

May 1, 2023

Regular Meeting 6 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board at the Village Hall and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Baker, Willems, Starcevich, and Johnson.

Absent: None New Trustees: Scott Sappington and Pam Waugaman were present.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to approve the April 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Baker to authorize the April 2023 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson swore in the elected trustees Baker and Olson.

President Starcevich nominated Pam Waugaman and Scott Sappington to the two vacant trustee positions. Steve Burton resigned and Jason Beattie chose not to run for reelection.

Motion by Willems, second by Baker to accept the nominations of Pam Waugaman and Scott Sappington as Trustees (two year terms). Voice votes: All votes in favor and the motion was carried.

Annette Doonan present from the Office of Navigation Mercer County Health Department as program director for a grant increasing well women visits. She reported that Mercer County has high numbers in this area, and a two year grant to help will be self-sustaining, but they need financial assistance.

Motion by Willems, second by Sappington to donate \$1,000 to Mercer County Health Department – Women’s Health. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Starcevich stated that the Village needs a website, and that Kevin Willems is able to do it.

President Starcevich reported on the sewer project and reviewed for the new trustees the problems that had occurred with Langman Construction, Blondell services, and the IMEG engineer. He stated that the Village is at the end of the project, but there are road issues, IMEG paperwork issues, and mill road work with tar and chip on some roads.

Chief Frenell wants to update Village ordinances so that the fine money will come to the Village.

President Starcevich reported that a large dog at the General Store bit Jason Stratton, and Chief Frenell investigated, but it was not a Village matter.

Trustee Willems reported on security cameras at a cost of \$11,500 for the Ball Park, recycle bin, maintenance building, Rodeo Park with two cameras on the hobby building, and a cost of \$87.02 a

month for internet service. The Board asked about getting funds from the Fair Board, but Trustee Willems said they had changed their minds and would wait until their next meeting. He said there would be internet, phone, and a service charge, and the bid was good until May 11, 2023. The Village would need a recorder for the cameras that could be placed on Trustee Willems building through ADT. He said the Village could do their own cameras on the north side of the maintenance building (NW) and one facing the ball diamond (SE), and a 180 degree camera to the southwest that would read license plate numbers. Trustee Willems stated he would call and tell ADT what the Village wants. He said the bid on the Village Hall would be \$4,500 for three cameras outside and one inside.

Motion by Loving, second by Waugaman to approve \$11,500 for purchase of cameras from ADT Co. for Rodeo Park, Maintenance Building, and Willem's Apartment Building. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Loving to have another clean-up day August 5, 2023 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until full with two longer and lower dumpsters at 40 yards at an estimated cost of \$1,500 and located at the Maintenance building with no acceptance of rolls of carpet, tires, shingles, fluids, or chemicals.

President Starceвич stated that he would do a press release letter to put in the water bills about the clean-up day and police patrol on vehicles.

The Board stated that they want more proactive police. The police matter was tabled.

Motion by Willems, second by Sappington to pay for a pair of pants and a shirt police uniform for the new part time officer Jason Munson. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Loving to remove a Maple tree @ \$2,300, a Maple tree @ 2,100, and stumps removed for a total of \$5,000 at the Rodeo Park. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Stephen Thorp reported that the digital sign for the Depot Park has up to \$12,000 in funds raised, with \$4,100 still needed.

Motion by Waugaman, second by Sappington to accept Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 annual report. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to rehire Kevin Willems as Village Treasurer. Voice votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried..

Motion by Olson, 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

