

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

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

Minutes from the August 16, 2018 meeting were approved with corrections. Corrections were made on September 24th. A motion (1) to approve minutes was made by Jim Dickey, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Paul Collins presented the Twin City Water and Sewer Board Report. Fire hydrant flushing would take place between October 1st and October 19th. A discussion was held about the storm sewer on Johnson Avenue.

DEPARTMENTS:

FIRE: Chief Dave McConnell said a light needed to be replaced on the fire truck. It is not under warranty. Motion (2) to replace the light with revenue from the Fire Levy in the amount of \$2,139.38 was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

The fire department received 2 grants with a total amount of \$22,428 to purchase 12 sets of gear/suits. Thank you notes will be sent by the fire department. Motion (3) to approve the purchase of 12 sets of gear made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

The 100 block of N. 3rd St. will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2018 from 4 pm to 9 pm for the annual Fire Prevention Awareness Program and Open house. Motion (4) to approve made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

POLICE: Chief Todd Beeman presented the Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement Assistance with Active Shooters, Tuscarawas County, Ohio to council. Motion (5), to suspend the rules and pass on an Emergency basis, made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried. Motion (6) to approve Ordinance #2696, the Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement Assistance with Active Shooters, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Ordinance passed on third and final reading. Chief Beeman will be purchasing fingerprinting supplies for approximately \$100.

STREET: Doug White, Street Supervisor, was in attendance. He said the department has been busy with weeding, mowing and blacktopping. They are also getting ready for 922 Day on Saturday. Ken Edwards inquired about the post at the end of Blain Street. They have been

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fixed twice but there is an issue with the foundation below the posts. The post will have to be repositioned.

ZONING: Dan Shaver presented proposals from Bridges Excavating for the demolition of 217 North Second St. at a cost of \$13,902 and 701 Center St. at a cost of \$7,182. Motion (7) to accept the proposals made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

He also requested approval to proceed with gaining possession of 608 N. 2nd St. The delinquent taxes will be paid in the amount of \$2,851.08 and the property will then be put up for sale at the minimum bid of \$3,000. Motion (8) to proceed with the possession of 608 N. 2nd was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

Dan Shaver is currently working on 320 Bank St. and 703 Center for future demolition. Dan will contact Spectrum to proceed with the previously approved internet service.

Habitat for Humanity will have projects in the Village, they will remodel a home at 629 N. 1st. Street and build a home on a lot on S. 6th Street.

Discussion was held regarding power outages on 9/20/18. Several businesses and home experienced outages and surges throughout the day. The Village hall was included in the power issues. Doug White and Todd Beeman reported lights on the south end of the main level of the building remained out. Solicitor Ong suggested that AEP be contacted for a potential surge claim. Mayor Dryden will contact AEP on 9/21/18.

FISCAL: Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman presented bills in the amount of \$33,931.61 that have been or will be paid as the funds are available. Motion (9) to pay the bills made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

Resolution #2697 was adopting and approving a credit card policy was presented. The policy is required by R C 9 21 (H.B 312) Motion (10) by Jim Dickey and 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Motion (11) to accept the monthly reports of the Zoning and Fire Department made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

RITA Revenue YTD is \$615,210.91 (76.901% to budget) Net results are \$542,636.49 compared to \$526,949.72 in 2017 YTD.

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The Preliminary budget was filed with the Tuscarawas County Auditor on 9/11/18. The Finance Committee will meet in November to discuss the final budget.

Resolution #2698 was presented to increase/amend appropriations. Motion (12) made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

The Thornwood Park Preservation Corp. provided proof of insurance for the Village file.

Mrs. Norman reported there are no changes in premium for the Life/AD& D Insurance product with Dearborn National. The policy renews on 10/1/2018.

The bank reconciliation for 6/30/16, 7/31/18 and 8/31/18 were presented with no outstanding receipts and no outstanding adjustments for any of the listed periods.

