

REGULAR MEETING

May 16, 2019

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. All Council members along with Solicitor James Ong and Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman were in attendance.

Motion (1) to accept the meeting minutes was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by James Dickey. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Vice-President of Trinity Twin City Hospital Operations and Site Administrator Teresa Gagliardi was in attendance to inform Council of the increase they have experienced in hospital transfer times. Transfer for emergency transports has been anywhere between 38 minutes and 2 hours and 15 minutes. One time, Sugar creek's ambulance was the closest to respond. That is an unacceptable time range for transports that have life threatening needs. Trinity will contract with Carrollton Ambulance for non-emergency transports. Billing for the ambulance goes to the patient's insurance provider.

Greg DiDonato discussed the current contract negotiations with Smith Ambulance. Our contract expires October 1, 2019. He said the hospital's decision to secure ambulance service is a good one. It may be necessary for the Village to seek a levy for the increased cost of ambulance service.

12 Students from Claymont School were in attendance to observe.

DEPARTMENTS:

STREET: Doug White was present. He said they were working on Spring Cleanup Days that were held recently. Most of their time has been spent working on mowing, weeds and repairing holes.

POLICE: Chief Todd Beeman was in attendance. He said the copier machine they had purchased a few years ago died and the company brought a new one at no cost. He also made a request to take \$650 out of the Auxiliary fund to purchase supplies for their food trailer at Dennison Railroad Festival. Motion (2) to approve the request to take \$650 from the Auxiliary fund for the Festival event was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

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Chief Beeman is also waiting for video of the damage that was done at the corner of Center and 5th St. A truck damaged a Times Reporter box, the pole and street sign.

FIRE:

Chief Dave McConnell was present. He said the brush truck has wiring issues that Northside Auto repaired. It is a temporary fix and a new brush truck will still be needed. Chief McConnell and Mayor Jeff Dryden will work on getting grants for the Brush Truck and Generator for Village hall.

Motion (3) to approve the department reports for Fire, Police and Zoning for the month of April made by Helen Borland, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

FISCAL:

Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman was in attendance. She presented bills in the amount of \$12,113.43. Motion (4) to pay the bills was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

The bank accounts have been reconciled with no outstanding receipts or adjustments. RITA collection is 6.49% to budget, \$64,025 and increase of 20.25%.

The new increase on gas taxes go into effect 7-1-2019.

The Finance Committee presented Ordinance #2714, " An amended Pay Ordinance for the Employees of the Village of Dennison and declaring an emergency. Motion (5) to waive readings and pass under emergency made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried. Motion (6) to pass Pay Ordinance #2714 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

This ordinance will be effective with all hours worked on July 2, 2019 payroll. Councilman Mike Clark will do an update of the drug policy that is included in this ordinance at a later date. The cost increase is \$20,000 to the Village for 13 full-time employees. The employees received no raise last year.

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Estimates were requested from 5 roofing companies for the Village Hall roof. One estimate was received. The estimate will install a rubberized roof for the cost of \$22,750. This includes a 20 year warranty. Motion (7) to award the bid for the Village Hall roof to Lee's Foam Coatings made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Finance Committee also approved the purchase of 4 banners that Dreamsville is selling at a cost of 2/\$500. Motion (8) to purchase 4 banners from Dreamsville Committee at a cost of \$1,000 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee also approved \$1,000 to be given to the Dennison Depot Museum toward the request made for stone for the depot. Motion (9) to give the Dennison Depot Museum \$1,000 toward the cost of stone made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

The estimates for the generator at an approximate cost of \$30,000 and the replacement brush truck, at an approximate cost of \$30,000 will be through requests for grant funding.

The Finance Committee also approved repair on the storm sewer at 400 Spring Street at a cost of \$6,635 from Bridges Excavating. Motion (10) to repair the storm sewer for \$6,635 was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Solicitor James Ong presented requests from Zoning due to the absence of Dan Shaver. He requested \$2,500 to purchase 217 N. 2nd under the Land Reutilization Program. Motion (11) to allow Zoning to use \$2,500 toward the securing the property at 217 N. 2nd made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

The land at 512 N. 2nd Street that is owned by the Village is to be sold to Billie Peterson and Mary Sabetta at a cost of \$4,000 and closing fees. Motion (12) that the land is not needed for public purpose made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried. Motion (13) sell the property at 512 N. 2nd made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

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A discussion was held about properties that the Street Department should be mowing and how to get a complete list of those properties.

Mayor Jeff Dryden recognized Andre Donovan, a Dennison resident, who won the area's Golden Gloves title.

The bid price for road salt for the 2019/2020 winter season is set at \$86.83 per ton. The Village requested 150 ton. This is an increase of \$2.30 per ton from last year's cost.

Street Sweeping will be held on June 4th and 5th.

St. Mary's Festival will be held on July 27th and 28th and they have submitted a request to close Sherman Street for those dates. Motion (14) to allow Immaculate Conception School to close Sherman Street for the dates of the St. Mary's Festival on July 27th and 28th made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

Jim Dickey set the Park, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting for Wednesday, May 23rd at 6 pm in council chambers. They will be discussing the shelter house at Thornwood Park.

Tracie Bolitho reported the Safety Committee Meeting was held on May 6th. They discussed the new law that chalking tires is no longer allowed to determine how long a vehicle has been parked. A discussion was held about the purchase of new body cameras at a cost of \$350 - \$400 each; and the replacement of guns at a cost of \$400 each with an estimated \$2,800 trade in. The property located at 417 Spring Street has not complied with the Nuisance law and they are requesting the Solicitor file a civil lawsuit against the owner. The police have made over 250 calls to the residence. Motion (15) to file the suit with a \$300 filing fee and court cost made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

Mike Clark discussed the Panhandle Passage Trail Committee's plans to have 5 kayak ramps installed. They are working with Quicksall and Associates to get a Muskingum Watershed District Grant to clean the water way. They would like the Village to sign a Memorandum of Understanding so they can become a

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