

**Village of North Henderson
Trustee Meeting
Village Shed
April 12, 2018 6:30 pm**

The Village of North Henderson Trustee Meeting for April 12, 2018 was called to order by President Carol Rogers at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustees: Angie Chandlee, John Hoefer, Tiffany Leffler and Don McGraw

Also Attending: President Carol Rogers, Treasurer Gary Whitcomb and Clerk Melody Hall

Visitors: Jim Tucker, Don Adams, Michelle Adams, Dusty Terrill and Jim Modlin

Absent: Trustees Karin Simkins and Vanessa Olson

President Rogers announced that she is changing the order of the meeting just a bit, because we have a guest speaker and she felt he shouldn't have to sit through the whole meeting. President Rogers then announced Dusty Terrill candidate for Mercer County Sheriff.

Mr. Terrill stated that he had contacted the Village asking for the opportunity to come to the meeting so he could introduce himself and explain his plans, if elected, to the board members and the citizens. Mr. Terrill stated that he has been with the Mercer County Sheriff's Office for almost 18 years, beginning in 2000 as a patrol deputy then in 2010, under Sheriff Tom Thompson, he became a detective and has been in investigation since. Mr. Terrill stated the he has taken several opportunities within the county, such as taking the training to be a D.A.R.E officer and now he goes to the schools within Mercer County and teaches the 5th graders on the dangers of drugs. Mr. Terrill mentioned that he is also certified by the state as lead officer for homicide investigations and is President of the D.A.R.E board and the Mercer County Family Violence Coordinating Council. Mr. Terrill then mentioned that back in the late 1990's he was originally hired as a telecommunicator and worked in the jail. Mr. Terrill commented that he has a wide knowledge of the sheriff's office.

Mr. Terrill mentioned that he would like to focus on areas that he feels is lacking in the services of the sheriff's office within the county. Mr. Terrill stated that he feels the services and efficiency of the sheriff's office needs some improvement. Mr. Terrill then gave an example; during the day there are 6 sworn officers on duty, 5 of which are supervisor positions, (the sheriff, 2 deputies, 2 detectives and a sergeant) all of which are paid additional money for their role as supervisor. Mr. Terrill continued to state that after 10:30 pm there is only 2 sworn deputies to patrol the whole county. Mr. Terrill stated that he feel s during the day it is overloaded then at night it is too light, and would like to equal that out by switching things around.

Mr. Terrill stated another area that he feels is lacking patrolling in the outline areas of the county, areas like North Henderson; rarely do you see an officer patrolling the area. Mr. Terrill mentioned that while speaking to a person in Mercer County she told him she didn't like calling the sheriff's office because it takes so long to respond, by the time they do, the person they are calling about is long gone. Mr. Terrill feels that by equalizing and switching around the man power that the problem could be resolved, and there could be more patrol deputies around the outline areas of the county not just in the center.

Mr. Terrill commented that he feels the sheriff should be more involved with the small communities, for example by attending meetings. Mr. Terrill stated not all meetings, but one every few months so that any questions or needs of the community can be addressed. Mr. Terrill mentioned that it would be a free service and not come out of the county's budget, and that it would build a trust between the town and sheriff's department making it a team effort which could make the crime rate go down. Mr. Terrill feels that once trust is built then the community would become more involved and report more suspicious activity.

Mr. Terrill then stated how the crime and drug rate has increased and how he feels that not enough is being done to battle the problem. Mr. Terrill commented that in the courts they have constant arrest and immediate release which is not solving the issue. Mr. Terrill feels that the sheriff's office could bring in more services to try and solve the problem, for instance probation, more services are needed to work with those who are on probation. Mr. Terrill stated because most offenders are repeat offenders. Mr. Terrill feels they need to be held accountable, they need to have stronger expectations, making sure they know that if they violate the expectations there will be stronger consequences. Mr. Terrill stated that due to funds in the budget probation is often overlooked.

