

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**June 13, 2016**

A special council meeting was held at 11:00 am at Thornwood Park to discuss the placement of the new playground equipment and the removal/moving of the current equipment.

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**June 16, 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)** to accept the minutes of May 19, 2016 made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

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

Mr. John McCluskey introduced himself to council as the new President of the Inter Valley Youth Football League (Pee-wee football league). The league has looked over the lease and only needs to have the name changed. Mrs. Miskimen noted the street department has changed the locks on the concession stand and a set of keys was given to Mr. McCluskey.

Mr. Jim Dickey said the group is still on schedule to install the new playground equipment on June 24, 25, and 26. Volunteers are still needed.

He received a lower bid from Carroll Asphalt for the basketball court of \$10,240. Motion **(2)** to accept the bid of \$10,240 from Carroll Asphalt made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. This will be done in a few months so the old basketball poles and hoops will remain in place for now. Doug White noted all of the old equipment is either moved or removed.

Sherwin-Williams is donating all of the paint for the outside of the shelter house and restrooms.

Motion **(3)** to accept the bid of \$850 from Potts Tree Service to remove and/or trim trees in Thornwood Park made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

Dan Shaver contacted AEP and they will replace the street light at the park and put in a new pole. DJ's Welding will strengthen the swing set for a cost of \$300.

Nathan Quicksall was present to update council on the Sherman Street project. They are about two weeks ahead of schedule and the job is still set to begin next year.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Street Department** – Doug White reported they are busy mowing, trimming, and patching holes. Mr. DiDonato thanked Doug and his staff for their assistance with the Railroad Festival.

**Fire Department** – Chief McConnell reported the Stepping Stone fundraiser held for the fire departments recently raised \$2670 for Dennison. He would like to use these funds toward the purchase of new face mask pieces at a cost of \$2684 plus shipping. Motion **(4)** to approve the expenditure of \$2684 plus shipping with the \$2670 applied toward the purchase made by Mike Walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

**Police Department** – Chief Beeman thanked the street department and fire department for their assistance during the Railroad Festival.

Mike Walker noted the Codes & Regulations Committee will set a meeting for the first part of July to discuss the ordinance changes Chief Beeman has requested.

**Zoning Department** – Dan Shaver is working on required paperwork to take down the house at 510 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. He is also working on a few more houses to demo.

After a brief discussion on the lots on S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Jewett Avenue, motion (5) to reject the bids received on these properties made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Motion (6) to accept the fire department, police department, and zoning department monthly reports for May 2016 made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion (7) to pay all bills in the amount of \$68,674.26 when the funds become available made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried. Mrs. Norman noted the amount is high due to having one meeting a month.

RITA collections are 52.625% to budget and -7.61% year-to-date. General property taxes are 56.849% to budget.

The accounting firm performing the audit contacted the Village and said everything is going well. There are just a few minor changes to be made.

Mrs. Norman presented the Resolution regarding the street levy for the November ballot. Motion (8) to pass **Resolution #2630 Declaring the Necessity to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation** made by Mike Walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried. This levy would replace the 2-mil hospital levy that expires and give the Village extra funds to use for street, curb, and sidewalk materials, maintenance, and upkeep.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Dryden presented **Ordinance #2627 Authorizing the Claymont City School District to Close a Portion of North Third Street During Specific School Hours for the 2016/2017 School Year, and Rescinding Ordinance No. 1491** for the third and final reading. Motion (9) to pass **Ordinance #2627 Authorizing the Claymont City School District to Close a Portion of North Third Street During Specific School Hours for the 2016/2017 School Year, and Rescinding Ordinance No. 1491** made by Mike Walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried. Council would like a copy of the ordinance sent to Superintendent Rocchi and to all school board members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Dryden presented **Ordinance #2631 Amending Certain Articles of the Dennison Zoning Code** for the first reading.

Solicitor Ong presented an Easement Agreement on the Ida Davis property located at 101 High Street. A recent survey found part of the property is on a Village roadway right-of-way. Motion (10) to enter into the Easement Agreement and allow the Mayor to sign the paperwork made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried.

The Dennison Depot Board of Trustees is asking council to accept the donation of the Steam Engine 2700 and the six cars attached to the Depot. This needs to be recognized for grant purposes. Mr. DiDonato noted the Village has always owned the cars but it was never officially put into writing. Motion (11) to recognize that the Village owns the railroad cars and review the documents for signing made by Mike Walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Council would still like to see a lease drawn up between the Village and the Depot. Concern is what would happen to the contents of the building and railroad cars if something were to happen. Mr. Walker will do some research on a lease.

Mayor Dryden invited council to a retirement celebration for Midvale Mayor Vera Wilson on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Midvale Park.

Mayor Dryden read a thank you note from Teri Edwards and the Twin City Chamber for sponsoring the Community Shred Event.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Patty Johnson:** Mrs. Johnson thanked those who attended the meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Thornwood Park.

The 922-Day plans are underway. The next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at McCluskey Park.

**Mike Walker:** Mr. Walker thanked Mr. DiDonato and all those on the Railroad Festival Committee for a nice festival this year, and thanks to the police and fire departments for their work on traffic control. There was discussion on the ending of the parade and on how to accommodate the floats.

**Susan Edwards:** Nothing.

**Kene Edwards:** Mr. Edwards has noticed a lot of big trucks coming in on North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street instead of taking the truck route. Mr. Walker mentioned trucks are going down Bank Street in front of his house to the new business at Laurel Grocery instead of going down Logan Street. Chief Beeman said he has stopped the truck drivers and feels the big issue is with the GPS systems used. He will make a visit to the business at Laurel and inform them to have the truck drivers use the truck route and the police department will try to patrol N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street a little more.

**Helen Borland:** Mrs. Borland noted how nice it is to have a police, fire, and street department who work so well together.

**Greg DiDonato:** Mr. DiDonato would like to get the advertisements running for the Administrative Assistant's job. Mrs. Miskimen reported her last official day will be August 15<sup>th</sup> as this is when the pay period ends. The goal is to get someone hired so they can spend time in training. Motion (12) to accept the job description and to take applications through July 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm for the Administrative Assistant's job made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried. Solicitor Ong will work on the wording for the advertisement.

Mr. DiDonato would like to see letters of congratulations sent to Mayor Wilson on her retirement and to the Village of Tuscarawas on their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mr. DiDonato mentioned that the Railroad Festival had several local groups at this year's festival. The local groups are not charged to set up at the festival as this is the festival's way of giving back to the community. The local groups raised \$5,000-\$6,000.

Mr. DiDonato feels the Village should have more notice on insurance renewals. The previous policy for liability insurance saved the Village money but did not give council adequate time to review everything. Mr. Dryden will inform Romig Insurance of the request. Motion (13) to approve the liability insurance policy with Romig Insurance made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

At this time, motion (14) to move into executive session to discuss personnel with no outcome made by Mike Walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Motion (15) to move out of executive session made by Helen Borland; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by rising vote.

The next Meeting will be held Thursday, July 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	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y1
DiDonato, Greg	P	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y	Y	Y1	Y	Y1	Y1	Y	Y						
Edwards, Kene	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y2	Y						
Edwards, Susan	P	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Johnson, Patty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y						
Walker, Michael	P	Y2	Y2	Y2	Y1	Y2	Y	Y	Y1	Y1	Y	Y1	Y	Y2	Y1	Y2						

\_\_\_\_\_  
 JEFF DRYDEN  
 MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
 MARLA MISKIMEN  
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT