

MAY 3, 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 Starceвич with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Beattie, Willems, Welch, Starceвич, Johnson, and absent Brooks.

Motion by Beattie, second by Willems to accept the April 2021 regular Board meeting minutes  
Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Beattie, second by Olson to authorize the April 2021 bills and accept the annual treasurer's report. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Trustee Welch was thanked for his service to the Board and left the meeting.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in Jim Starceвич as President, Trustees Steve Burton, David Willems, Dennis Loving, and Jason Beattie (2 year term).

Vicki Fosnacht present along with her renter to inquire about the Village's sewer project, because they were not aware of the project. President Starceвич reported that he had sent a letter with the water bill giving information on the sewer stating that hook up must be by August 1, 2021 to avoid an \$800 fee, and they must call a certified contractor from the Village's list. Ms. Fosnacht was given a list of the contractor's certified by the Village.

President Starceвич stated that the only two LMI left to be hooked up are the Post Office and Michael Chezem.

Cory Humphrey present to ask about estimates of putting in the sewer, and Village Clerk Johnson gave him the residential building sewer application, and was told that Stephen Thorp would do the inspection.

Jack Kusek present to inform the Board that Langman Construction began work again on April 19, 2021, and President Starceвич signed the document. Mr. Kusek stated that the covers are on, all piping is ready to drop in, blowers are ready, and start up is ready by the end of the week. He said that then there would be clean up, and had President Starceвич sign Pay App # 19 for Langman and IMEG with work substantially complete. He also stated that Bev Monson's septic was taken care of by putting a riser in and pumped through the tank.

Mr. Kusek stated that a change order was made on the blue house (Kim Catrell) to make the sewer lower so it would pump up, and Bi-State was agreeable with that. Gary Anderson's sewer will be put in by Multi-Construction and will be alright.

Mr. Kusek contacted IDOT and there is \$275,000 in MFT Funds and Build IL Funds for the streets. He stated that there will be three operations for the streets, till up some streets, straighten out uneven streets, some streets are not damaged, and all has to be let for bid and go to IDOT. He stated that this will not be ready until July. Langman Construction would like 2 ½ inches of asphalt at a \$1,000,000 of the Village cost, but the Village cannot afford it. He said that tilling up and sealing with an asphalt type of material holds up well, and can be fixed by patch mix and could last ten years. He said that there would be no chips at all, the material looks like asphalt surface and used on the ones that are bad, and level and sand mix on uneven ones. Mr. Kusek stated that there is a product called Cape Seal approved by the State that could be used.

Mr. Kusek requested Dave Maynard's contact information as Certified Sewer Operator.

Mr. Kusek reported that Langman Construction has a landscaping company to do the seeding and repairs to the yards.

Mr. Kusek and John Carlson explained the edition that was built over the septic tank around 1970. They used a camera to see it, and pumped it out, repiped the basement, and left the tank. Then April 8<sup>th</sup> hooked floor drain, but clay tile was found. They then put a manhole uphill and capped it. The Village put rock in hole, located stop at manhole, but not enough grade. Mr. Kusek stated that this is part of hooking up cost, but could have put pump in. Kaye Drive properties of Dennis Nimrick, Judy Nelson, and the Faccios drain lines were so old and so brittle they would break. Mr. Kusek stated 210 drains were crossed, but no idea where tiles go until they are dug up, and stuff is unknown at 100 estimated crossings.

Motion by Williems, second by Loving to pass the Resolution Number 1 For Maintenance Under IDOT Bond \$26,101.89 and MFT \$239,232.72. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Kusek stated that the Village should look at the fence location for the Treatment Plant, and there will be left over dirt. The Village Board agreed to keep the dirt. Also, the rock staging area will be kept where the trailers are, and there will be a startup person and another person to start the blowers, but no date set.

Mike Riddell present concerning buying a strip of street by his property at 400 North Third Avenue. He wants to buy one-half of the avenue (estimate 45 feet) from Mulberry Street to the corn field at the end of the Village (estimate of 190 feet). The Board agreed to check into the area and water mains and any other utilities.

Trustee Willems reported that he had a list of trees to be taken care of and that Epic Tree Service from Galva would do the work and take the brush and big limbs.

Village Clerk Johnson reported a complaint about Sparkey's Paw Pals owned by Pam Waugaman causing a nuisance to her neighbors with a doggy playground and fencing. President Starceovich stated

he would contact Ms. Waugaman and advised the person complaining to call the police. The Board agreed to check if there is a state registration for such a facility.

The Board also agreed that the police department take care of the chicken violation on North Second Avenue.

President Starceвич stated that due to the Covid virus, the police officers are not able to write tickets on Charles David until June 2021.

President Starceвич reported that he had checked on water meters with a Mr. Shelton from Oklahoma and about meters that could be sent to a phone and a cell phone could have a button to turn water off or on. He stated that the cost could be under \$140,000 and stimulus money could be used. The Board requested that President Starceвич have him come to a meeting and get more figures on the cost.

President Starceвич noted that the water meter at the Melba Johnson Estate Farm was not working, and it is a large meter.

The Board asked Stephen Thorp to check on the Village's hydrants.

President Starceвич still stated that Mr. Thorp will get a cell phone for Village use.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to authorize Stephen Thorp to purchase a printer to print pictures off of his cell phone for the Village. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Loving to raise Stephen Thorp's wages to \$25 per hour plus overtime of time and one-half. Voice votes. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The new wage would start May 1, 2021 and anything over 40 hours a week would be time and one-half.

The Board agreed that the water /sewer ordinance state that outside Village users pay \$71.50 minimum for water usage.

The Board agreed to have the fire department test the weather warning siren on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and consist of a one minute blast.

The Board agreed to have permits on ATVs, Side by Sides, and Golf Carts at \$50 per the ordinance in New Windsor from January 1 to January 1.

President Starceвич stated he would talk to the Police Department to know their game plan on patrolling in New Windsor.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

