

**Village of North Henderson
Trustee Meeting
Village Shed
October 11, 2018**

The Village of Trustee's Meeting for October 11, 2018 was called to order by President Carol Rogers at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee's Angie Chandlee, John Hoefer and Karin Simkins

Also Present: President Carol Rogers, and Treasurer Gary Whitcomb

Visitors: Jim Tucker and Sheriff Staley from Mercer County

Absent: Trustee's Tiffany Leffler, Don McGraw, Vanessa Olson and Clerk Melody Hall

President Rogers stated the quorum is met so we will proceed with the Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Rogers stated since there are no announcements they will continue with the meeting and since there is a guest speaker she is going to mix it up a bit and go to Hire a Cop in the new business.

Hire a Cop:

President Rogers introduced Officer Staley from the Mercer County Sheriff's Department to talk about some options the village has and how other communities have police officers patrol their community.

Mr. Staley stated he had spoken to Clerk Hall about a few things that can be done; traditionally what Mercer County has done is called an Off Duty Contract, it's where an off duty officer will come out for an hour or however long the village would want, it usually cost about \$16.00 an hour. Mr. Staley commented it is getting harder to do because the state is making it harder to hire part time officers and it is getting harder to get full time officers to work on their day off after working 12 hour shifts for 4 to 5 days a week.

Mr. Staley stated what he is trying to do with New Windsor and some of the smaller communities are to get enough contracts signed to where he can hire a couple more full time deputies then he could assign an on duty officer to patrol the smaller communities. Mr. Staley commented everyone would profit by doing this, he would get more officers and the communities would get patrolled more.

Mr. Staley asked what the village may be looking at as far as what they would want taken care of. President Rogers answered one of the main things is the speeding on Main Street, nobody pays attention to the signs. President Rogers stated just the presence of an officer may help with the drugs, which is all through the county, but it may detour them from getting worse. Mr. Staley stated one of the biggest problems they encounter with small communities is the second a squad car is spotted in town the word spreads so fast and a scheduled time makes it hard to write tickets for speeding. Mr. Staley stated with a contract anon duty officer could be in New Windsor, come to North Henderson for a half hour then go into the country then come back that would make the chance of catching someone speeding a lot easier.

President Rogers asked Mr. Staley what the cost of the contract would be. Mr. Staley stated it would run around \$22.00 to \$25.00 an hour but the contract still needs to be refined a bit. Mr. Staley asked if the village has thought of what types of hours they would want, if they wanted set hours or random. President Rogers stated at this point the village is just looking at options. Mr. Staley commented Mercer County responds to all the emergency and service calls anyway so what he would like to try and do, with the help of his night sergeants, is to give North Henderson a little more police presence for a couple nights.

Mr. Staley stated when he spoke to Clerk Hall she had mentioned having the officer write tickets on ordinance violations. Mr. Staley stated the officers would not write the tickets that the President would write the tickets since they know what ordinances were being violated then if the officer would have a place to where he could pick up a stack of tickets the officer would serve the tickets to the violator. Mr. Staley commented that it means more to have the ticket served to the violator and they have it recorded so the violator cannot state he never received the fine. Mr. Staley stated he would be willing to work with the village on whatever they decided. President Rogers thanked Mr. Staley and let him know they would be in touch after the village decided what they want to do.

MINUTES:

Trustee Simkins made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by Trustee Chandlee

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee's Hoefer, Chndlee and Simkins. Motion Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Trustee Simkins made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Trustee Hoefer

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee Chandlee, Hoefer and Simkins. Motion passed.

President Rogers stated there is 2 CD's that will be up in November, CD#32978 in the General Fund and CD#32976 Motor Fuel Fund. President Rogers asked Treasurer Whitcomb what he recommends to be done with the CD's. Treasurer Whitcomb recommended that CD's be rolled over.

Trustee Hoefer made a motion to roll over both CD's. 2nd by Trustee Chandlee.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Simkins, Chandlee and Hoefer. Motion Passed

BILLS:

President Rogers stated there is one bill to add it is to Office Specialties in the amount of \$15.99 for supplies Clerk Hall needed and the bill was just received today.

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to pay the bills including the Office Specialties. 2nd by Trustee Simkins

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee Hoefer, Chandlee and Simkins.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speed Limit Signs:

President Rogers stated Clerk Hall called and got some information about where and how the signs should be placed. President Rogers continued to state the signs can be placed anywhere in town, they must be 5 feet off the road, and at least 7 feet tall. President Rogers commented she had noticed some signs that she hasn't noticed before, one of the signs she noticed is across the street and the homeowner parks in front of it. Trustee Simkins stated the sign as you come into town is blocked by a tree that needs to be trimmed. Trustee Chandlee suggested an orange flag to be put on the signs maybe it would get everyone's attention.

