

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 21, 2016

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was made with all Council Members and Fiscal Officer Norman in attendance. Solicitor Ong was absent.

Mrs. Miskimen noted in the minutes from April 7th, the gentleman with issues on SR 800 was Ralph Mahaffey, not Ralph Mast. Motion (1) to accept the minutes of April 7, 2016 with this correction made by Patty Johnson; 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

GUEST(S):

Johna Metcalf and Trevor Bloom reported on the color run. There were 165 runners and they raised \$1400. The funds will be used to purchase a refrigerator for the high school food pantry and a donation will be made to the Human Trafficking Coalition in Tuscarawas County. The students thanked council for their cooperation and for the use of the electric. Ms. Metcalf invited council members to attend the Grandparents Day event to be held on April 29th from 9-11 am at the high school.

Blake Cameron and Derek Carson were in attendance to observe for their high school government class.

Dwight Johns of DJ's Welding asked for a 10 year commitment from council in the use of the gates at the intermediate school. He noted he is putting a lot of time and money into the gates that may only be used for one year. Mr. Johns was given an explanation as to the need for a playground at the school and noted that nothing has been set as to the length of time the gates will be used. Mr. Walker said he anticipates it being three to four years before a playground is in place and, even then, if it happens to be built where the preschool currently is, the gates will still have to be used for students to safely cross the street. Mrs. Borland noted that even if a playground is built, the gates can remain and may have multiple uses in blocking the street. Chris Corso who was also in attendance feels the Village needs to sign on as a third party and assure the gates meet ODOT regulations. After discussion, council suggested Mr. Johns talk with the school as the gates will be the school property.

Tom McCabe came to express his gratitude to the fire department and police department in their handling of the house fire next to his home. He said they did a great job of saving his home and also acknowledged Officer Boitnott for his efforts in awakening Tom and his wife and getting them safely out of the house.

At this time, Mr. DiDonato asked what the plans were for the home that was destroyed by the fire and the Mayor informed council that Mr. Shaver is already working on it.

Chris Corso reminded council about the Earth Day event to take place on Saturday, April 23rd. Also, the parade will be held on Saturday, April 30th with line-up starting at 9:00 am at the PHAC field. He would like the police department to escort the parade so the Mayor will talk with Chief Beeman on Friday morning.

Mr. Corso noted the temporary concession stand has been set and thanked the street department for assisting him. He also reported the restrooms are painted on the outside and the inside should be done this week. Motion (2) to set aside up to \$500 to help the league with improvements to the restrooms made by Greg DiDonato; 2nd by Mike Walker. Motion carried. Mr. Corso noted the electric lights in the restrooms will be upgraded.

Mrs. Norman asked about getting the mileage marked on the trail as she has heard requests for this and thought Mr. Corso may have the means to do this. This will be checked into.

Pat Cahaney arrived later in the meeting and handed out the work report for March. He said the water

board will be reorganizing with the retirement of John O'Hara and will update council when this is completed.

Mrs. Norman asked if Mr. Cahaney had checked on the water assessment the Village paid recently on a property they acquired. Mr. Cahaney said it was researched and once the assessments are made to the property taxes, they are irreversible. Mrs. Norman thanked him for checking into it.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

No department heads or representatives were in attendance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No reports to approve

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion **(3)** to pay all bills in the amount of \$27,387.90 when the funds become available made by Greg DiDonato; 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Mrs. Norman reported the audit will begin next week.

RITA collections are 15.17% down year-to-date but only 2% down to budget. Mrs. Norman also noted that the Village finances are below budget on spending.

A finance meeting has been set for Thursday, May 5th at 5:30 pm, prior to the regular council meeting, to discuss the budget, personnel, and employee wages.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Miskimen gave all council members the plans for the Thornwood Park playground and has sent a copy to ODNR for grant approval.

Mr. DiDonato reported a meeting has been set with MWCD and Quicksall for Wednesday, April 27 at 10:00 am to look at the bank erosion in the parks/trail area. There are grant funds available. Mr. Edwards was asked to attend the meeting and show the areas where the railing along the trail is starting to lean.

Mayor Dryden contacted Dr. Fisher and the Humane Society about the feral cats in the area. They do not deal with this. Mrs. Johnson has been looking into some options and programs that are available but they will require funding. She would like to set up an account so residents can donate to the cause. The issue was turned over to committee to gather more information and put a plan together.