Mr. Terrill mentioned that it is tough and awkward to run against his boss but he feels that he can do a good job as sheriff and putting his ideas into motion. Mr. Terrill commented that a lot of people feel it's about the pay, but for him it is not, he gets paid an hourly wage and with the overtime he is making close to what the sheriff is being paid, so no it is not about the money. Mr. Terrill stated it's one of those things where you take action to change things or don't complain about things not being fixed.

Mr. Terrill mentioned that he will be getting pamphlets and brochures out soon that will go into brief detail of all his plans and information, but he has started up a face book page that has all his ideas well as answers to questions that were posted in the Times Record. At this time Mr. Terrill asked if there were any questions. With none being asked he said Thank you. President Rogers did ask if Mr. Terrill had a business card. Mr. Terrill explained due to the sheriff's office rules he could not hand any out but he would send an email with his information. Mr. Terrill's information:

dustyterrill@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Sheriff4thePeople!>

Announcements:

President Rogers asked Visitor Jim Tucker if he knew if Floral Hall had set a date for their spring event? Mr. Tucker stated not at this time but the committee was going to meet this week.

President Rogers announced that she had been contacted by Ron Brown, the fire chief, that the fire department now has a generator and that it will be the warming or cooling station if the village was to lose power. President Rogers stated that everyone would be notified by an "all call", and that she is writing a letter about the dog ordinance, warming station, recycling bins and other information.

Minutes:

Trustee Angie Chandlee made a motion to accept the minutes, Trustee Don McGraw 2nd the motion.
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Chandlee, Hoefer, Leffler, McGraw. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Tiffany Leffler made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Trustee Hoefer 2nd the motion
Roll Call Vote;

Ayes: Trustees Chandlee, Hoefer, Leffler, McGraw Motion passed

Bills:

President Rogers stated that Treasurer Whitcomb has a couple bills that needed to be added because they did not come in until the day before the meeting and did not get on the report. The bills are from Don's Market News and Office Specialist

Trustee Leffler made a motion to add Don's Market New and Office Specialist to the report and to pay the bills. Trustee Don McGraw 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee Leffler, McGraw, Chandlee, Hoefer Motion passed

Old Business:Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association:

President Rogers stated that after reading the paperwork over a couple times she believes it does go with the insurance because it states that it is an Inter Government Cooperation Contract. Trustee Leffler mentioned that she read it but was going to ask what it was. President Rogers explained that it was found when Clerk Hall was cleaning the office and when Clerk Hall checked she was told it needed to be signed and returned. Trustee Leffler asked when it had to be done by and President Rogers stated last July. Clerk Hall stated that she has received several emails requesting the paperwork. President Rogers commented that it is something the village signs each year but it was not done last year. President Rogers then stated that there is a place where the board executes and agrees to it, that is why it is brought before the board.

Trustee Leffler asked if this is something we are required to be part of or if is it something we are have the option to do? President Rogers explained that we are part of the Illinois Municipal League and the Risk Management. President Rogers stated that she believes it goes with our insurance because there are bylaws, rules and contracts mentioned. Trustee Leffler asked if the fees mentioned are fees for the insurance? President Rogers stated that the fees are what we pay to belong to the Illinois Municipal League and that the fees for last year were already paid but the contract was not signed. Trustee Chandlee then asked if we used their services? President Rogers stated that yes we do use their services, we call them all the time. Trustee Leffler asked why hadn't anybody seen it until Clerk Hall found It? President Rogers answered that it was back when the old clerk Nancy came down sick, the papers were among a stack of mail and kept getting shifted around until Clerk Hall cleaned up the stack. Trustee Chandlee asked when this was paid, did we pay for last year or for this year? President Rogers stated that it was paid for last year but we will get another one in June or July for this year and it will get paid and signed on time this year.

Trustee McGraw commented that the only ones to sign it are the President and the Clerk. President Rogers then stated that the paper work reads, "Executed by the _____ of _____ pursuant to

Ordinance No. _____. Adopted and approved the _____ day of _____, 20____", making this an ordinance so it needed to be brought before the board to get the board's approval.

