

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

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

Motion by Baker, second by Sappington to accept the August 7, 2023 regular meeting's minutes. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Waugaman, second by Olson to authorize the August 2023 bills. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Ken Peer present to state that he had received tickets on his vehicles, but they are now gone. Chief Frenell present and said that the tickets were then void. Mr. Peer asked to receive some kind of notification like a note on his door or mail to his P.O. Box in New Windsor.

Brenda Hartshorn present concerning tickets on her camper in her driveway that does not have plates on it. Chief Frenell stated that the truck was towed, but the camper has not moved in thirty days, and does not have plates or insurance and is not operable. Chief Frenell said she would have to comply.

Trustee Sappington stated that the security cameras were up at the Rodeo Park and maintenance building, but the reader was not done. He stated he would check on that.

The Board noted that the Podcast Company had cameras on the front of their building on Main Street through Blink.

President Starceвич said he talked to Village Attorney Halpin about updating the ordinance.

Stephen Thorp said a sign was needed at the Village's brush sight since there has been some illegal dumping. The area is for trees, brush, grass clippings, and just yard waste.

President Starceвич said the Board had set August 15, 2023 as the sewer deadline. Mr. Thorp said there were around thirty-two left to be put in. President Starceвич stated that he would send one last letter about the sewer in two weeks with the information on proof of contractor hired; the deadline has past and an \$800 tap on fee, and a fine every month added into the water billing.

The Village received a complaint on sidewalk and culvert at a property that was destroyed when the sewer was put in. Mr. Thorp said he would look at, but was probably Langman Construction's problem.

President Starceвич contacted Attorney Halpin about the gas station, and Mr. Halpin stated that it is two or three feet into the former café.

President Starceвич stated he would contact Attorney Halpin about the \$800 fee added on to the water bill or proof of an application and a contractor to put in the sewer or if the Village could do it and charge the owner. He also would ask about fines and water shut off if sewer was not put in. The Board said \$800 connection fee by October 31, 2023, and would need a list of who is not hooked up.

President Starceвич reported that the Village owns a lot west of Eleventh Avenue that is a continuation of Mercer Street, but unimproved. Trustee Sappington stated that he is interested in purchasing that area. President Starceвич said he would check into it.

The Board agreed to have fiber optic come into the Village, and that the New Windsor Telephone Company should have no charge for a land line. President Starceвич stated that Woodhull Telephone Company/ Diverse Communications would do free internet for a time, run the fiber optics in the month of November, and New Windsor Telephone Company does not have fiber optic in the Village.

President Starceвич set a continuation of this meeting for Monday, September 18, 2023 at 5 p.m. for more information.

Trustee Baker reported that the Depot Park Committee will have a Christmas Walk December 8, 2023 with a soup supper at the Presbyterian Church sponsored by the Firemen.

Trustee Baker also reported that the Depot Park Committee will sponsor a Trunk or Treat for Halloween at the Ball Park.

Trustee Sappington stated that he will measure out and get a price on the speed bumps and posts for Eleventh Avenue.

President Starceвич reported that Langman Construction will come back Thursday to fix six man holes with a mini excavator.

Stephen Thorp, maintenance, reported that Swedona wants to buy dirt for their new building from the Village's dirt pile. (Richland Grove Township)

Mr. Thorp suggested that the Village look into solar panels for the lift stations, and pump station where the dirt pile is.

Chief Frenell present and stated that the new stop signs are compliant and should be put on the Village's media page. He also wants to talk to Attorney Halpin about someone fighting a ticket and having a municipal court every two weeks. He asked that a code enforcement officer be done and use an employee of the Village with warning letters and citations, and take pictures of violation and leave at Village Hall.

Chief Frenell said he used the body camera during a disturbance at the Rodeo with three people.

Chief Frenell stated the police department needed ordinance warning citation documents to be made by QC Press, and a cord replacement and surge protector at a cost of \$153.00.

