

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 Jon King, Howard Wise, Mark Thomas, Steve Ruot, Jim Mahone and Mike Reschke. Employees present were Lola Allen, Boomer Neece, Louis Jordan, Chief McLearin, Officer Maynard and Attorney for the Village, Mike Antoline was also present. Others present included Dick and Barbara Jostes, Brent Jostes, Norm Short, Tim Dial, T.J. Gorden, Jim and Pat Jordan, Steve and Patty Jordan, Carroll Smail, John Helm, Bob Smith and Jerry and Susan Paradee.

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

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

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

In Mayor Lowe's report she informed Council that the Village has received another safety award from the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. The Village has earned a safety award for six consecutive years and Mayor Lowe commended the employees for their attention to accident prevention.

Mayor Lowe also reported receiving calls in favor of the new recycling box that is now located just off Madison Street. Mayor Lowe thanked Street and Alley Superintendent Boomer Neece for his effort in getting the Village accepted into the program.

Mayor Lowe stated that she would like to appoint trustee Howard Wise as TIF liaison to work with Dan Walker of Jacobson and Associates if council had no objections. There were none. Wise will provide updates to council about the progress of the TIF project.

In Attorney Antolines report he stated that he is still working on annexing property to the north of Moweaqua for inclusion in the TIF project. Antoline would like for someone from the Village to speak to a few of the property owners. Some of the parcels need to be annexed for the purpose of reaching a 15.31 acre parcel owned by Stonewood Development. Stonewood Development plans to create a

subdivision on the 15.31 acres. Antoline requested that Neece speak to property owners and set up meetings if they are interested in annexing their property.

Mayor Lowe requested committee reports. There were no committee reports.

Mayor Lowe then requested public participation. Tim Dial came forward with concerns about the Villages plan to have a street extend south from the new Shelby County State Bank to meet the East Warren Street stub. Dial and other residents of Warren Street are opposed to the plan and requested that other options be explored. Dial presented council with a petition signed by several residents requesting that East Warren remain a dead end. The concerns of the Warren Street residents were neighborhood safety, increased traffic, and water run off. Mayor Lowe explained that street right of ways were planned for when their subdivision was first platted out. Ruot expressed concern about the cost effectiveness of constructing a street and asked if it were necessary right now. Rout is of the opinion that we should wait for developers to show interest first. Attorney Antoline states that having a street in ahead of time helps to attract developers. Growth is a primary concern for the Village of Moweaqua and the purpose of the TIF district. Antoline adds that the owners of the land have dedicated the portion of property where they would like to see the street constructed. Dial suggested that the property owner be asked to dedicate a portion of property to tie into East South Street instead of Warren. Antoline explains that the property owner wants to maintain the maximum flexibility for future developers as well as provide roadway access. The best way to do this is to extend southward from the new bank to the Warren Street stub. Antoline went on to explain that extending East South Street will cut the property into a larger and smaller segment and reduces significantly what a developer may be able to do with it in the future. Dick Jostes interjected his opinion to the issue by reminding Council that they represent the Village of Moweaqua as a whole and not just a few. Jostes went on to say that it should be considered whether or not the new street will be a detriment to the Village and stated that the Village of Moweaqua should be encouraging growth. Dial repeated his request that the Village consider other options before jumping into something without giving it proper thought. Mahone assured Dial and his Warren Street neighbors who accompanied him that proper thought is being given to this matter and their suggestions will be considered.

Mayor Lowe called on T.J. Gorden who was in attendance representing the Peace Meal Program. Gorden explained that the program is designed to provide low cost hot meals for seniors who can come to the legion to eat or have it delivered to their home. The price for a meal is \$3.00 per person. Gorden thanked Council for their

past donations and asked if they would consider donating again this year. Mahone made the motion to donate \$2,500.00 to the Peace Meal program, Ruot seconded. Council voting Yes: King, Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Mayor Lowe called on Street and Alley Superintendent Boomer Neece to discuss U.S. Rt. 51 street lighting. Neece reports that IDOT has finally approved proper lighting along the new Rt. 51 bypass. The lights will be installed in the spring or early summer of 2008. IDOT has requested that the Village donate our 1 ¼" electrical casings located at the Gorden Rd. and Rt. 51 intersection and also the Putnam and Rt. 51 intersection. The State will maintain the lights. Neece will request help from IDOT in relocating the 10 light poles that were donated by the Moweaqua Lions Club. Mahone made the motion to approve donating our electrical casings to IDOT, Ruot seconded. Council voting Yes: King, Wise, Thomas, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Mayor Lowe called on Mike Reschke to discuss the Revitalization Committee. Reschke reported that the Revitalization Committee didn't have very good weather for the Christmas on Main celebration and that the parade had to be cancelled. On behalf of the Committee Reschke requested a donation that will go towards next years celebration. Mayor Lowe stated that no funds had been budgeted for the Committee because they had said at a previous meeting that they did not need it. So at this time the Village is unable to donate.

Mayor Lowe called on the Clerk to present to Council a letter from the Children's Toy Depot. Each year in the past the Village of Moweaqua Police Department has donated \$100.00 to the church/community sponsored program which is affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Moweaqua. Police Chief McLearin agreed to donate \$100.00 to the Children's Toy Depot from the D.A.R.E. account.

Mahone made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, Reschke seconded. Council voting Yes: King, Wise, Thomas, Rout, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Mahone made the motion to end Executive Session, Ruot seconded. Council voting Yes: King, Wise, Thomas, Rout, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Reschke made the motion to adjourn, King seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.