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REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 1998

Present: Mayor Duane C. Neu, Clerk Treasurer Martha Hanes and the following members of the village council; Joyce Craig, William Dean Sr., Donald Sowers , Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Bryan Stewart.

Also present: Cecelia Potts the village solicitor, James Canter chief of the Hamersville police department, Scott Lanter of the Brown County Press, B.J. Tucker of the News Democrat, Woody Adams, Michael and Carolyn Washburn, John Reynolds, Kenny Green, Betty Kirkpatrick,

Mayor Neu called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Mayor Neu then recognized Woody Adams who spoke to the council about a sewer hook up on the property he owns on East Main Street where he now holds an auction. Mr. Adams stated that he is going to close the Auction Barn down and will be converting the building into a storage business and he feels that since he will not be using this building for any thing but storage he should not have to have a sewer tap.

Cecelia Potts stated that Mr. Adams had been to her office and it was her understanding that the current use was what helped generate the funding and indicated a sewer tap.

Mr. Staggs said that everyone had to hook up to the sewers.

After a verbal exchange Mr. Staggs said he would fight to have him (Mr. Adams) hooked up to the sewers. Mr. Adams left the meeting irate saying the village would be hearing from his lawyer.

Mayor Neu then recognized Michael and Carolyn Washburn who was present at the meeting to discuss the way Groom had broken down a shrub and crossed their drive way to install their grinder pump.

Mr. Dean assured the Washburns that the village would have the contractor restore any damage to their property.

Mr. & Mrs. Washburn questioned why the force main was being installed on their side of Adkins place instead of the opposite side of the street. They were told that the water line was on the opposite side of the street.

Mr. Washburn questioned how the sewers was going to be hooked up to the Ogle and Elliott properties on the opposite side of the street from his house.

Mr. Baker is to be instructed to get a complete video of the Washburn property.

Mr. and Mrs. Washburn thanked the council for their time and left the meeting..

Mayor Neu called for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 1998 meeting as presented. Mr. Dean motioned to accept the minutes presented. Mr. Staggs seconded the motion. All voted YEA. Opposed None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Staggs questioned has any one contacted Jerry Cooper in regards to doing the ditching for the village and Mr. Dean replied that Mr. Cooper was very busy working on Skiffettsville Road and would be contacting the village when he was finished.

Mr. Dean informed the council that he had checked with Radio Shack on the cost of a DB meter and the cost is around sixty dollars (\$60.00).

Mr. Dean motioned to have the village purchase a DB meter for police department use. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. All voted Yea. Opposed; none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Neu passed around a letter that he had received from the health department stating that all commercial properties would need a permit for the electric and plumbing.

It was noted that Coaxial Communications would be increasing their rates in village.

Mayor Neu presented council with a letter requesting the village to participate in the National Day Of Prayer.

Mr. Stewart motioned to proclaim May 7, 1998 as a day of prayer in the village.

Ms. Sowers seconded the motion. All Voted Yea. Opposed, none. **MOTION CARRIED.** (A copy of the proclamation will become part on these minutes.)

The clerk informed the council that the finance committee needed to meet to work on the appropriations. A finance committee meeting was set for Friday April 17, 1998 at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Green told the council that he needed to get some more gravel for the area at Fite Avenue. Ms. Craig motioned to purchase the gravel. Mr. Dean seconded the motion. All voted Ye. Opposed None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Dean suggested that the village start looking for a small tar pot on a trailer.

Chief Canter reported that the Blue car is burning a lot of oil and needs to be repaired. Mr. Dean motioned to have the valve seals repaired in the blue car not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) Ms. Craig seconded the motion.

All voted Ye. Opposed none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chief Canter discussed the need for additional safety devices at the intersection on S.R. 774 and S.R. 125. The Chief said there had been another accident at this intersection and he was concerned that someone may be killed there.

The items discussed was a hanging stop sign, Flashing lights on a sign post , or rumble strips on the street. Mayor Neu will contact the State Highway department to see if they have any suggestions.

Chief Canter reported that all police officers are working more then their scheduled hours. The Chief would like to have additional hours for the officers. Mr. Dean motioned to increase the police departments hours by one hundred hours per month (100) subject to review. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion. All voted Yea. Opposed. None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The two large trees on South Orchard Street by the Kelley and Bartley homes was discussed and since the trees are in very poor condition it was decided to have Mr. Lynn Dunn remove them. Mr. Dean motioned to have Lynn Dunn remove the two trees. Mr. Staggs seconded the motion. All Voted Yea. Opposed. None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Neu informed the council that the village had been turned down on their request for a grant on the repair of North Avenue. The village will re-apply next year.

Mayor Neu called for a motion to pay the bills as presented on the voucher. Mr. Staggs motioned to pay the bills Mr. Dean seconded the motion. All voted Yea. Opposed None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Neu presented for the first reading ORDINANCE 1998-3 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE FOR ITS EXPENSES INCURRED BY REASON OF THE CONFINEMENT OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF OFFENSES IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE.

Mr. Staggs motioned to accept ORDINANCE 1998-3 for the first reading. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion. All Voted Yea. Opposed. None. **MOTION CARRIED.** (A complete copy of this ORDINANCE WILL BECOME PART OF THESE MINUTES ON THE LAST PAGES)

Mayor Neu asked if there was any further business to come before the meeting; hearing none Mr. Staggs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion. All Voted Yea. Opposed None.

Mayor Neu Adjourned the meeting reminding everyone of the next regular meeting to be held on Monday May 11, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.

DUANE C. NEU - MAYOR

MARTHA HANES - CLERK TREASURER