

APRIL 5, 2021

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, Brooks, Beattie, Willems, Welch, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

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

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

Marla Whiting present concerning the alley by her property, and Charles David blocking this alley by parking in the alley, and Mr. David running a burner at 4 A.M. President Starcevich advised Ms. Whiting to call the police. Colleen McCaw present to confirm Mr. David's actions. President Starcevich stated that she should call the police and document his actions. Ms. McCaw reported that Mr. David pulled in the alley with a load of logs, spun his tires, and left ruts in the alley. She also stated that there are many cars parked on his property along Main Street, and he is harassing Ms. Whiting.

President Starcevich stated that the alley will be fixed by Langman Construction when the sewers are done.

The Board agreed to place a stop sign at the corner of Walnut Street and South Third Avenue, and remove the yield sign.

The Board again was advised of chickens and a rooster at 309 South Second Avenue. The Board agreed to notify the residents.

Dennis Nimrick present with his grandson Jake, to report that Langman Construction broke his basement drain when putting in the sewer lateral for Nelsons. He stated that Langman broke the tile, and he had water coming into his basement. Mr. Nimrick wanted to know who was going to pay for the damage to his basement. He said that there was \$3,600 worth of damage to carpet and his items in his basement. Jack Kusek, IMEG engineer, present and stated that Mr. Nimrick's problem is between Langman Construction and his insurance.

Larry Thurman and his son Jeff Thurman present to report problems with his sewer being put in. He reported that Langman could not find the septic tank, and that it was probably under the edition that had been put on. Mr. Thurman stated he then called Tony's Plumbing to get the sewer hooked up through his basement. Mr. Thurman was an LMI sewer hookup, but then he received a bill from Tony's for almost \$4,000 for their work, but then Tony's ran a camera through the pipe and found the septic

four feet out. Mr. Thurman stated that Roy of Langman Construction and John Carlson, Village liaison with IMEG were there. John Kusek stated it sounded like Mr. Thurman was taken advantage of, and that Langman's plumber is Blondell. President Starcevich suggested that Mr. Thurman call Chuck Langman about the problem.

Mr. Thurman also had a complaint about his neighbor Shawn Breitenstein having an unlicensed car, old tires lying around, a garage full of junk, and burns everything and logs the last three days. The Board noted that the Police had been there before.

Karin Degalman present to request use of the Depot Park for a Farmers Market with various vendors during a certain weekday. The Board agreed.

Ms. Degalman also asked if the water bills could have a notice on them about how shut offs are handled and the time frame for turning water on or off or only during working hours.

Jack Kusek of IMEG stated that he had talked to Bi-State and they wanted to know if a letter was sent to Michael Chezem when he had to have the dirt pile on his property cleaned up for a sewer hook up with LMI. President Starcevich stated that no letter had been sent, and he thought Chezem had until March 1, 2021 or he would be disqualified for LMI grant. The Board agreed that the Village is responsible for having the sewer put in, so they gave Mr. Chezem until the end of the month, April 30, 2021 to take care of.

President Starcevich stated that a structural engineer must look at the house owned by Mr. Chezem on Walnut Street. Mr. Kusek of IMEG stated that they have a structural engineer. The Board agreed there are several violations present on this house.

Jack Kusek, IMEG Engineer, reported that the sewer project is now back on as of Monday, and Langman Construction will be doing the sewer's buildings, covers, motor, and lagoons. He informed the Board that both lagoons are full, and that no heavy trucks are driving up and down the gravel road that is steep. He said that B & B Drain Tech will do pumping, but if road is wet, it will be hauled to Aledo, just so it does not create a problem. He stated that the generators are up and running, screen is in and screening out and concrete will be put on edge and top.

Mr. Kusek reported on the Langman Construction doing the streets, and there are four different options. He said that with the IDOT funds of MFT money, the streets will have to let for bid and paperwork done. Mr. Kusek stated that option 1 is to bid and scarify, till up, roll, and a one to two inch hot mix, option 2 would be leveling, binder made with sand and mix like asphalt, option 3 would be a sand sealer on the streets that are not so bad, and option 4 would be a sand seal by spreading it out and dragging it and then roll it. He said that street work would probably not start until July. Mr. Kusek stated that he and Chuck Langman talked about the streets, and Mr. Langman was looking at next year to come back and fix. He stated that they will level the streets.

Mr. Kusek reported that a representative from a solar company had options to run the Village's plant, because of its size.

Mr. Kusek had pay app number 18 requesting \$112,000, and Langman Construction will have \$1,053,771.93 left.

Mr. Kusek stated that the certified plumber must do the hook up.

Stephen Thorp stated that he takes a picture, draws a sketch as to where the sewer is at.

The Board agreed to have a set of keys for the drop box made for Village Clerk Johnson.

The Board was aware the Langman needed to have a plumber supplement to a contract for a sewer hookup, and they chose The Crawford Company. Mr. Kusek will talk to Langman's about Crawford and Larry Thurman's problem.

President Starcevich stated that he would call Tony's Plumbing about the Larry Thurman ase,

Motion by Welch, Second by Brooks that Tony's Plumbing no longer may work for the Village. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that first a homeowner gets a certified contractor, makes sure they are on the certified contractor's list, schedule their dig date, make sure Stephen Thorp is notified before the backfill, and Stephen returns the inspection sheet to the Village Clerk Johnson to keep on file with the plumber/contractor signing it. The Board agreed that if Stephen Thorp does not approve of the backfill, then a different person will finish, and the plumber/contractor must have their license on the site or the water will be turned off.

Motion by Willems, second by Loving to pay Dave Maynard starting in April. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Willems stated that Stan Michelson, Pam Waugaman want trees taken down, and the Galva Tree Service cost is \$10,000. He said Mr. Epperson wants a tree down, also.

Motion by Olson, second by Willems to hire Caleb Williams as a part time as needed employee for maintenance (mow, weed eat, pick up sticks) at \$11 per hour Voice votes, all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to get Stephen Thorp a cell phone for Village business; possibly through U.S. Cellular.

President Starcevich stated that the Village may receive \$140,000 stimulus money, and would like to see it go towards water meters.

Motion by Beattie, second by Olson to purchase a camera for Stephen Thorp to use (like a Kodak @ \$100). Voice votes, all votes in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated he would like the Village to get a Ranger or Gator for multiple uses such as reading meters, drag the ball diamond, etc. He asked the Board to check around. The matter was tabled.

President Starcevich gave a thank you and a public appreciation to Bob Welch as a Trustee. Mr. Welch did not seek another term of office.

Motion by Welch, second by Olson to approve the FY 2019-2020 Audit report and Single Audit report. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to donate \$500 to the Mercer County Crises Center. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Welch to give the New Windsor Library free water and sewer. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Brooks informed the Board about Mercer County Better Together doing an Imagination Library.

President Starcevich stated that Curt Geier had purchased the former Hair Loft building and is doing a podcast there.

President Starcevich suggested putting in the sewers for businesses.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk