

JUNE 6, 2022

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: Olson, Loving (6:22) Beattie, Willems, Baker, Burton, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Burton, second by Olson to accept the May 2, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Burton to authorize the May 2022 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Marla Whiting present to report her neighbor burning and making loud noise at 1 or 2 a.m. . . . She also complained about them burning garbage. Police Chief Frenell present and suggested that Ms. Whiting talk to her neighbors about the problems, but if nothing happens he will talk to them.

Chief Frenell stated that residents should contact him through Mercer County, or if not an urgent matter call the police phone and leave a message.

Kim Jones, Brenden Phillips, and Scott Jones present to complain about cars speeding down 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and requested stop signs at the corner of South 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Franklin Street, and police patrol at that area. They also requested speed bumps on South 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Board agreed to check on stop signs required height and size and being reflective. Chief Frenell stated that an ordinance would be needed to change the speed limit and a sign would be needed for the speed bump. The Board agreed to keep the speed sign at 25 and check on number of stop signs needed. Also, the Board noted that speed bumps would have to be removed in the winter for snow plowing.

President Starcevich stated that Langman Construction is supposed to come back to fix the streets, since they are on contract to do that along with ditches, yards, and sidewalks. President Starcevich stated that hydro spray was supposed to be done in late October last year, but the south side did not get done due to cold weather. He said there are many issues to get done.

President Starcevich reported that a truck load of dirt was brought in after the Mary Niles house was demolished by the new owner Denise Michaels.

Maggie and Delbert Ferguson present about the alley behind their house and the measurement of the alley, and they want two small trees removed. President Starcevich stated that the Village will measure again and fine the property lines, but the Village's concern is the safety of the alley for fire trucks to get through. He said all alleys should be 20 feet wide.

President Starcevich reported that the Village is waiting on the USDA about the payment to Langman Construction that is due, and that Jack Kusek is still an engineer. President Starcevich stated that the Village has not received a punch list on the sewer construction and several manholes are off from the plans.

Trustee Willems reported that he had talked to Bill McMeekan Excavating, and Mr. McMeekan said he is hired to tear down the Chezem house on Walnut Street. The Board agreed that they would talk to Mr. McMeekan to find out what the plan is to tear down the structure.

President Starcevich stated that the Baseball Park will get a new scoreboard, but there are a variety of different kinds ranging from \$3,200, \$4,200, or \$9,295 from the company Varsity Scoreboards. He told the Board to check the different ones out on line, and that he would recommend the \$4,200 one.

President Starcevich stated that there are several houses falling apart, and he named the former Cynthia Peer house on the corner of South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and State Street, now owned by James LaCamera, the former Fred Vann house at South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sycamore Street, and the former Alicia Ferguson house on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Washington Street with Sharon Esslinger as realtor, and the Ruth Wolter house on North 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The Board noted that Stephen Thorp was trying to raise funds for a programmable sign in the Depot Park. The Board agreed to donate at some point.

The Board noted that the hydrant across from the telephone office was being used for hauling water for the boring of lines. The Board agreed that the New Windsor Telephone Company pay for the water, and that any future water be gotten at the Village's watermatic at the Village Hall.

Chief Frenell reported to the Board about the Freedom of Information Act certification on line, and a trustee should get the certification. Trustee Burton agreed to check it out.

Chief Frenell stated that the Police Department needs a camera that can be purchased at Wal-Mart for \$100 - \$150.

Motion by Olson, second by Burton to purchase a camera for the Police Department at a cost of \$100 - \$150. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Frenell stated he would like to update policies that the Village has, and has been getting some policies from Hampton to look over. He said these policies would have to do with body cams, hand cuffs, DUI issues, and Taser use. Also, he said that Mercer County is putting in digital repeaters that are stronger, and the Village would need to make another purchase for a radio at a cost of \$3,000 plus.

Motion by Baker, Second by Burton that the Village purchase a police mobile radio that will work with the current system and the new radio system. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Frenell spoke to the Board about a cheaper camera for the car with a panoramic view, but not available to ship until September.

Chief Frenell told the Board about ordinance enforcement,

President Starcavich stated that a line should be added to the water bills itemizing what is owed. He also reported that Blake Kallenbach paid the water bill and fines for the Anthony Yarbrough house, since that is where he is living. President Starcavich stated that he wants all fines enforced.

President Starcavich stated that an ordinance book needs to be made for Attorney Halpin and the police department. Clerk Johnson said she would make copies of all the ordinances and put them in a binder for the purpose of making them into a book.

The Board agreed to check on 18" X 24" speed limit signs from Safety Sign Company and Econo Signs.

Motion by Burton, second by Olson to place curfew signs in all of the Village's parks stating park hours of 6 A.M. to 10 P.M... Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board agreed for the exception of ball games lasting later than 10 P.M.

Chief Frenell reported on a new vehicle for the police department. He said there is a 2022 Explorer at \$50,000 that includes all officer safety things, but the radio and camera do not come with the car. He said the police department could keep the Impala squad as a second vehicle, but that it is only needed at rodeo time. The Board agreed to table this matter until next month.

President Starcavich stated that the new mower is in.

Village Clerk Johnson stated that a Budget/Appropriation Committee meeting is needed in June. President Starcavich stated he would contact the Board about a date and time.

The Board agreed to use the same audit firm this year.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk