

APRIL 3, 2023

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

Motion by Baker, second by Burton to accept the March 6, 2023 meeting's minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Burton, second by Loving to authorize the March 2023 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich gave the sewer update. He stated that Langman Construction had gone to court, and they had their people out for core samples. Also, backfill was done by Cozy Haven Homes for sewer.

President Starcevich reported that the scoreboard for the Baseball Park was installed, but no teams signed up to play. He said there may be some tournaments or senior league play.

President Starcevich reported that the Impala squad sold for \$450 to D & T Salvage.

The Board agreed that police duty must be thirty to forty hours a week including nights.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to purchase twenty 20mph speed signs for Village streets, two 10 mph speed signs, and three "Park Open Dawn to Dusk" signs for the three parks. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Loving, second by Baker to hire Stephen Thorp as Zoning Officer. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Mike Keller stated he no longer wanted the position of Zoning Officer, but would help Mr. Thorp get started.

President Starcevich nominated Scott Sappington and Kevin Willems to the Village's Zoning Board to fill the two vacancies.

Motion by Baker, second by Burton to accept the two nominations. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported that the New Windsor General Store was selling liquor before noon on Sundays, liquor items were random and brought in and not purchased through a distributor, there has been no gas since August 2022, and the store is dirty and disgusting with a very large dog on the premises.

Motion by Burton, second by Loving to have Chief Frenell take care of all issues at the New Windsor General Store and contact the State Police on the matters. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported that there is a new owner for the old hotel that was owned by Cynthia Peer, as of February 9, 2023 (Roy Burch), and his plans are to rehab the building. The Board agreed that the building is in bad shape.

Trustee Baker stated that Chief Frenell needs to clean up the abandoned and unlicensed vehicles in the Village.

The Board agreed to have a Village Clean Up Day April 22, 2023 (Earth Day), and purchase two large dumpsters for a day (Saturday), and place a notice in the paper. The location will be on Main St.

The Board agreed to have a Police Department meeting when all three officers can be present to go over the Board's expectations. Trustee Willems stated he would do preferably on a Monday.

Trustee Baker inquired about the sewer hookup date.

Motion by Burton, second by Baker to set August 1, 2023 as the \$800 fee date to hook on to the sewer with August 15, 2023 the final day to hook up, and then water would be shut off. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Stephen Thorp, Maintenance Superintendent and Sewer Assistant stated that there are sixty places left to be hooked up to the sewer.

Trustee Willems stated that he met with ADT about security cameras, and they recommended three or four on the maintenance building, one on Ball Park diamond, one on the sewer plant, two on the south end of the Hobby Building and one on the north end (two on back and one on front south corner) with outlets of 240 volts. The Board agreed to have Trustee Willems get a price on the cameras.

Stephen Thorp stated that to do Main Street on the middle and east blocks with tar and chip would be \$9,500, and \$18,000 for all tar and chip from the Post Office on Main Street on both sides of the highway on the shoulders.

Motion by Burton, second by Olson to put a new roof on the Ball Park Concession Stand at a cost of \$9,500 from Luebbe Construction. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The Board agreed that the Mercer County Better Together Looser – Flake funds be used.

Trustee Willems reported two trees at the Rodeo Park need to be taken down.

The Board noted that there are eighteen hours still needed of community service by the guy for his Mercer County court sentence.

Motion by Burton, second by Loving to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned. Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