President Rogers suggested moving the sign on the east side of the street to the west because there are enough signs on the east side of the street. President Rogers asked the board where they would want the signs. Trustee Chandlee stated one is needed on the south end of town. President Rogers stated it should be put on the east side of the street but where. Trustee Hoefer suggested after the curve. Trustee Chandlee suggested at the end of the lot at 710 Main except there is a tree right there. President Rogers stated when they go to mark the location that she would find an empty spot to put the sign and mark it and she would have Clerk Hall call Julie and get the spot ready to dig.

Water Ordinance:

President Rogers asked the board if they would want to table this matter since only half of the board is present. With no motion to table the matter President Rogers continued to discuss the issue. President Rogers stated Clerk Hall was going to talk to the lawyer but President Rogers had her wait until everything was decided.

President Rogers stated one item she wants to discuss is the flipping the account back and forth from say, husband to wife and back again. President Rogers continued to state if the bill is not paid within 10 days she is out there to shut the water off so of they try and flip the account back and forth it'll be shut off. Trustee Hoefer asked if the ordinance states after 10 days the water can be shut off. Trustee Simkins read under the title Late or Past due accounts where it states the water can be shut off after 10 days. President Rogers commented she has not found in the ordinance where new owners are responsible for the old owners unpaid bill, if the board wants it in the ordinance then it needs to be added. Trustee Simkins asked if the bill is in a tenant's name can the payment come from the rental payment. President Rogers answered the ordinance states if the tenant does not pay the bill then the landlord is responsible for the bill.

After further discussion Trustee Hoefer made a motion to leave the ordinance as is. Trustee Chandlee 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Hoefer, Simkins, and Chandlee. Motion Passed.

Movie Night/ Halloween:

President Rogers commented the board discussed movie night during the September meeting, it was decided that movie night could be on October 20th. President Rogers asked the board if they still wanted to have movie night. Trustee Chandlee stated the evening may be too cold to have it, maybe we could do a backup plan such as an indoor movie or to just postpone movie night for now.

President Rogers suggested deciding when the board wants to have Halloween, possibly like last year, have trick or treat different from Alexis, then have a community party after at either the Fire department or here at the village garage. Trustee Chandlee stated last year the village had trick or treat on Saturday and that worked out great, then asked about the trick or treat hours, if they were from 5-7 or 6-8. President Rogers answered whatever time the village would like to have them. Treasurer Whitcomb suggested having the time after 5pm because if anybody is working on Saturday they can get home in time.

Trustee Hoefer made a motion to have Halloween on Saturday Oct. 27, 2018 from 5pm – 7pm. Trustee Chandlee 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Simkins, Hoefer, and Chandlee. Motion Passed

President Rogers asked if the board wanted movie night or a community party after trick or treat. Trustee Chandlee answered it would be a late night unless they wanted to make it a trick or treat stop. Trustee Simkins suggested just doing trick or treat and having movie night at a later date. President Rogers suggested maybe around Christmas while the kids are on break. Trustee Simkins commented it would give the kids something to do.

Trustee Hoefer made a motion to postpone movie night. 2nd by Trustee Simkins

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee Simkins, Chandlee and Hoefer. Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Power at the Park:

President Rogers stated when the church had Praise in the Park the power is a mess, the shelter only has only 1 maybe 2 outlets that work, no light bulbs and the power box is full of wasps. President Rogers continued to state the wiring did not look very safe and suggested having an electrician look at it and get an estimate on updating the electric, but she wasn't sure who to call. Trustee Hoefer stated Tony's does electrical. Treasurer Whitcomb stated in the past they have used Christy's for the electrical. Trustee Simkins suggested putting cages over the light bulbs so the kids would not be able to knock them out.

Trustee Chandlee made a motion to get an estimate on the electrical at the park. 2nd by Trustee Hoefer.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Chandlee, Hoefer and Simkins. Motion Passed.

Trustee Chandlee asked President Rogers if she has any updates on the grant for the park. President Rogers answered the grant is at Looser Flake and they meet the week of the 15th. President Rogers stated Mercer County Better Together feels very confident they will get the grant and should know something by the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Visitor Jim Tucker commented on the unpaid water bills, the state set up an act about 5 years ago (he could not remember the name) but it is set up with the attorney and the Secretary of State and once the

village is set up all they have to do is file the necessary paper work and those who have skipped out on the bill has to pay it before they can get their license, tags or whatever. President Rogers commented she does remember that but didn't know if it was set up

Visitor Tucker then commented if the village gets a contract with the county for an officer to be sure when the officer's time would start, years ago when they checked into it, the officer's hours started when the officer left his home which cut into the patrolling hours,

With no more public comments Trustee Chandlee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Simkins 2nd the meeting

The Village Trustee Meeting for October 11, 2018 was adjourned at 7:45 pm with the next meeting set for November 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Village garage.

Melody Hall
Village Clerk

Carol Rogers
Village President