

JANUARY 6, 2025

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 (6:45 p.m.), Baker, Olson, Whiting, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Baker, second by Olson to accept the December 2024 Board meeting minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Baker to authorize the December 2024 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Rick Werkheiser present to report on the Alan Celada house that had burned down. He reported that Tom and Drexel Miller had been hired to clean up the property, but they did not get it done. President Starcevich stated that he had told Mr. Celada that the Village would condemn the property, have an engineer make a report, and give it to Village Attorney Halpin to have it written up, and the Village would then have the opportunity to take the property. President Starcevich said that he would contact Mr. Celada one more time.

Scott Sappington present concerning 4-wheelers and quad runners riding on streets and yards. The people next to Kim Jones, 417 South Eleventh Avenue, are riding right up next to her property and home. Police Chief Davis stated that the State's Attorney has this matter, and the person riding has been served on State violations.

The Board agreed to have permits again for golf carts, 4-wheelers, and 3-wheelers with inspections by the Police Department. The Board noted that these bikes are tearing up the Village's easements. The Board gave full range to Police Chief Davis to get them off the roads with a ticket and fine.

Motion by Whiting, to have permits required for Golf carts, side by sides, 4-wheelers, and 3-wheelers at a cost of \$20. *The* motion died due to lack of a second, and the matter was tabled until further action on the ordinance, including certain areas to cross the highway.

President Starcevich has talked to Village Attorney Halpin to get all ordinances on digital.

President Starcevich reported that Hanna Converse, water/sewer billing, had a meeting with Munibilling about on line billing.

President Starcevich stated that he had no news on the former Pub building.

Police Chief Davis wants to have a meeting with Monmouth about routes 67 and 34 on how they get their fine money. He said he had an ID card for Monmouth College. He will be in training two days April 23 & 25 as a Conference for Police Chiefs. Chief Davis stated he would talk to Monmouth about paying fines on the web site.

Chief Davis reported that Steve Speaker a current soldier is interested in a part time officer position for the Village, but would have to take training.

Chief Davis stated that Scott Halepin inquired about working part time, but Chief Davis said that he has worked a lot of different places, and is the State's Attorney's husband and aggressive with pulling people over, but he would do a background check on him. Chief Davis informed the Board that he does football coaching at Monmouth College in the fall.

Stephen Thorp present to report that there are seven residents that still need the sewer. President Starcavich said he would talk with Village Attorney Halpin, and wait for any action until the weather breaks.

Motion by Whiting , second by Baker to hire Brad Riddell to plow snow. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Stephen Thorp asked the Board to hire a maintenance person who is younger to help with the maintenance.

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

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk