

APRIL 7, 2025

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

VILLAGE HALL

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, Whiting, Baker, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Whiting, second by Baker to accept the March 3, 2025 Board minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Olson to authorize the March 2025 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Rick Werkheiser, Core Humphrey, and Scott Sappington present. President Starcevich stated that he had talked to Village Attorney Halpin, and he will be sending a letter to Alan Celada about his property where his house burned and has not been cleaned up. President Starcevich stated that the Walsh property and the Vann property have been sold.

Motion by Whiting, second by Loving to permit Rick Werkheiser to run power under the alley where his daughter lives (217 North Second Avenue) by Ameren and have the sewer put in, but to have the area put back as it was. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Cory Humphrey asked the Board to have the meter pit cover put on and to have gravel at the end of his driveway for the mail box rut. The Board agreed to put rock there.

Scott Sappington requested asphalt for the parking area to the sidewalk at his restaurant on 418 Main Street and North Fourth Avenue. The Board stated that the Village doesn't asphalt parking areas.

President Starcevich reported that Village Attorney Halpin has the new Liquor Ordinance ready.

Donna Oldfather present to request that the Sixth Avenue from her residence on Main Street be fixed. She said that she is disabled and the sidewalk is broken concrete and bricks and she can't maneuver the sidewalk with her wheelchair. President Starcevich stated that the Village will figure out something, and Stephen Thorp and Trustee Whiting will check into it. Also, Donna Oldfather said that there is cement in her backyard that she would like moved. Also, Mrs. Oldfather said that the Tales of the Crypt store on east Main Street has put stuff out on the sidewalk in front of their store, and she has trouble getting by that.

President Starcevich said the sidewalk from the bank to the end of the block west needs fixed. Trustee Whiting stated that maybe some of the sidewalk could be salvaged, but should be

ADA compliant. He estimated 51' long by 4' wide with an estimate of 2.52 yards of concrete. He said he would get a plan together. He would check on prices of doing the entire sidewalk or just parts.

Trustee Whiting stated that he saw water being tapped on to at 612 Franklin Street, and requested that if something is done, others should be able to also. President Starcevich reported that the alley had broken sewer from White Construction and broken tiles from Langman Construction, and the water tap on fee will be paid, and the footage for the pipe will be paid.

President Starcevich reported that the Walsh house was sold by Sharon Esslinger, realtor, to an investment firm from Peoria, but the property has a very high water bill, the water is shut off, and there is no sewer.

Trustee Whiting reported that the playground equipment at the Rodeo Park needs new material underneath.

President Starcevich reported that the Web Site is working, and the online billing is being worked on.

Motion by Baker, second by Loving to accept the FY2021-2022 audit. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Loving to authorize the West Central CPA auditor's communication letter. Voice votes: all votes were in favor. Motion carried.

President Starcevich reported that he had talked to Village Attorney Halpin today, and that he is working on all the Village's items, and that Attorney Halpin will send out a letter giving thirty days until water shut off if the sewer is not put in with July 1, 2025 for sewer hook-ups.

President Starcevich stated that Giffin Engineering did a structural integrity look at the Vann house and Celada property, and they will give their report to the Farnsworth Group, and then the report will go to Attorney Halpin.

President Starcevich told the Maintenance Department to take down the speed bump signs on Eleventh Avenue.

President Starcevich stated that Diverse Communications will have separate computer lines for the Police Department.

President Starcevich asked Stephen Thorp to check on the cell phones from Verizon and US Cellular.

Police Chief Andy Davis present to report that Monica David still owns that Main Street house, and he let her use his trailer to haul out junk and trash. He reported that he sold some evidence that was old at a sale for \$456.12. He said Tyler Allen still has not paid his ticket, and he will check into this. He said that Mercer County got a grant for printers for E-Citations.

Motion by Loving, second by Baker to purchase a thermal printer for the squad at a cost of \$456. Police Chief Davis recommended that the old ordinances such as nuisances, abandoned cars, and the ATV, Golf Cart be put on the web site. Chief Davis said he would do the ATV/Golf Cart, ATVs permits, inspections, and give out the permits. He said he would set up a day and do inspections, and have the applications on the web site to bring insurance and the checklist of items required. He asked for 100 numbered stickers, and to keep the fee at \$50 for this year May 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026, and ask Attorney Halpin for a rush on the ordinances.

Police Chief Davis asked to set up an account with Amazon and use tax exempt number for the police, maintenance, and clerk.,

Motion by Whiting, second by Loving to set up an Amazon account for the Village. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Olson, second by: Loving for a non-lethal gun with rubber bullets at a cost of \$110 to be put in the squad car. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Village Clerk Johnson asked the Board about the weather siren test of one minute blast on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. unless the weather is inclement. The Board agreed.

Village Clerk Johnson asked about the gaming machines at the New Windsor Depot restaurant that Tina Fowler has purchased. The machines are \$25 per machine per year, and she has purchased the corporation Dale Marshall LLC. The Board agreed to check on this with Attorney Halpin.

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