

The March Regular Meeting of the Moweaqua Village Council was called to order by Mayor Lowe leading in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call was answered by Howard Wise, Mark Thomas, Steve Ruot, Jim Mahone and Louise Weakly. Employees present were Chief McLearn, Boomer Neece, Officer Maynard, Louis Jordan and Attorney for the Village, Mike Antoline, was also present. Others attending included Lynn Hudson, Bill Chasteen, Janie Wise and Steve Bainbridge.

Weakly made the motion to approve the minutes of the February Regular Meeting, Ruot seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Weakly. No: None.

Ruot made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Weakly seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Weakly. No: None.

Thomas made the motion to approve the Bills to be Paid in March, Mahone seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Weakly. No: None.

Health and Safety Committee Chairman Louise Weakly reported that several property owners still have not cleaned up their trash, junk and inoperable vehicles yet. A copy of Weakly's report is on file with the Clerk.

No report was made by the Personnel Committee.

Chairman of the Police Committee, Mark Thomas, submitted an activity report for the Police Department that is on file with the Clerk. Thomas also reports receiving a letter from Clayton Graven. A copy of the letter was provided to each Council member for discussion at the next Regular Meeting. Thomas informed Council that Officer Maynard will attend training the week of April 24th which is being funded through a grant from DCFS. The training will take place in Springfield.

On the subject of the Police Department the Clerk read a thank you note that was received from Linda at DCFS. Chief McLearn and Officer Maynard were praised for their professionalism and cooperation.

Superintendent Louis Jordan reports for the Water and Sewer Department that the ground storage water tank has been washed and looks much better. Jordan also reports that forms for the NPDES reports can be filed via internet now. Filing over the internet will save the Village money on the permit fees. Jordan discussed

with Council looking into a new phone package through Cingular Wireless. Cingular offers push to talk service now which will save minutes.

Building and Grounds Committee Chairman Steve Ruot reports that a meeting was held on March 13th to discuss renovation of the Village Hall. Ruot inquired of Attorney Mike Antoline if the Village is required to hire an engineer if there are only minimal structural changes done to the building. Antoline states that this is an area of controversy. Architects and Engineers take the position that of course they are needed but if no structural changes are made it may not be necessary to hire an architect or engineer. Antoline will check state statutes for guidelines. Mahone expressed his opinion that architects know design and can help figure out what would make our building the most functional.

First in New Business Mayor Lowe called on Steve Bainbridge of BGM Engineering. Bainbridge presented the 2006 Motor Fuel Tax budget proposal. A copy of the budget proposal is on file with the Clerk. After discussion, Mahone made the motion to accept the 2006 MFT budget proposal, Thomas seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Weakly. No: None.

Bainbridge then presented the 2006 MFT Resolution for appropriating funds. Mahone made the motion to approve the 2006 MFT Resolution as presented, Weakly seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Weakly. No: None.

Street and Alley Superintendent Boomer Neece reports having the opportunity to borrow a brush chipper from the Village of Blue Mound. They brought it over to help cut up a fallen tree at the Water Plant. The chipper is Vermeer brand and works very well. Neece and Water and Sewer Superintendent Louis Jordan were impressed with its efficiency and safety features. Neece states that if the Village owned their own chipper there would be no need to hire someone to cut the brush pile. From now on all tree brush could be chipped immediately at the pick up site. After discussion Mahone made the motion to approve Neece getting three bids for a brush chipper, Weakly seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Weakly. No: None.

Attorney Mike Antoline informed Council that he has contacted IDOT and requested a grant of easement for the future Village of Moweaqua sign that will be placed on Wiseman's Auto property. Wiseman gave temporary easement for the construction of the sign but could not grant permanent maintenance access

because it would tie up too much of his property and possibly keep him from expanding in the future.

Attorney Antoline presented Ordinance #3-14-2006-1 amending the Mobile Housing Code. Mahone made the motion to approve Ordinance #3-14-2006-1, Weakly seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Weakly. No: None.

Attorney Antoline provided an updated building permit form and procedure for immediate use.

Meeting adjourned 9:02.