

MARCH 4, 2024

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, Waugaman, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: Sappington, Willems, and Baker.

Motion by Waugaman, second by Olson to accept the February 5, 2024 minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Waugaman, second by Olson to authorize the February 2024 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor. The motion was carried.

President Starcevich reported that the property at 409 State Street (former Cynthia Peer) has an owner that he called and told him the Board wants to condemn the house, He also told him about James LaCamera, the neighbor to the south, wants to buy the property, and told him to contact Mr. James LaCamera.

Trustee Waugaman asked if anyone had contacted the city of Sterling, Illinois about their process to condemn houses, and no one had.

President Starcevich stated that he would meet with Village Attorney Halpin tomorrow, and he would ask him about condemning the property.

The Board also wanted something done with the Walsh property next door, because of the overflowing garbage from the garage and the water being off. Village Clerk Johnson stated that the Village has a nuisance ordinance for that situation. President Starcevich said he would talk to Attorney Halpin about that, too.

President Starcevich reported that Diverse Communications is doing the drops to the residences.

President Starcevich stated that Trevor Duyvejonck and Bryce Frenell have two teams for baseball, a C Ball Team and a T Ball Team. They are getting volunteers to work on the field and hoping to get sponsors. President Starcevich said that there are base pegs there, and no four-wheelers will be allowed on the field. It was noted that Trustee Sappington had some equipment to donate (ball, bats, etc.)

President Starcevich stated that the Village should look for another attorney , because Mr. Halpin is so busy in Springfield. Stephen Thorp stated that Sttorney Morrisonis Rock Island's attorney and seems very good.

President Starcevich brought up to the Board about abandoned properties and properties in violation. He reported on Vann's property, Mike Chezem lot on Walnut Street, Charles and Monica David's properties, the Ferguson house on Main Street, and Burton Peterson's property on North Seventh Avenue and Main Street corner. He said he would talk to Attorney Halpin about these, also.

President Starcevich reported that Aledo will do the tickets that are written for the Village. He said there would first be a warning, then a ticket, and water shut off.

President Starcevich stated the Village will do another Month with Village Attorney Halpin, but he is so very busy.

Trustee Waugaman had made a list of items the Village needs. She asked about a grant writer, but the Village has Bi-State for that, plus money from the Looser – Flake foundation, and Mercer County Better Together. She said that there is a New Windsor Social Committee, and they are looking into match of funds with the Royal Neighbors of America fraternal life insurance organization. She said that anyone can be apart of the committee.

Trustee Waugaman asked about having public meetings at the C.E. Building. President Starcevich said that the Board could do one every quarter.

Trustee Waugaman asked about a clean up dday. President Starcevich said having one once a year would be good, and Stephen Thorp said the first weekend in August would help clean up the Village before the Fair and Rodeo.

President Starcevich