

The 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 Mike Reschke. Employees present were Chief McLearin, Officer Maynard, Paul Bollhorst, Boomer Neece, Lola Allen, Louis Jordan and Attorney for the Village, Mike Antoline, was also present. Others present included Janie Wise, Angie Knight and Brenda Adams.

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

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

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

Mayor Lowe reports receiving a copy of a letter that Representative Flider sent to Milton Sees of the Il. Department of Transportation. Flider stated in his letter that he has requested assistance to obtain adequate lighting for several dangerous intersections along the portion of Highway 51 that lies east of the Village of Moweaqua. When Flider originally requested assistance he had been told that there were no resources for this project. Flider also stated in his letter to Mr. Sees that road crews are installing lights just South of Moweaqua and requested information as to how funding was obtained for that portion of Highway 51 while Moweaqua has been rejected. In response to Representative Fliders letter Mayor Lowe received a call from an engineer at the Il Department of Transportation who stated that lights for Moweaqua would be budgeted for in the coming year.

Mayor Lowe informed Council that the IMLRMA insurance premium has increased substantially this year and requested that council consider having each department pay their own premium rather than the General Fund paying the full amount.

Mayor Lowe commended Water and Sewer Superintendent Louis Jordan for receiving an award from the Illinois Department of Public Health in recognition of achieving the highest standard of compliance for at least 15 consecutive years in accordance with the Illinois Fluoridation Act.

In Attorney Antolines report he informed Council that the Village of Moweaqua could receive a refund from either the Illinois Central Railroad Co. or the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. The Village of Moweaqua paid a sum of money to the railroad to purchase what was said to be abandoned right-of-way land. A lawsuit is pending against the railroad for selling property they may have had no right to sell. The notice also states that participation in the lawsuit will not affect ownership rights of the Village. Antoline requested permission to proceed with filing the claim forms. Ruot made the motion to approve having Attorney Antoline submit claim forms to be participants in the Foulke v. Illinois Central Railroad Co. lawsuit, Mahone seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Attorney Antoline also discussed the issue of employee social security taxes being paid entirely from the General Fund. He stated that the Village is paying out more in social security taxes than is levied for according to the recent auditors report. However, the Village is levying the maximum amount it can for social security taxes. Attorney Antoline reports speaking at length with auditor Kevin Buckley and they have come to a possible solution which will be discussed in more detail at a future Regular Meeting.

Attorney Antoline presented the Treasurer Appointment Ordinance #10/09/07-1. Reschke made the motion to approve Ordinance #10/09/07-1, Thomas seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Attorney Antoline presented Ordinance #10/09/07-2 which includes Good Friday as an additional employee holiday. After discussion and corrections Ruot made the motion to approve Ordinance #10/09/07-2, Mahone seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

After explanation Attorney Antoline presented Tax Levy Ordinance #10/09/07-3. Mahone made the motion to approve Tax Levy Ordinance #10/09/07-3, Reschke seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

In Committee Reports Police Committee Chairman Howard Wise reported that Chief McLearin has made him aware of grant money that is available for squad car video cameras. The grant could possibly cover 75{d3bb7c3d20bb2c333f8bbb4cc4dee311415bccd1d2e8a98d1fef6c9530e85137} of the cost of the in car video systems. Wise asked that Council consider whether they would like to apply for the grant.

Street and Alley Superintendent Boomer Neece discussed needing the owners of the Bohlen property to dedicate a right of way for a future street. A street is not being built at this time but may be necessary in the future. Attorney Antoline has spoken to the Bohlens and recommends obtaining the dedication as soon as possible. Attorney Antoline will continue to work with the Bohlens on this issue.

In Marlene Craigs absence Mike Reschke spoke about the Christmas on Main celebration stating that Craig would like for the Street and Alley Department to help put up their decorations. Street and Alley Superintendent Boomer Neece agreed to help but also recommended that the electricity load on our downtown street lights be reduced. A problem arose last year resulting in burnt panels which could lead to more extensive damage if continually overloaded. It was suggested that the poles be decorated excluding lights since the Village has its own lighted decorations. Neece also requested that the Christmas on Main decorations be removed by January 11th, 2008.

Mayor Lowe requested a motion to purchase two fire hydrants for the new 6 inch water main being installed by the Shelby County State Bank. After brief discussion Mahone made the motion to approve supplying two fire hydrants for the Shelby County State Bank project, Wise seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Mayor Lowe requested a motion to ratify last months appointment of Craig Reed to the Police Department. Ruot made the motion to ratify the appointment of Craig Reed, Wise seconded. Council voting Yes: Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke.

Mayor Lowe requested a motion to adjourn if there was no further business to come before Council. Ruot made the motion to adjourn, Mahone seconded.