

RREGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2021

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, Willems, Burton, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Olson, second by Loving to accept the July 6, 2021 Public Hearing and regular meeting minutes and the Tax Levy Ordinance No. 3, Series 2021. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Loving, second by Burton to authorize the July 2021 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. John Carlson present on behalf of IMEG Engineers to report on the sewer project. He reported that the treatment plant was complete, the fence was done, a punch list was started, and lift station control issues were taken care of. He reported that lift station 2 had a float shorted out, but it was run manually until the control guy came and put in a new float and made adjustments. He stated that Jack Kusek, who was not present, requested a notice to residents be sent concerning putting stuff in the sewer system such as a t-shirt and underwear. Also, he said that the Village has to contact the Continental phone company or contact other companies for a lesser price for calls to Village contacts on sewer problems. President Starcevich stated he would talk to the sewer operator Dave Maynard about the phone contact. President Starcavich also stated that a letter might encourage some people to put more stuff down the sewer.

The Board questioned the narrow road to the recycling trailers. Mr. Carlson said that Langman Construction got the millings and maintenance person Thorp dumped and rolled them, then they oiled and chipped the streets. Mr. Carlson said that the oiling and chipping would be done tomorrow, and then Langman Construction would start on the south side of the Village milling. Langman Construction would wait on the north side to finish oil and chip until after the Rodeo. Mr. Carlson said two guys would be starting the punch list next week, and he estimated 150 residents were hooked up to the sewer. He said there is still a pipe shortage. The Board agreed on a new final date for hook ups of October 1, 2021 and questioned what to do with empty houses. The Board noted that Tom Whiting, Multi Construction, has a new plumber, A & M Plumbing, Anthony DeJane from Abingdon, IL.

Village Clerk Johnson reported that Denise Michaels on 715 Mulberry Street had complained about the ditch and water, and would like a tube put in. The Board asked Stephen Thorp to check on this and make a decision. The Board also asked Mr. Thorp to look at the west end of the former Junior High building (now apartments) where the buses park for the parade. Mr. Thorp stated that there had been a culvert there, but he cut it out and cut a ditch.

President Starcavich stated he would write a letter about payment of bills to the Village and the October 1, 2021 new date for sewer to be hooked up. He also stated that more water tags for delinquent bills be ordered in a fluorescent color.

President Starcevich said that the Village needs to take care of Michael Chezems vacant house on 504 Walnut Street, Mary Niles vacant house on 308 North Seventh Avenue, the two buildings on Main Street at 512, former restaurant, and 510, former tavern, and the Fred Vann property with the rotten roof at 401 South Fifth Avenue. He stated that Curt Guyer of the Pod Cast building on Main Street is interested in buying the Main Street properties. Village Clerk Johnson stated she would contact the Mercer County Assessor for ownership on the Main Street buildings.

The Board agreed that the argument on the alley between Delbert Ferguson, Sr. and Sandy Daves is their problem.

The Board asked Stephen Thorp to take the vacant trustee position left by Dana Brooks, but he declined

The Board agreed to check on a digital sign for the Village's Depot Park.

Mr. Thorp stated that he put two loads of gravel and had three hours of digging the ditch at Cozy Haven and felt that Cozy Haven should be responsible for that bill. The Board agreed.

Trustee Willems stated that Epic Tree service would be here to do the tree work at a price of \$6,850.0 the last week of August.

Trustee Burton reported on the police department's various duties, and that Officer George Howard worked three nights after the Rodeo, and that Officer Frenell worked Thursday and Saturday, and Howard worked Friday of the Rodeo and used two squads.

The Police Department needs to purchase patches for their uniforms at \$200, 5 badges at \$600, the two radios kind of work, a radar gun was purchased, and they need a computer, evidence packaging, and DUI paperwork.

The Board agreed to hold the September Board meeting on September 13, 2021 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The Board agreed to pay Stephen Thorp every two weeks per his request.

Motion by Burton, 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