

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2016

Mayor Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members Greg DiDonato, Helen Borland, Mike Clark and Susan Edwards were in attendance. Kene Edwards and Patty Johnson were absent. Solicitor James Ong was also absent. Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman was in attendance.

Motion (1) to go into Executive Session on a Personnel issue with no outcome expected made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried. Executive session from 7:03 pm – 7:33 pm. Motion (2) to exit Executive Session made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Brad Hillyer, Judge of Southern District Court was present. Judge Hillyer wanted to inform council of the procedure he uses to deal with dilapidated property charges. He said most of the homeowners do not have financial ability to pay fines. He said he handles no Dennison Rental property citations himself. Housing violations are continued until remedied. Probation officers check each property prior to the continuance hearing to see if work has been completed. It takes a lot of court time. He said his court is open if any of council would like to attend to see how the hearings are conducted. Mayor Dryden said that he receives a lot of calls about the dilapidated homes in the Village that the repairs are not being completed on and his Police officers spend a lot of time on these cases that are ordered to pay court costs and are not assessed any fines. Greg DiDonato said that it is the citation of landlords who are not being fined that is the biggest problem for the Village. Judge Hillyer said he doesn't handle any cases like that. Greg DiDonato also said the Landlords are operating a business and should be fined but the cases are being dismissed. Zoning Officer Dan Shaver said he has shown up at hearings and the landlords didn't appear in court. Police Chief Todd Beeman said that the owners of the rental properties need to be held accountable; there are some properties that were cited in 2012 that are still in bad condition. Helen Borland noted that we were obviously speaking to the wrong person about the problem since he was not handling the cases. Judge Hillyer then suggested that the Village consider raising the penalty for the cases up from a minor misdemeanor.

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Jim Dickey of the Thornwood Preservation Group was in attendance. He asked that Mayor Dryden draw the name for the 50/50 drawing. Mayor Dryden drew the name of Tom Pool. Mr. Dickey would contact the winner.

Department Reports: Motion (3) to accept the Police and Zoning reports for the month of November made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Motion (4) to accept the Minutes from the December 1, 2016 Council meeting made by Helen Borland, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS:

Fire Department: Assistant Chief Jim Shamel was present. He notified council that the Fire Department had been awarded 2 grants in the last week. One would provide for the purchase of a new Thermal Imaging Camera and the second grant would provide for the purchase of 17 pagers for the department. A donation was also received from the Donald Wright family in the amount of \$50 for the fire department donation account. A letter, which was received by Don Wright's grandson, thanking the Fire Department for their assistance was read by Administrative Assistant Tammie Taggart to council.

Zoning Department: No report

Police Department: He reported that the Polar Express went very well. He also asked council if he could be invited to the next Finance committee meeting when it is scheduled.

Fiscal Officer: Kathy Norman presented the bills to be paid. She did not have the amount due to a computer issue. Motion (5) to pay the bills when funds become available made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

The bank reconciliation had no outstanding receipts or adjustments. RITA deposits were \$829,055.81, which was approximately \$9055 over the 2016 budgeted amount. A decrease of \$34,910 in comparison to YTD from 2015/2016.

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The Certification of Resources from the Auditor's office was received for the Road levy. There has been an increase in property values over the estimate from last year.

Revenue is 100% to budget, and 90% to appropriations.

A letter was received from Solicitor James Ong requesting the Mayor receive an increase in stipend to \$900 effective January 1, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion (6) to accept the Operation and Governance Plan for the Village of Dennison Electric Aggregation was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Council Reports:

Greg DiDonato said that a check was placed with the Dennison Rail Road Festival for the funds from Kimble's recycling refund has been received back and it was placed in the Park account for park improvements. He was also notified by Twin City Youth Baseball League representative, Chris Corso, that Reeves Foundation approved their grant for \$53,000 for replacing the fencing at the PHAC and practice fields. The Dennison Railroad Festival was also granted \$10,000 for the Gazebo roof and outdoor furniture replacement. The Trinity Twin City Hospital Foundation also received \$20,000 from the Kimble Foundation.

Mike Clark said that the Akron Beacon Journal had recently done an article on the Dennison Depot that was very nice. He also informed Council that the restaurant at the Depot has ceased operation effective immediately.

Susan Edwards said the Cemetery Board would hold a joint meeting on January 15, 2017. She also asked that Committees not remain the same for 2017. The Committee appointments will take place at the first Council meeting of the new year.

Helen Borland wanted to wish Council and Village employees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Mayor Dryden wanted to thank everyone for their cooperation and assistance for his first year. He said everyone had been very helpful and he was looking forward to a productive new year in 2017.

Motion (7) to move the next Council meeting from Thursday, January 5, 2017 to Tuesday, January 3, 2017 was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion Carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Meeting Adjourned.

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Helen Borland	P	Y	Y2	Y1	Y2	Y2	Y	Y
Mike Clark	P	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2
Greg DiDonato	P	Y1	Y1	Y	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1
Kene Edwards	A							
Susan Edwards	P	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y2	Y
Patty Johnson	A							