Trustee McGraw made the motion to accept and sign the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management paper work. Trustee Chandlee 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Chandlee, Hoefer, Leffler, and McGraw Motion Passed

MOWING BIDS:

President Rogers stated that this year we advertised in both the Don's Market News and the New Windsor Advertiser for the bids, receiving 6 bids. At this time President Rogers began to open and read the bids. The bids were as follows:

1. Leatherneck Lawns And Property from Woodhull -

Parcel 1. Ball Park	\$300.00
Parcel 2 Village Park	\$100.00
Parcel 3 Water House	\$40.00
Parcel 4 Office	\$40.00
Parcel 5. All Parcels	\$450.00

Yes he would be available for less mowing parcels. Trimming would be done every mowing. No copy of the Certificate of Liability.

2. Kevin Litchfield from Rio

Parcel 1. Ball Park	\$72.50
Parcel 2. Village Park	\$42.50
Parcel 3. Water House	\$10.00
Parcel 4. Office	\$10.00
Parcel 5. All Parcels	\$130.00

Yes he would be available for the lesser mowing. Trim every mowing . Trimming will be around buildings and playground equipment. Trimming for Ball Park will be as stated in the specification sheet. Sent copy of Certificate of Liability for one million dollars.

3. Gary Epperson from Opheim

Parcel 1. Ball Park	\$100.00
Parcel 2. Village Park	\$40.00
Parcel 3. Water House	\$30.00
Parcel 4. Office	\$30.00
Parcel 5. All Parcels	\$200.00

Yes he is available for lesser parcels. No Mention of trimming or Certificate of Liability.

4. Adams Lawn Care from Alpha

Parcel 1. Ball Park	\$120.00
Parcel 2. Village Park	\$50.00
Parcel 3. Water House	\$25.00
Parcel 4. Office	\$25.00
Parcel 5. All Parcels	\$200.00

Yes he would be available for lesser parcel number 2, 3, 4 at \$20.00 an acre. Trimming every mowing. No copy of the Certificate of Liability. President Rogers mentioned he sent references and that he stated he's been in business since 2013.

5. Tracy Pestle from Alexis

Parcel 1. Ball Park	\$180.00
---------------------	----------

Parcel 2. Village Park	\$60.00
Parcel 3. Water House	\$45.00
Parcel 4. Office	\$55.00
Parcel 5. All Parcels	\$310.00

Yes bidder would be available for lesser parcels. No mention of trimming or Certificate of Liability.

6. Lawn Envy from Lynn Center

Parcel 1. Ball Park	\$166.50
Parcel 2. Village Park	\$78.00
Parcel 3. Water House	\$55.50
Parcel 4. Office	\$48.00
Parcel 5. All Parcels	\$243.00

Yes he would be available for lesser parcels. Each mowing will include around all trees, posts, fences, buildings, stumps, sand pile, infield/outfield fences, dugouts, bleachers, flagpole, playground area and others as needed. No Certificate of Liability.

When President Rogers mentioned no Certificate of Liability for bidder number 6 visitor Jim Modglin commented that the spec's state upon 1st mowing is when the certificate is to be given. At this time President Rogers passed around the bids so all trustees could look them over and asked if there were any comments or questions. Visitor Michelle Adams asked if the person awarded the bid would be given information of when there are ball games or when the ball park would be in use so the mowing can be done before hand? President Rogers commented that it could be done. Clerk Hall mentioned that she had been asked the same thing from some of the bidders and that she told them a schedule of ball games would be given as soon as they had one. President Rogers stated that Luke Sperry was in charge of that and it would be nice to have a copy of the schedule because the ball park could be utilized for other events. Visitor Adams then commented that it would be good to know if other things were going on so that the park could look nice.

Trustee Leffler asked if all the bids mentioned trimming? President Rogers replied t all but Epperson, and that trimming is stated in the spec sheet. President Rogers also stated that the person who receives the bid will be informed that the trimming was to be included in the amount of the bid. President Rogers then commented that either herself or Clerk Hall would meet with whoever receives the bid and do a walk through to be sure the bidder knows what the village wants done. President Rogers then mentioned that one of her main concerns is the playground area and who ever gets the bid could just get rid of the weeds that would be okay.

President Rogers looked over the bid sheet and mentioned that it did state the winning bid must present a Certificate of Liability for one million dollars upon the 1st mowing. President Rogers the reread the bids for the complete package. Trustee Leffler made the decision not to go with the bid for \$450.00 and she did like the last bid, even though it was a little higher than some, but they showed the initiative to come to the meeting in case there were any questions. Trustee Leffler then mentioned that she liked the bid from Litchfield but there were times last year where she wanted to go over and mow the park herself. Trustee Leffler stated that living across the street from the park that the area around the fence got ridiculous and that there were times when he mowed, there were kids in the park, he would continue to mow not even watching out for the kids. Trustee Leffler stated that she really liked the Lawn Envy's bid. Trustee Hoefer agreed that he liked the Lawn Envy bid due to the way he listed the details of the trimming.

Trustee Leffler made the motion to accept the Lawn Envy bid for 243.00 each mowing. Trustee McGraw 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Leffler, McGraw, Hoefer, Chandlee Motion passed

President Rogers then congratulated Mr. Modglin and thanking him for coming to the meeting.

CLEAN UP DAYS

Clerk Hall stated that out of 5 different trash companies the only 3 that replied were: Peterson Disposal, Jackson Disposal and Quality Roll Off. Clerk Hall mentioned that she had each company quote both curbside and roll offs. Clerk Hall then stated the roll offs would be delivered on Friday afternoon and would be picked up on Monday, usually in the morning. Clerk Hall also commented that it was a little less expensive to do the roll offs also that when items are dropped off (until she learns each resident) that an ID could be shown to assure that only North Henderson residents would be the ones dropping items off. Clerk Hall also stated she would be willing to come and monitor the bins for a good amount of the time. The bids were as follows:

Jackson Disposal	Curb Side \$1049.60 for approximately 82 units Roll Offs \$550.00 for each 30 yard roll off
Peterson Disposal	Curb Side \$800.00 per truck load and \$15.00 for each appliance No Roll Off
Quality Roll Off	\$300.00 per bin with no tonnage.

Clerk Hall mentioned that with Quality the cost normally runs \$490.00 per bin with a tonnage and that they did not want to quote for curb side because of the cost being so high unless there is a contract with the village, which North Henderson does not have. Clerk Hall commented that all 3 companies have the same list of items that will not be accepted, and with the roll offs someone in the village could always put a trailer out for scrap material items.

President Rogers commented that the last few times they have used Peterson and it hadn't really cost that much. Treasurer Whitcomb mentioned that it hadn't been much over \$800.00. Trustee Chandlee commented that if it was an elderly person all they would have to do is call someone to pick it up and someone would help.

President Rogers then ask if the village wanted to do the clean up days and if so which company do they want to use? Trustee Chandlee mentioned that people do use it and do appreciate it. Trustee Leffler stated that she liked the curbside because the items are picked up and they don't have to be hauled up to the bins. Treasurer Whitcomb stated that with curbside elderly and those who don't have a truck it would be easier for them. Trustee Leffler commented that if someone has an appliance all they have to do is let Rod Leffler know and he will pick it up.

Trustee Leffler made the motion to have the clean up days and to do curb side using Peterson Disposal. 2nd by Trustee Chandlee.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Chandlee, Hoefer, Leffler, McGraw Motion passed

President Rogers stated that Clerk Hall will call and set a date.

CLERK

President Rogers stated that Melody Hall has been there for 90 days and the village needs to decide if they want to keep her as clerk or let her go. President Rogers then stated that she felt they did not need to go into closed secession because she has had the pleasure to work with Melody and she feels she has far exceeded her expectations. Trustee McGraw commented that she has been doing a good job.