Chief Frenell reported that Najinder Singh had sold the New Windsor General Store to a company in California, and has been buying liquor from other stores, not a vendor, and selling it. President Starceovich is the Village's Liquor Commissioner and can pull their license

Motion by Loving, second by Waugaman to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned until Monday, September 18, 2023.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

CONTINUED MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

5 P.M. VILLAGE HALL

Continued meeting from September 11, 2023 and called to order by President Starceovich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Sappington, Baker, Waugaman, Starceovich, and Johnson. Absent: Willems.

Phil Wirt from Diverse Communications of Woodhull present to inform the Board about their fiber optic services. He explained the conduit is 1.25 inches, and they cut a slit in the yard, but there is no cost to bring it to the home. They do a cutoff date of two to three months after the original date of installation and charge \$99.95 fee for quality broadband. He said that during the sign up phase they waive the signup fee, but a \$75 deposit is required, but is returned if used for a year. He stated that when they are done putting the fiber optic in, they make sure the ground is seeded.

The Board asked what if something happens to the fiber. Mr. Wirt stated that there is no scenario for it going bad, but if some contractor cuts something, and then it is the contractor's fault.

He reported that Diverse does equal speed up and down and that New Windsor Telephone Company is using copper 20 X 2 or possibly 50 x 2.

Mr. Wirt stated that the box is on the house, and the fiber is run into it, and they take out the modem, but the customer can lease or buy a router from them or purchase their own.

Mr. Wirt reported that every situation is different, and a router is needed to get to all devices. They purchase enough band capacity. Everyone would have their own to cap on Village property. There would be an area estimate of 7' by 7' coffin in ground, and a cabinet out of ground estimate 32" X 32". He said it is better that it is centrally located, like the Village Hall property He said that at the end of the day, they make everything right.

The Board stated that competition is good, and that the New Windsor Telephone Company has been putting fiber optics in other places except in New Windsor. The Board was also concerned about paying for a telephone when there is no longer dial up, but one has to have a phone line to get internet. Woodhull did not do that. Mr. Wirt said they are a broadband company, and it is cheaper to take out the phone line and bump up to the next package to get double the speed. He said 50 Meg is way more than needed, and everything could be streamed, not more than three mesh units in a home.

President Starceвич stated that they could put something together.

Mr. Wirt stated that they could start around the beginning of November, weather permitting, with the main line bore in before winter then 4-5 months. He further stated that the Village Hall would have free internet service since they would be using Village property for the cabinet. The Board asked about the maintenance building, too. Mr. Wirt said maybe half, but it is hard to give away service for a company.

Mr. Wirt stated that they set it up as if each house will take the drop, coming straight out, and if they don't want it, they would have a pot.

Mr. Wirt said that there is an on line drop form to sign up for a drop, and then have to sign up to get permission. He said they went door to door in Andover to explain and educate users.

The Board asked about businesses. Mr. Wirt said businesses are charged more. He said payment is by credit card on line with a \$3 charge, or over the phone transaction with credit card and fee, a debit to your account, mailing bills in, and a \$1 credit if bill is emailed in for payments.

Mr. Wirt reported that they use White Construction as a contractor, and they have not raised their prices in seven years. They would have a franchise agreement of Thirty Years auto renewal, and that is what Andover did using Attorney Halpin.

Mr. Wirt said he would have to look at the cameras at the parks and maintenance building, and the Village would have to think through what they would want and any future events.

President Starceвич stated that he would like to have a meeting with the Village residents in October.

President Starcevich stated he would contact Village Attorney Halpin about the Franchise Agreement.

The Board was favorable to the idea of Diverse Communications fiber optics. President Starcevich scheduled another meeting September 25, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the Village Hall, and the regular meeting would be October 2, 2023 at the Village Hall at 6 P.M.

Motion by Baker, second by Sappington to adjourn this meeting. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Claudine D. Johnson