

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Brown and Rynearson, C/T Budine, DCT Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Evans, Councilmen Ditewig, Wist and Vandermark, Paul Lantz, Kermit Mott, Tim and Carol Hess, Dean Price, Bridget Davis, Jim Conklin and Eric Linkroum.

ABSENT: Trustees Durning and Warner.

Mayor Moore opened the meeting at 6:04PM. C/T Budine stated that the Village had hired a court clerk and that the 205 CDR and 503 TSLED errors would be cleared up before anything was transferred to the Towns.

Mayor Moore then gave the floor to Councilman Ditewig. Mr. Ditewig stated that they had communication with the 6th Judicial and they were aware of all the errors and that they would be taken care of. They were hopeful that Village would be able to work something in their budgets to help the Town's out, but he now understood that there were legalities that would prevent this. Mayor Moore confirmed that legalities are preventing us from offering financial assistance. Mr. Ditewig stated that his Judges are asking for \$3000 each and \$1000 for their court clerk to cover the extra burden of the increased work load. He also stated that if the Village's hand were tied than that was that, he just wanted to ask respectfully. Eric Linkroum asked how the billing was going to work for the two Towns. Trustee Rynearson stated that revenues would come through taxes in the two Towns as before and that would cover the costs. Dean Price asked if the Sherriff's department would have to know where the county line was. Trustee Rynearson stated that no both agencies would be allowed to patrol the entire Village. Dean Price asked if there was discussion with the Towns before the Village vote. Mr. Ditewig said they did know about what was going on but had hoped it would work like a shared services agreement for a few years. Mayor Moore stated that Judge Proffit had come to him concerned about the extra work load. Mr. Ditewig stated that they didn't budget extra in the event that the Village did abolish their court because it was very hard to budget for what ifs. He also stated that all the new laws have complicated the issue more. Trustee Rynearson asked if the judges had gotten a raise. Mr. Ditewig stated that they get an annual raise of 2%. Trustee Rynearson asked would the rate have gone up if the Village had not had a court. Mr. Ditewig responded no, but the Village had reduced its costs due to the change and down the road the Town would have to increase taxes to pay the justices. Trustee Rynearson stated that he saw where the Town had transferred \$500,000 to reserves and that the Village residents already paid for the Town court in their taxes to the Town. Kermit Mott said he was concerned about and was that part of the money to be received from the State. Mayor Moore stated that the State did not have incentive for abolishing the court. Trustee Brown stated that more changes would be happening in the future and we all need to be prepared for that. Eric Linkroum asked what the plan was for the Town and the upcoming work load. Mayor Moore stated that based on Village figures available there wouldn't be much of an increase. Mr. Ditewig stated that the concern was for criminal cases as they were much more complicated to which Judge Lantz agreed. Trustee Rynearson said that the coming reforms will dictated how courts are run. Councilman Ditewig thanked the board for having them and asked if the other Councilmen had questions. No one did. Eric Linkroum asked if the Councilmen had heard from their taxpayers about increases. Mr. Ditewig stated that they had not but changes might have to be made.

MOTION#376/19-20

A motion was made by Trustee Rynearson and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:32PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine