

The Regular Meeting of the Moweaqua Village Council was called to order by Mayor Tolly leading in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call was answered by Marcia Maynard, Howard Wise, Steve Ruot, Jim Mahone and Mike Reschke. Employees present were Louis Jordan, Chief Maynard, Ramiro Estrada, Paul Bollhorst, Lola Allen and Attorney for the Village, Mike Antoline, was also present. Others present included Larry Morrell, Steve Hooper, Carl and Mary Ann Stiner, Joann Lower and Boomer Neece.

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

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

Mahone made the motion to approve the Bills to be Paid in February with additions and corrections, Ruot seconded. Council voting Yes: Maynard, Wise, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Mayor Tolly called on Attorney Antoline to give his report. Antoline stated that the easements for the new Casey's store have been filed with the County.

Antoline reports spending an afternoon in the assessor's office due to mistakes found in TIF information submitted to the County Clerk by our former TIF Consultant. While Antoline feels the mistakes are minor there are several and he will be working with Keith Moran to resolve the problems.

Antoline reported about the liquor issue saying that the Village of Moweaqua was made a "dry" Village by referendum and therefore must also be made "wet" by referendum. In order for there to be a referendum the signatures of 25{d3bb7c3d20bb2c333f8bbb4cc4dee311415bccd1d2e8a98d1fef6c9530e85137} of the Village's registered voters are required. This is not just the number of people who voted in the last election but all people who are registered to vote. Antoline went on to say that State Statute prohibits the use of municipal funds to take a position on a public issue, either for or against. If there is going to be a referendum on the ballot it must be done by a group of private citizens.

Further in Attorney Antoline's report he discussed the Zoning Board's approval of Special Use permits for Lynn Hudson for apartments and a meeting hall at the old First Baptist Church on 300 N. Putnam Street. Antoline explained that a Special Use

permit is not valid because it is not a permitted Special Use in an SR-2 district according to the current ordinances. A solution to this problem would be to change the zoning code to add meeting hall to the permitted uses in the SR-2 district. Antoline stated that a special use cannot be a great deal different than the general uses of the surrounding area and cannot create a burden for neighboring properties. Therefore, meeting hall is not a good choice and would be very difficult to defend in court if disputed. It has become clear that a number of neighbors are opposed to a meeting hall in their neighborhood. Finally, Antoline stated that all special uses can be granted subject to whatever conditions the zoning board desires. Antoline suggested that a special meeting of the Zoning Board be called in the near future to discuss this and other zoning issues in more detail.

In Committee Reports Street and Alley Superintendent Ramiro Estrada reports that there has been an issue arise concerning a portion of Lake Street that has always been used as a typical thoroughfare but is registered with the County as an alley. The portion of Lake Street in question is situated West, adjacent South Main, to the first Country Place Apartments parking lot entrance. Traffic is slowly encroaching on and damaging private property to the North. The homeowner has requested a solution. Council agreed that more investigation is needed before a solution can be decided upon.

Finance Chairman Mike Reschke reported that he is interested in being more involved with the decision making regarding the Golf Course and their finances. Mayor Tolly agreed that Council members should take interest and attend meetings whenever possible.

In Public Participation Lynn Hudson inquired about when the Special Use permit issue will be resolved. Hudson will not formally purchase the property until he is sure he can use it as planned. Antoline stated that a Special Meeting of the Zoning Board will be called to decide how or if the SR-2 ordinance will change and what the conditions will be. Antoline assured Hudson that he would be notified of the meeting.

Carl Stiner was present representing the Veterans Memorial Committee. Mayor Tolly reminded Council that Barbara Jostes had approached them some time ago and requested a donation. Jostes was of the understanding that a donation may have to be budgeted for and thought it would be best to put in a request in advance. Finance Committee Chairman Mike Reschke stated that there is \$2,000.00 available in Community Relations. Reschke also suggested budgeting for another donation to be given after May 1st, 2010 when the new fiscal year begins. After

discussion Wise made the motion to donate \$1,500.00 to the Veterans Memorial from the Community Relations fund and discuss donating an additional amount when the new fiscal year begins, Reschke seconded. Council voting Yes: Maynard, Wise, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Mayor Tolly scheduled the Year End Annual Meeting for Thursday, April 29th, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. All Council were in favor.

In Old Business Mahone made the motion to ratify last month's approval of the bid for squad car equipment and installation for \$4,093.33 from Global Technical Systems, Ruot seconded. Council voting Yes: Maynard, Wise, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Also in Old Business Ruot made the motion to ratify last month's approval of squad car decals for \$300.00 by Kustom Signs and Graphics, Mahone seconded. Council voting Yes: Maynard, Wise, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None.

Chief Maynard reported obtaining a bid from Decatur Electronics for two radar units with our trade in. The units are Genesis II KA Band and are compatible with the in car cameras. Maynard stated that the units will be paid for from the Drug/Alcohol account. There are ample funds to cover the \$2,600.00 for the units.

Mayor Tolly requested a motion to adjourn if there was no further business to come before Council. Ruot made the motion to adjourn, Wise seconded. Council voting Yes: Maynard, Wise, Ruot, Mahone and Reschke. No: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.