Mrs. Johnson asked about the traffic survey for SR 800 (Johnson Avenue) where it was recently learned the speed limit had to be raised to 35 mph. A traffic survey would need to be done in order for council to request the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph. The safety committee will review this and make recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dryden talked with Chris Corso and he is interested in helping the street department with the ditch work. He would be hired for up to 40 hours at \$25 per hour as a temporary street employee. Motion **(4)** to suspend the rules in regards to **Ordinance #2626 Providing for the Employment of a Temporary Employee to Serve as Village Backhoe Operator and Backhoe Instructor and Declaring an Emergency** made by Greg DiDonato; 2nd by Mike Walker. Motion carried. Motion **(5)** to approve **Ordinance #2626 Providing for the Employment of a Temporary Employee to Serve as Village Backhoe Operator and Backhoe Instructor and Declaring an Emergency** made by Greg

DiDonato; 2nd by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden presented the resolution supporting a minimum legal sales age of 21 for all tobacco products. Some council members voiced their belief that if an 18 year old is considered old enough to vote and to serve in a war then they should be old enough to know the consequences of using tobacco products and make their own decision. No action was taken on the resolution.

Mayor Dryden presented the ordinance authorizing the Claymont City School District to close a portion of North Third Street as discussed at the previous meeting. In light of Mr. Johns' concerns and some other items that need added to the ordinance, council wishes to hold off on passing the ordinance until all details can be finalized. Mrs. Miskimen will get council's requests for changes to Solicitor Ong.

Mayor Dryden received information from the Tuscarawas County General Health District on mosquito spraying for 2016. Cost is \$3.50 per minute. Motion (6) to contract with the health district for mosquito spraying made by Mike Walker; 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden presented a quote from Elad Computer to purchase a new computer for the fire department and for the mayor. Both computers are in need of costly repairs with no guarantee that this will work due to the age of the computers. Motion (7) to purchase new computers for the fire department and the mayor at a cost of \$449.98 each plus \$75 each for installation made by Greg DiDonato; 2nd by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden heard a high school government class is planning to attend the next council meeting and one student is in a wheelchair. Due to this, the May 5th meeting will be held in the fire bay.

Mayor Dryden talked with Mayor Dorland in Uhrichsville and he is agreeable to have the fire department and police department compete against Dennison in a tug-of-war for 922-Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Greg DiDonato: Over \$58,000 has been collected for the Panhandle Passage Park so work will begin in May. Bridges Excavating will serve as the general contractor and hopes to have the project completed by Memorial Day. Mr. DiDonato is still working on lighting options for the bridges.

Helen Borland: Mrs. Borland attended a meeting at Thornwood Park to discuss the paving of the basketball courts. She also noted the street paving bids will take place in May so the Village should know who will be doing the paving in June.

Kene Edwards: Nothing

Susan Edwards: Mrs. Edwards will get a date set for the Safety Committee and will notify the members so they can discuss the SR 800 traffic survey.

Mike Walker: Nothing

Patty Johnson: Mrs. Johnson was thankful to have the Pepsi Company willing to provide a vending machine for McCluskey Park. It should be installed within the next few weeks. She asked about having one at Thornwood Park and Mr. Dickey, who was in attendance, reported that a drinking fountain will be moved outside and he suggested holding off on a vending machine until more is done at the park. The shelter is subject to flooding so this would not be good placement for a vending machine.

The 922-day kick-off meeting went well and theme of this year's event will focus on the fire departments and police departments in Uhrichsville and Dennison. Other safety groups will be invited

as well.

Mrs. Johnson voiced her concerns with getting to the council room with her health issues and asked about moving the meetings to a more convenient location. Council discussed several options and the Mayor will check into these facilities.

Meeting adjourned by rising vote.

The next Meeting will be held Thursday, May 5th @ 7:00 p.m in the fire bay.

RECORD OF COUNCIL PERSON’S VOTE FOR MEETING THIS DATE:

	RC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Borland, Helen	P	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y													
DiDonato, Greg	P	Y	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y	Y1													
Edwards, Kene	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y													
Edwards, Susan	P	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y													
Johnson, Patty	P	Y1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y													
Walker, Michael	P	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y2	Y1	Y2													

 JEFF DRYDEN
 MAYOR

 MARLA MISKIMEN
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT