

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING April 7, 2016

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

Motion (1) made to accept the minutes of March 17, 2016 by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

### **GUEST(S):**

Patty Birney, treasurer for the Twin City Youth Baseball Group, shared details on the Earth Day activities planned for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Events include an old timer baseball game, collection of used baseball equipment to be sent to other countries, educational exhibits, homerun derby, pitching contest, and much more. The ground breaking for the new concession stand will also be held this day.

Noah Hallman, David McConnell, and Erin Ralston were in attendance to observe for their high school government class.

Dan Armstrong, director of buildings and grounds for Claymont Schools, was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the installation of the gates. He noted the gates would be installed about 2 feet back from the crosswalk on the edge of the street. Right now, the board is still considering the times but may only require the street to be blocked when the children are outside at recess. Mr. DiDonato suggested the ordinance be kept vague, not mentioning specific hours at this time. Motion (2) made to allow the Claymont School District to install gates on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, at times to be determined, through the 2016-2017 school year by Helen Borland; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried. Council and the school officials will meet at the end of this time period to revisit the issue and progress toward a playground.

John Rypien questioned who would be responsible if the gates at the school would be hit. Solicitor Ong responded that the Village street liability will cover. Mr. Rypien then asked what the policy is on parked cars on the street and was informed the ordinance is now 72 hours. He was told to report any violators to the police department.

Ralph Mahaffey of 417 Johnson Avenue is getting frustrated with the jake brakes still being used and waking him up at night. He also noted the trucks are not obeying the speed limit coming into town on SR 800. The police department will investigate this and the Village will look into having "no engine brakes" signs installed closer to the 800 turn.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Street Department:** Mr. White reported the department is busy mowing and weed eating. Blacktop will be available around April 12-15. The golf cart used for cleaning and collecting trash on the trail is not running. Mr. White checked with Willandale in Strasburg and cost is \$65 per hour plus parts. Motion (3) made to have the golf cart repaired by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

At this time, Mr. DiDonato presented quotes Mr. White had obtained in regards to a new lawn mower. The 52" mower from ProCore in New Philadelphia was the best price as all of the mowers were comparable in quality. Motion (4) to purchase the Z Master 2000 Series 52" lawnmower from ProCore in New Philadelphia at a cost of \$5,999.04 made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Mr. DiDonato also asked Mr. White to start looking for a new pick-up truck to replace the Ford Ranger. The street department would like to have the 4-door so they can safely transport summer workers.

The park committee met prior to the council meeting and has some requests for the street department. The bridge ornaments need to be painted with a clear coat to avoid rusting. Mrs. Johnson asked about the spraying of the track and Mr. White said he had some trouble with the paperwork at Rural King but that has since been corrected

so he can go buy the sprayer. Mrs. Johnson asked if more area can be mowed around the track and Mr. White noted that ground is pretty rough but he would look into it.

Mr. Edwards asked if Chris Edwards had ever come in to fill out the paperwork to help with the ditch digging and was told there has been no contact. Council wishes to talk with Chris Corso about helping the street department. Mayor Dryden will contact him.

**Police Department:** Chief Beeman reported a box has been installed in Village Hall for collection of prescription drugs, in cooperation with the Tusc. Co. Sheriff's Department.

Mrs. Johnson asked about the homeless people still on the Hillyer property. Chief Beeman noted there has to be "no trespassing" signs posted before he can enforce anything. Mrs. Miskimen will get the signs ordered.

In response to council's concerns, Chief Beeman said a PIN notice was served to Steve Spring in regards to all of the appliances and junk lying around the property on Center Street.

**Fire Department:** Chief McConnell invited everyone to the Chicken BBQ sponsored by Stepping Stone on Saturday, May 7 from 10 am-4 pm. All proceeds will be donated to the Uhrichsville and Dennison Fire Departments.

**Zoning Department:** Mr. Shaver reported that AEP is surveying the poles. The Treherer property at 222 McCook Avenue can be torn down for \$4662. The insurance check came in for \$4128 leaving a balance of \$534 which will be billed to the estate. Motion (5) made to pay the difference now and have the home torn down by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

Mrs. Johnson asked if the Village has ever worked with Habitat for Humanity and Mr. Shaver said they have been offered properties in the past but usually build up north.

Mr. DiDonato mentioned a few properties that need checked: 411 Fuhr Street in the estate of Barb McRobie has overgrown bushes and needs some work; 210 Bank Street has been abandoned; and 413 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is in bad shape. Mr. Shaver reported he had the owner of 413 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street ready to turn over the home to the Village and then she sold it the next day.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Motion (6) to accept the Police Department, Fire Department, and Zoning Department Monthly Reports for March 2016 made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion (7) to pay all bills in the amount of \$43,733.32 when the funds become available made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Mrs. Norman would like to have a finance meeting set for the near future. Mr. DiDonato will work on a date for the first part of May.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Dryden presented Ordinance #2623 which is the second phase of the aggregation program, contracting with Trebel LLC. for the third reading. Motion (8) to pass **Ordinance #2623 Authorizing the Execution of an Energy Consulting and Management Agreement with Trebel, LLC, and Authorizing the Village Mayor to Sign such Agreement on Behalf of the Village** made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker.

Mrs. Miskimen reported the Shred Event is currently set for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Miskimen talked with Scott Walter of Kimble's about the truck collecting trash on North 4<sup>th</sup> Street as discussed at the last meeting. The driver has no issues with this area and said it would be worse to have the cars parked in the alley. Council agrees to do nothing until next winter and then either post a snow ban and/or send a letter to the residents asking that cars be moved so the road can be plowed.

The signs to post in the lots being sold by the Village will cost \$125 for 10 signs through Bloom’s Printing. They would be all-weather and the price includes the H brackets. Motion (9) made to purchase the 10 yard signs through Bloom’s Printing by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Dryden reported John O’Hara is retiring from the water board as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. He is the Mayor’s representative on the board. Mayor Dryden is going to appoint Doug Henry, owner of the drive-thru on Grant Street as the replacement.

The Masonic Lodge is requesting street closures for their annual car show to be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Streets to be closed are Center Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Center to Grant. Motion (10) made to approve the road closing for the Masonic Lodge Car Show by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

The Tuscarawas County Health Department is asking for council’s support in getting the age changed from 18 to 21 in purchasing tobacco products. Solicitor Ong will prepare the ordinances and council can make a decision at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Greg DiDonato:** Nothing

**Helen Borland:** Nothing

**Kene Edwards:** Nothing

**Patty Johnson:** Mrs. Johnson read a “thank you” from the Community Foundation. She asked if there was any word on the brewery and nothing has been confirmed yet. Mrs. Johnson discussed the North end problem with feral cats and has received several complaints. After some discussion, it was agreed to have Mayor Dryden call the local veterinary clinic to see what the options are. Mrs. Johnson reminded council about the quarter auction to be held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Claymont Intermediate School to benefit Thornwood Park.

**Mike Walker:** Nothing

**Susan Edwards:** Mrs. Edwards thanked the street department again for the installation of the posts along the trail at Grant Street since Mr. White was present at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned by rising vote.

The next Meeting will be held Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

**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	Y1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
DiDonato, Greg	P	Y1	Y	Y1																	
Edwards, Kene	P	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Edwards, Susan	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y										
Johnson, Patty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Walker, Michael	P	Y2	Y2	Y2	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y2	Y2	Y2										

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MAYOR

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