not recommend the oil and chips, because they do not hold up.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to suspend work on the sewer project January 26, 2021 until further notice. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Kusek stated that the blower building stays warm, and the screen building has a vent with motorized dampers that open and close, and the duct work installation would be aluminum at a cost of \$7,213.78. He reported \$169,812.29 left in the contingency fund with \$86,722.49 interest. Trustee Willems stated that he could do the work, but he is not union, and it could be a conflict of interest. The Board agreed to proceed with a union company.

Mr. Kusek reported that Michael Chezem has not been hooked up, and he has until March 1st, 2021 to do so, but that is between Mr. Chezem and Bi-State.

Motion by Willems, second by Welch to pay Langman the \$133,328.98 Pay App #15 and also #16 when approved by the USDA. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Kusek read through the Sewer Ordinance stating April 1, 2021 the new rates would begin, and the ordinance would be posted and copies kept on file. He informed the Board that they calculated 85 gallons used per person per day, and a cost of \$49.50 per month (page 16 section 10) with a minimum of 5,000 at \$63.75 and non-metered \$71.25. He stated that the \$63.75 did not include water,

and the Board should review rates every year. President Starcevich reported that the water minimum rate is \$35, and outside water meters should be done.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to set the water rate at \$35.00 per minimum and the sewer rate at \$63, 75 per minimum for a total bill of \$98.75 monthly. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to change the coin-a-matic rate from .25 per 100 gallon to \$3 per 100 gallon.

The Board agreed that the Churches water is free and the sewer will be free.

Motion by Welch, second not made to charge the Rodeo Association for water used at the Rodeo grounds. The Board agreed to table the matter until the whole Board is in attendance.

The Board agreed that as of July 1, 2021 the sewer tap on fee will be \$800, and if no payment is received on a bill the first time, there will be penalty, the second time of no payment the water and sewer will be shut off.

The Board agreed that Larry Thurman's sewer hookup that had some inside problems is his bill, and the Village had no part in it.

Mr. Kusek stated that all that are hooked up have a check valve, the generators will be checked each week with the time of Tuesday at 9 A.M. for one side, and 10 A.M. for the other side.

Motion by Loving, second by Welch to pass Ordinance 1, Series 2021, Sewer Ordinance. Voice Votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to sell the old dump truck by bids. They agreed to place a bid notice in the newspaper for three weeks with bids to be in by February 26, 2021 at 5 P.M with the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

President Starcevich stated that he would contact State Representative Dan Swanson on the Village's need for funding.

Trustee Welch reported that at the end of his street on the east side the water hydrant has no access due to several cars parked end to end along the street. He also stated that the snow plow is unable to plow that area.

The Board agreed to have 2021 ATV/Golf Cart stickers done and keep the fee at \$50 per year, but if Mercer County does a sticker for \$50 the applicant just needs one or the other.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