Sherman Street project – Quicksall has certified the amount due to the Twin City Water Department and ODOT. The Village will pay (from the escrow account) the Twin City Water and Sewer District \$27,234.68. The remaining balance of the escrow account will be deposited into the Sherman Street Account. The Village will pay ODOT \$46,697.03 for payment in full of the project.

Ohio Public Works has made a disbursement to W.E Quicksall Associated, Inc. a payment of \$2,784.00 for the Thornwood Park paving project. The Village has also received a disbursement of \$17,400 for the project.

Motion (13) Presentation of Resolution #2699, Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORTS:

Mayor Dryden announced that Trick or Treat in the Village will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. The event will be held in conjunction with the city of Uhrichsville.

The Street Department assisted Dennison Bridge with the State Route 800 project. ODOT's efforts are appreciated by the Village.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Greg DiDonato – The Trail extension grant request was denied but the Village was encouraged to re-submit the request next year. The Depot Museum received a grant this year so it was not possible to receive 2 grants in the same municipality in the same year. Greg recommended we downsize the current Trail project.

Trinity Hospital Twin City is requesting to close the 800 block of N. 1st Street on 10/18/18 from 8 am to 12 noon for the Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Event. Motion (14) to grant the request was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

Reminder that 922 Day will be held on Saturday, 9/22/18 at McCluskey Park.

Greg encouraged the Village to send a thank you to the Dennison Rotary for providing signage throughout the Village. Mayor Dryden will have Tammie send a thank you. The project cost was \$2,300. A note will also be placed on the Village Face book page.

Greg reported that Jeff Dudgeon installed an LED light on the 500 block of N. Second Street while Fenton's installed on more costly light on 2nd at Center St. He asked that council take note and offers their opinion on the lights.

The flags on the lamp posts will be up for sponsorship in the next year.

Helen Borland – The Street Committee took a several hour tour throughout the Village to help assess the needs/issues in the Village. A list will be provided to the appropriate departments for follow up. (I.e. Pin Notices, etc.)

Kene Edwards- Asked about the CD's of the storm sewers and Greg DiDonato said that the Village had received them.

Kene inquired if the PHAC Field had hosted out of town baseball tournaments as it had in the past few years. There were no games held this year. Chris Corso has been the facilitator in the past. Keen also inquired if the Kick Ball Tourney was still being sponsored by Trinity Twin City Hospital and Greg said he thought the tourney had been discontinued due to lack of interest. Kene reported that people are parking on the track area during football games. Discussion was held regarding the issue with no outcome.

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Mike Clark – The Website conversion is in process and should be completed in the next few weeks. The Depot received a grant for \$568,000 for Phase 9- Bed and Breakfast Car. The Village will receive bed tax revenue.

Tracie Bolitho – Tracie and her husband, Cliff wished to thank the Village, especially the Fire Department for the service they received during their recent fire. They lost all the contents and the house.

Resident at 613 Grant Street is asking for permission to install a 4 ft. handrail as theirs is an issue with the curb/sidewalk. Motion (15) made by Tracie Bolitho, 2nd by Helen Borland to approve the request for a 4 ft. handrail as long as the resident installs and maintains the rail. Motion carried. The resident must work with the Zoning Dept. Mayor Dryden will ask Dan Shaver to make contact.

Tracie reported that the neighbors on McCarty Avenue were polled with regard to converting the street to a one way pattern. The results were: 5, yes 6 no, and 1 doesn't matter. The Safety Committee recommended the professional installation of a speed bump. The engineer of the Thornwood Park Paving project will look at the feasibility. Council cautioned that other areas may make a similar request.

Jim Dickey – Recommended that patching be extended in front of the shelter house in Thornwood Park.

Solicitor James Ong – Presented an agreement for Indigent Defense Service in New Philadelphia Municipal Court by the Public Defender. Brenda will provide last year's contract price. Motion (16) to accept the agreement made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey.

Adjourned by rising motion.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 18, 2018.

Mayor Jeff Dryden

Fiscal Officer, Kathy Norman