Trustee McGraw made the motion that Melody Hall is to be made permit clerk. 2nd by Trustee Hoefer.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McGraw, Hoefer, Chandlee, Leffler Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS:

RECYCLE BINS

President Rogers stated that at the last meeting it was discussed that there were problems with the recycle bins, people have been putting items out and around the bins, there are items that are put in there that is not accepted by the recycling company and also people who are not residents of North Henderson are also using them, that is why it was put on the agenda to see if anyone had any ideas as to how to solve the problem. Trustee Leffler asked what kind of items are being put in the bins that are not recyclable? President Rogers answered items like a TV, car seat and at one time a bed pad. President Rogers also commented that any of the items that will burn she would take them to her burn pile. Clerk Hall mentioned that Trustee Simkins followed a lady from the bins all the way to Galesburg that she knows lives in Alexis and Trustee Hoefer had taken pictures of some papers from someone in the Alexis area. President Rogers stated that one problem is that when the recycle bins were started up, that North Henderson Township was part of it so the residents of the town ship could also use the bins, but they have stopped paying for their share of the bins, and that there are no set rules as to who can and cannot use the bins. Trustee Chandlee stated that something could be sent to the township asking them if they still want to be part of the bins and if not that to let the township residence know they can no longer use the recycle bins. Trustee Leffler suggested that putting something in the Don's Market letting Alexis residences know the bins are for North Henderson residences only and also send something to the Alexis board. Clerk Hall then asked if the township started at the 4-way stop in Alexis? Treasurer Whitcomb answered "yes". Clerk Hall then commented that the items Trustee Hoefer found is from a township resident. Trustee Leffler then mentioned that maybe the township residences don't know that they have stopped paying for the recycle bins. President Rogers stated that we would contact the town ship and see if they still wanted to be a part of the recycle bins.

BURN ORDINANCE

President Rogers asked Trustee Hoefer if he was the one who asked about the burn ordinance. Trustee Hoefer stated that he would like to see one. Clerk Hall commented that they had discussed if there was an ordinance and there not being one she had put it on the agenda. President Rogers stated now is a good time to discuss the matter if he has any ideas or suggestions. Trustee Hoefer stated he would like to see a time on it. Trustee Hoefer continued to state that he could never open windows due to people consistently burning and his daughter has boarder line asthma and the smoke makes it hard for her to breath so they are having to leave their windows closed 24/7. Trustee Hoefer stated he'd like to see a day or so with no burning or even after say 9 pm so you could have the windows open. President Rogers commented that even hanging out the laundry is hard to do because someone is always burning. President Rogers then stated that living out in the country people are going to burn but to having days where there is no burning is a good idea. President Rogers then asked Trustee Hoefer if he would like to

work on an ordinance for next month ? Trustee Hoefer state that he would work on it. President Rogers then commented that she thinks days are better than times because with times you still wouldn't have a day that you could go out and enjoy the day.

Trustee Leffler made a motion to table the burn ordinance until next month. 2nd by Trustee McGraw.

President Rogers commented that she had something she would like everyone to think about for the next meeting. President Rogers stated that Mercer County Better Together now has a board which she is on and she was asked "What is North Henderson's greatest asset?" President Rogers stated that she would like the board to think about what makes North Henderson important to them or what is something that could bring people into town. President Rogers commented that one thing she thought of was the ball diamond. President Rogers also commented that it was a good idea for next month if everyone would think of something. President Rogers stated that it would be nice to make plans and see where we would want to go as a board. President Rogers stated not to put a lot of time into it but maybe come up with some ideas on how to better the village and make it more appealing to other people.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Visitor Jim Tucker stated he had 3 comments. The 1st being about the recycle bins. Mr. Tucker commented that he believes we have the wrong size of recycle bins. Mr. Tucker believes when they started up that they were to be 2 large ones , the ones with 4 doors, where as we have 1 large and one small. Treasurer Whitcomb stated that we were being charged for 2 large. President Rogers stated that we would check into the matter. Mr. Tucker then commented that the township was paying a \$100.00 a year towards the recycle bins and that if they were sent the bill they would pay it. President Rogers commented that she was unaware of the fact that we were to send the township a bill. Trustee Chandlee asked if Mr. Tucker knew who to contact on the township board so we could discuss the matter? Mr. Tucker answered that it would be Frank Yung. President Rogers stated that we would contact him.

