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VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE  
COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
December 2, 1991 - 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Steve Bowyer, Martha Hanes, Pat Hanselman, Jim Johnston, Wyndal Staggs, Terry Stephens

Absent: Larry Talbott

Also Present: Jim Canter, Joyce Craig, and Visitors Mrs. Ginn and Mrs. Ingram. Solicitor George Leicht entered during the meeting.

Mayor Bowyer called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections or additions to any of the minutes as presented. Hanes moved, Staggs seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4th. **VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Staggs, Hanselman, Stephens, Johnston NAY: None MOTION CARRIED**

Stephens moved, Hanes seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 17th. **VOTING: YEA: Stephens, Hanes, Hanselman, Johnston, Staggs NAY: None MOTION CARRIED**

Staggs moved, Johnston seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 21st. **VOTING: YEA: Staggs, Johnston, Hanes, Hanselman, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Bowyer recognized the visitors. Mrs. Ginn and Mrs. Ingram were present to discuss again the mailbox ordinance. Mayor Bowyer explained that our Solicitor would be attending the meeting and would prefer to wait until he arrived before discussion began. The visitors were in agreement to wait until later during the meeting.

Discussion of Park Dedication was discussed. Council decided to schedule the event for perhaps the latter part of May 92.

Curfew was discussed. Again it was decided to wait until Solicitor was present before discussion continued.

Mayor Bowyer reported to Council that he had brought to the Board of Public Affairs' attention the insurance adjuster's recommendations. BPA is in agreement to tear down building at water tower.

Discussion was held on moving to new location. It is not decided now whether the BPA office will move or not. The current BPA is not in agreement with leasing, however after January 1, a new Board of Public Affairs will need to be appointed, or a Village Administrator.

Discussion again was held on Council Members not attending all meetings.

Discussion on Council moving to new facilities was discussed. A decision will be made at a special meeting later. It is necessary to have C G & E to have gas turned on.

George Leicht entered the meeting. Mayor Bowyer explained to him the visitor's request to have current mailbox ordinance changed. Solicitor Leicht said the Council has the right to legislate that no mailboxes be allowed in public right-a-way. A quite lengthy discussion again

on mailboxes within the Village was held. Solicitor Leicht explained we would have to do away with current ordinance and pass a new one. This subject was tabled until our Special Meeting.

Discussion was held on vacation of Wayne Avenue. Council needs Deed in hand from Mr. Adkins before finalization on this matter.

Mayor Bowyer introduced Ordinance 1991-21 Setting rates for Utility Deposits and Declaring it an Emergency. Hanselman moved, Johnston seconded the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 1991-21. VOTING: YEA: Hanselman, Johnston, Hanes, Staggs, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Hanes moved, Staggs seconded the motion to Adopt Ordinance 1991-21. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Staggs, Hanselman, Johnston, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Bowyer introduced Ordinance 1991-22 Setting Water Rates for the Village and Declaring an Emergency. Hanes moved, Staggs seconded the motion to suspend the Rules and read by title only Ordinance 1991-22. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Staggs, Hanselman, Johnston, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Stephens moved, Hanselman seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 1991-22. VOTING: YEA: Stephens, Hanselman, Hanes, Johnston, Staggs NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held on Rumpke's increase in rates for 1992. Following discussion, Stephens moved, Hanselman seconded the motion to accept Rumpke's rate increase and to also incorporate and increase Village Rate to customers by 50 cents. This would make our charge to customers \$5.75 per month for those within corporation and \$7.75 per month for those outside corporation. VOTING: YEA: Stephens, Hanselman, Hanes, Johnston, Staggs NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

The rate increase from Rumpke will be effective January 1, However, our rate increase to customers will be effective February 1.

Discussion held again on curfew and skateboard issue. Solicitor Leicht said he really had no recommendation on how to update current ordinance, and suggested Council hold a Public Hearing to get input from Village residents. This way we could find out how the public feels about the subject of both curfew and skateboards. Following discussion, it was consensus of opinion to leave ordinance as is.

Discussion was held on contract for Village of Solicitor. Mr. Leicht informed Council he had increased his hourly rate to \$65.00, and if Council is interested in hiring him again he could prepare Ordinance for our next meeting. Council instructed Mr. Leicht to prepare Ordinance.

Police Chief Canter gave his report for November.

Street Commissioner Bunton gave his report for November. He had received complaint from Jewell's Garage about ditch behind him not draining. Mr. Bunton will get back to Mr. Jewell about cleaning of ditch. Council instructed Mr. Bunton to order a new corporation sign and to do whatever

it takes to have tractor repaired.

Council set December 30th as date for Special Meeting.

Hanselman moved, Staggs seconded the motion to pay bills as presented.  
VOTING: YEA: Hanselman, Staggs, Hanes, Johnston, Stephens NAY:  
None MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Hanselman said the V.F.W. had contacted him about Village ringing church bells for 5 minutes at 8 o'clock on December 7th. Council had no problem with this request.

There being no further business, Staggs moved, Johnston seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: YEA: Staggs, Johnston, Hanes, Hanselman, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

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Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer

