

OCTOBER 2, 2023

REGULAR MEETING 6 P.M.

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, Willems, Baker, Waugaman, Starceвич, and Johnson. Absent: none.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to approve the September 11 and 18, 2023 minutes with the correction that Trustee Baker did not say Christmas Walk. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

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

The New Windsor Telephone Company Board members and their manager and consultant were present to report on their program for fiber optics. The manager stated that they intend to move the fiber optics into the Village and have 50 megabytes available. They stated that they did rural areas first to avoid the sewer construction that was going on. The manager stated that they want the best service to the Village, but they are a regulated utility that answers to the FCC with certain rates. He said that is a process to go through. He said there was a certain date that telephones in homes were no longer needed for internet service without the telephone pricing. They said that their plan forward was to still put in fiber optics next year in the spring.

President Starceвич stated that he and the Board were glad the New Windsor Telephone Company Board came to the meeting, and he hopes there are no hard feelings, and that it was an opportunity for the Village. The Board agreed, but also stated that the New Windsor Telephone Company had focused outside of the Village and around other areas. Stephen Thorp stated that whenever he asked for funding for a project, the Telephone Company had always donated. Tom Bischoff of the Telephone Board asked for more time to put a proposal together. The Village Board asked why they didn't come before, and it was not a competition.

Phil Wirt present from Diverse Communications. Trustee Olson asked Mr. Wirt if Diverse had received any complaints about the fiber optic they had put in Andover. He said there were six to eight complaints that they went back to fix.

Motion by Sappington, second by Waugaman to pass the Franchise Ordinance with Diverse Communications. Voice votes: Loving – aye, Olson – aye, Sappington – aye, Willems – abstain, Baker – aye, and Waugaman – aye. Five votes aye and one vote abstain. Motion carried.

President Starcevich reported that the Village Water/Sewer Department had over \$17,000 in late fees and shut offs.

Trustee Willems reported that Water Supt. Mike Johnson would help put in the new water meters. Mr. Thorp stated that the pits were done. The Board agreed to check on the fee Mr. Johnson would require to do the meters.

Trustee Willems reported that the aerator building is in need of repair. The Board told Trustee Willems to get an estimate of the repairs and to ask Supt. Johnson what kind of materials should be used.

The Board agreed to get cameras for the basketball court and to check on the dimensions and net for a pickle ball court.

President Starcevich stated that the November meeting would be on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 beginning at 6 P.M. at the C.E. Building. and would be a State of the Village address with handouts on issues, including the sewer deadline.

President Starcevich stated he would contact Village Attorney Halpin on the closing of the unimproved west area of Mercer Street off of Eleventh Avenue. The Board would close that area, and could put it up for bids.

President Starcevich reported that the house on the corner curve off of Eleventh Avenue south is not in the Village, but has a dog running loose. The Board instructed Village Clerk Johnson to give a copy of the Dog Ordinance to Chief Frenell to follow up on the problem. Also, the Board noted that Jason Jones has a dog that runs loose and is mean. Chief Frenell will check on that dog, also.

The Board agreed to amend the vehicle tow ordinance to ten days instead of thirty days.

President Starcevich stated that Tony Torres got rid of the camper trailer at his property, and that Village Attorney Halpin talked to Mr. Torres' lawyer.

The Board also agreed that the trailer by the house east of Cozy Haven needed to be removed.

The Board set Halloween Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. after the Trunk or Treat at the Ball Park parking area that is from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Chief Frenell stated that the new squad now has lettering.

Motion by Willems, second by Olson to pay \$600 to Mississippi Valley Truck and Trailer for the squad lettering. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed to replace the sidewalk at south Fifth Avenue and Sycamore Street at the Kevin Willems property, and to take down the front tree that is on Village property in front of Mr. Willems house. The Board would contact Stephen Thorp of the maintenance department.

President Starceвич stated that Village Attorney Halpin is working on condemning the Fred Vann house at 401 South Fifth Avenue and the former “hotel” at 300 South Fourth Avenue, and the New Windsor General Store, KJ’s Café, and The Pub.

Motion by Waugaman, 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