Mr. Tucker then stated that his 3rd comment was to do with the special funds in the water system. Mr. Tucker then asked, that if he didn't pay his bill one month but paid it in full the next month why is it that the only 1 credit goes into the funds the rest goes into the general fund and gets spent instead of the savings? Trustee Leffler asked Mr. Tucker if what he was saying is when paying late only 1 of the special accounts was going where it should be and the rest was going into the general account? Treasurer Whitcomb then stated that it goes by how much the current account is and how much the customer paid. Treasurer Whitcomb continued to state that the system is broke down by the billing cycle and by the amount that is paid during that cycle. Treasurer Whitcomb then mentioned the report that Clerk Hall gives him is broke down and shows where everything goes including the late charges. Clerk Hall commented that according to the training on the water program, when there's a late payment the payment goes to all the prior months' charges then the current charges until the payment is all used. Mr. Tucker then stated that it's not the late charges that he's talking about, it is just the special accounts, and he doesn't care about the late charges. President Rogers then stated that the system is broke down every month as to what goes into what department and if one month a customer's bill is say \$100.00 and they don't pay the bill the next month it will not show a payment and their bill will show \$200.00, the current amount and past due amount plus all late charges and penalties. Mr. Tucker then stated that at the end of the year the amounts do not work out. President Rogers then asked why don't the auditors say that the amounts don't work out. Mr. Tucker then commented that the auditors

only look at 10 % not all of the accounts. President Rogers asked if that was true because the auditors always ask to look at this or that. Treasurer Whitcomb then stated he is not sure with the new auditors but they all look at it all because they are CPAs . President Rogers then commented that the auditors see how much is billed, received and the amount of all the bills that are paid and if it didn't jive they would ask why. Mr. Tucker then stated that he'd write it all up and show President Rogers. President Rogers commented that she's been waiting to see it.

President Rogers then asked if there were anymore comments or questions. Visitor Michelle Adams asked that if anyone wanted to use the ball park do they have to ask the Village's permission? President Rogers stated that they should contact Luke Sperry because he is in charge of scheduling of the ball park.

Trustee Leffler then mentioned that she had seen on Face book that someone in the North Henderson area had been robbed, she didn't know if it was reported to the police or not. Trustee Leffler then mentioned that a couple days back there had been a vehicle that had been driving around and followed a school bus to the bus stop , then followed the children off the bus to their house. Trustee Leffler continued to state that the vehicle sat outside across the street from the house until the children's father came out. Trustee Leffler then stated that this was reported to the police along with the license plate number. Clerk Hall commented that when picking up a couple kid's from school that there was a sheriff's car in the front and back of the grade school. Trustee Leffler then mentioned that it was a newer black Taurus or something along those lines like a 4 door Sedan.

President Rogers stated that in each folder is a yellow piece of paper that is an Economic Statement from the Mercer County Clerk's Office. President Rogers continued to state that it needs fill out and returned to Mercer County, to please fill it out and return it to Clerk Hall before they leave. President Rogers stated that Clerk Hall will be making the folders each month and will have them set out every Tuesday before the meeting to please pick them up. Clerk Hall stated that they will be next to the tubes until the tubes are removed.

Trustee Leffler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee McGraw 2nd the motion. The Village Trustee meeting for April 12, 2018 was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next Village Trustee meeting will be May 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Melody Hall
Village Clerk

Carol Rogers
Village President

