

MARCH 1, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

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 Loving, second by Welch to accept the February 1, 2021 minutes of the regular Board meeting. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

President Starcevich opened the meeting for public comment. Questions were asked concerning the water and sewer bills. The Board stated that there will be one bill. The Board answered questions on the grass being seeded and driveways being fixed. The Board stated that the homeowner can do his own digging, but the plumbing contractor must be certified.

The Property Committee for the Lutheran Church, Cory Humphrey, Pastor Julie, and Ron Nelson, present concerning the sewer line. John Carlson explained that the lateral was run as deep as they could and it should work. The Committee did not know the depth, and Mr. Carlson stated that there was an extra one run, Jack Kusek added that there are two or three that need injector pumps. The Board agreed that the Churches will have free water and sewer service.

Brent Johnson asked about what was needed for a hook up to the sewer. Mr. Kusek stated that there is a contractor's registration form with the specs for the hook up that must be filed with the Village along with a \$100 application fee to be placed on the Certified Contractor's list. Mr. Kusek stated that if a resident wanted to do their own, they would still need a certified contractor, but could work their own ground.

Mr. Kusek stated that the \$450,000 grant is closed, and if there is any money left, it would go back to the State. He said that the State has discontinued this grant.

The question was asked if everybody had to be hooked up before the streets are done, and Mr. Kusek answered that no, street work will begin when the weather is warmer. The Lutheran Church committee asked about their sidewalk, but Mr. Carlson stated that the sidewalk is on the church's ground.

Mr. Kusek reported that some street work had started today, and the original contract price is for the width and depth of the surface area. He stated that that surface area will be restored by contingency funds and MFT funds and listed as a line item. He said that the roads were to be ground up,

laid back down and compacted. Brian Gaul of Langman Construction had reported to Mr. Kusek that they will do the whole Village and hope to be done by the end of July, and if the Rodeo happens, Langman Construction will resurface the north side. Mr. Kusek stated that Langman Construction has been great to work with, and the progress on the project has only the cover, buildings to finish, but lift stations are done and working and generators are done.

Mike Riddell present asking to vacate the street west of his property but there are two houses there. The Village Board would need a petition to vacate and split the property at a cost set by the Village. Mr. Riddell wants to put up a garage.

Marla Whiting present reporting that her neighbors filled the Village's street cones with snow to hinder travel in the alley. Stephen Thorp, maintenance, present stated that Charles David had moved the Village's barricades, and he had talked to him about removing the vehicles blocking the alley, and that Mr. David had moved some cars along the highway. The Board noted that the Police Department will check on this and give him 48 hours to take care of the matter. Also, Mr. David will have to have license and insurance on these cars.

President Starcavich stated that 714 Mulberry Street had water in their yard, but that is a natural waterway, and the tube has always taken care of this because of the natural fall. Mr. Carlson said this has been improved by cutting the ditch at the Robb's property on south 7th Avenue.

Motion by Brooks, second by Willems to pay Langman Construction and IMEG Engineers Pay app #17. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich asked Stephen Thorp, maintenance, to check with Dave Maynard on a trash pump.

President Starcevich reported that a new business is going to start in the Hair Loft building, but not a retail business, but a pod cast/radio show. The Board requested that the owners come to a Board meeting to explain their business.

President Starcevich stated that he would check on quotes for a new mower.

Motion by Willems, second by Welch to insulate the maintenance building at a cost of nine inch insulation at \$819 or six inch at \$490. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board tabled action on the Village's audit until all members could look it over.

The Board tabled action on the ATV/Golf Cart permits until April to see what Mercer County is going to do about permits and route.

President Starcevich nominated Kirby Willems to another term on the Zoning Board. Motion by Welch, second by Willems to accept the nomination of Kirby Willems. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, Second by Olson to amend the water rates to 2,000 gallons at \$20 and \$5.00 per every 1,000 gallons thereafter. Voice votes: all votes were in favor and the motion was carried. The Board agreed that the water meters would still be read every third month for the overage.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk