

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2016

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was made with all Council members and Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman present. Solicitor James Ong was not in attendance.

Motion (1) to accept the minutes of Regular Meeting October 4, 2016 was made by Patty Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards.

## GUESTS:

Blair Quesenberry of Precision Geophysical, Inc. was present. His company does seismic testing for the gas and oil industry. He discussed the process his company would use to do tests within the Village limits on Johnson Avenue, Jewett Avenue, Center Street, North 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Stillwater Avenue. The intention of the testing is to find Gas and Oil formations. The entire process would take approximately 1 ½ hours. Traffic controls would be provided by the company and no roads would be completely blocked during the tests. They will also video the roads so as to protect the Village from any damage that may be caused by the process.

Greg DiDonato asked that JJ Ong be notified so he could handle the arrangements and communication. The testing will not take place for at least 2 weeks but all parties will be notified prior to their arrival. Motion (2) to allow road use for the tests performed by Precision Geophysical, Inc. made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

James Dickey of the Thornwood Park Preservation Group was present. He said that the electric work that was approved at the last council meeting was completed. The group had also filed for some grants for the installation of a new roof on the Shelter house but they were denied. They are going to try to take on the project themselves. The estimate to complete the project is \$6,200. Mr. Dickey said that the Port Authority needed to be called and council agreed that Mr. Dickey could make that call on behalf of the Thornwood Group.

Thornwood Park would also be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner for Breast Cancer fundraising at the Park Christian Church on October 22 from 5-7 pm. They would also be holding a Halloween Party on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm at the Shelter house for the neighborhood children. Hayrides will be provided on an approved route if weather permits.

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## DEPARTMENTS:

**POLICE:** Chief Todd Beeman presented quotes for a new police car that is budgeted for 2017. The cost of the new car, fully equipped, is \$47,019.74. It would take 85 -100 days from order date to delivery. Mayor Dryden noted that the budgeted amount would need to be increased as \$40,000 was budgeted for the purchase.

**FIRE:** Assistant Fire Chief Jim Shamel was present. He said that the Department received \$1,000 in grant money from the Dewey and Irene Moomaw Foundation Trust towards the purchase of Portable lighting for the fire trucks. The fire department is requesting council allow for the remainder of the cost, \$969.00, so the lights may be purchased. Motion (3) to purchase the portable lights for the fire trucks made by Helen Borland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg DiDonato. Motion carried.

Fire Safety week concluded with all the Village children having fire safety training at area schools. The Open house was a great success with over 400 people attending. The Fire Department is now in the process of starting their Christmas Basket Project for the holiday season and hopes to fill at least 100 Christmas Baskets for village residents. The families are selected by the T4C Committee.

Kathy Norman complemented the Fire Department for their professional handling of a house fire at Clay Court a few weeks ago.

**ZONING:** Not present.

## FINANCIAL:

Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman presented bills in the amount of \$13,008.28. Motion (4) to pay the bills when the funds are made available made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

RITA collections are 86% to budget, .14% ahead of last year. Collections are on track for budget.

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The HARCATUS group is leaving the Village in November. They are one of our top 4 employers. YTD the tax revenue was \$25,559.15, an increase from 2015. The rent was raised by the owner and the building is up for sale. HARCATUS was hoping to find a building with all offices on one level. The kitchen, located on Grant Street, will remain as it is a central location to serve Harrison and Carroll Counties. The owner of the building has agreed to do updates in the building.

The 922 Day group collected \$4,070.00 for our Safety Forces. That amount has been divided and the police and fire departments in Uhrichsville and Dennison will receive a check for \$1,017.50. The generosity of the community has been overwhelming and we appreciate their efforts in supporting our Police and Fire Departments.

The Bank Reconciliation was completed with no outstanding adjustments. Request to increase appropriations for Roadwork and Paving in the amount of \$10,000. Motion (5) to increase appropriations, Resolution #2648, made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Thornwood Park Grant is in process for final payment.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Dryden had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #2646 for the Establishment of a Social Media Policy for Employees of the Village and Ordinance #2627 declaring it unlawful to rake, place or mow grass clippings on the pavement or sidewalk.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Motion (6) was made to pass the Agreement for Indigent Defense Services for 2017 by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

A request from Twin City Hospital was received to close the street at First and Fuhr on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for the Breast Cancer Awareness event. Motion (7) to allow the street closure made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried.

Street Sweeping will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Village.

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## COUNCIL and COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Patty Johnson – She reports that she has stepped down as Chairwoman for 922 day and handed the responsibilities over to Tammie Taggart, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

There have not been any Dreamsville meetings scheduled for her to attend.

Boiler inspection at the City Building was conducted by the State Inspector.

McCluskey Park Concession Stand is closed for the year and the Pee Wee Football has completed its season. The Street Department will have it winterized for the season. They are still having breakers trip and the waterline in the pump house is in bad condition. We will need to look at tearing it down and replacing it with a combination building.

Toilets in the city building need replaced.

Mike Clark – no report

Susan Edwards – no report

Kene Edwards – Doug White from the Street Department talked to Asplundh Tree Company and they were to contact someone in the Forestry Division about taking down some trees for us. They didn't help any last year and they are receiving free parking for their trucks. Mayor Dryden said he would stop and talk to them on Friday morning.

If Doug White helps with the Seismic testing he would like Precision Geophysical, Inc. to pay him for his wages. Kathy Norman said that would be no problem to bill them for the wages.

The roof on the City Building has been inspected.

We had a meeting with Quicksall about the Concession Stand for the PHAC Park and private dollars would need to be found to complete the project.

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Helen Borland – They met with Shelly and Sands on Wednesday. Paving will start a week from Friday. Overbidding on projects by Shelly and Sands caused the delay in the start of the Village paving.

Greg DiDonato- Would like to have the Village Officer Handbook on the State Auditor's website printed and available to all members of Council. Tammie Taggart will check into it.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting: November 3, 2016 at 7 pm

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Jeff Dryden, Mayor

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Tammie Taggart, Admin. Assistant

### RECORD OF COUNCIL PERSON'S VOTE FOR MEETING THIS DATE:

	RC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Helen Borland	P	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y	
Mike Clark	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Greg DiDonato	P	Y	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	
Kene Edwards	P	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	
Susan Edwards	P	Y2	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Patty Johnson	P	Y1	y	Y	y	Y	Y	Y2	