

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 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 5, 2016 made by Patty Johnson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried. A typo noting the next meeting will be held "in the fire bay" will be omitted.

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

Mr. Jim Dickey reported the equipment for Thornwood Park has been ordered and could be installed the last weekend in June. Motion (2) to approve the expenditure of \$34,621.00 to Meyer Design for the playground equipment made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried. The cost is covered by the NatureWorks grant. Mr. Dickey would like to use the alley for parking during the construction period as the parking lot will be filled with stone and mulch. Motion (3) to allow the closing of the alley as needed made by Mike Walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg DiDonato. Motion carried.

The Thornwood Park committee is currently painting the shelter house and has other improvements to be made. Their rental fee is \$10 per hour, up to a maximum cost of \$50 per day and they are getting a lot of reservations.

Mr. Dickey asked about getting some traffic signs posted at the park and was informed to discuss this with the police as there are regulations on the posting of signs.

The Thornwood Park committee is now a 501C3 but the funds for the playground improvements will continue to be recorded at the Village office.

In closing, Mr. Dickey invited council to come and watch the Challenger Baseball Team play at the Little League fields. This is a team of children with special needs and they will be playing May 26<sup>th</sup> and a few games in June.

Roger and Debra Brokaw were in attendance.

Randy Fox questioned council's decision to close 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in front of the school as he doesn't feel the pavement is adequate for the children to play on. Mike Walker updated Mr. Fox that the ordinance gives the school one year to come up with a plan.

Pat Cahaney gave council an updated work report for the Water Department. He will be chairman of the water board and Mr. Doug Henry will serve as treasurer/reporter. Mr. Cahaney or Mr. Henry will be attending council meetings.

Mr. Cahaney complimented Mr. DiDonato on the Panhandle Passage Park improvements.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Police Department** – Chief Beeman reported that Sergeant Grezlik and full-time hire Josh Newman are due to come off of their probation period. Motion (4) to remove Sergeant Grezlik from probation immediately and Patrolman Josh Newman from probation effective May 30<sup>th</sup> as Mayor Dryden recommends made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

The transformer move for AEP went smooth. There are areas that need repaired.

Chief Beeman would like to have a meeting with the ordinance committee to discuss the progression of fines in regards to street parking.

The police and fire department will be selling food at the Railroad Festival.

Mrs. Johnson thanked Chief Beeman for handling the speeding issue at the PHAC park so quickly.

**Fire Department** – Chief McConnell read a resignation letter from full time firefighter Shane Dorland

effective June 3, 2016. He will be going to Uhrichsville. Motion (5) to accept the resignation of firefighter Dorland made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

**Zoning Department** – The zoning board met last week and has a few changes they would like made to the zoning code. The board approved the new zoning map.

Mr. Shaver had a request for a Mexican food truck at the old QuickChek location. Solicitor Ong noted there are no restrictions as far as council and zoning are concerned.

**Street Department** – Not present.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** - No reports.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion (6) to pay all bills in the amount of \$66,363.77 when the funds become available made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

RITA collections are 43% to budget and \$39.37 over last year at this time. General property taxes are 56.849% to budget. Revenue in the general fund is 47.755% to budget and total revenue 47.997% to budget. Appropriations are 32.675% to budget. Mrs. Norman noted finances are in good shape as the Village is collecting more and spending less.

### **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 second reading.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The summer salt order is due May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Village contracted for 100 ton and must take at least 90%. Mrs. Miskimen reported that the street department estimates 100-125 ton currently in stock. Motion (7) to order 100 tons of salt to finish the 2016 contract made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden presented **Resolution #2628 Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-17) For Road Salt**. This resolution and the order are due May 27<sup>th</sup>. After discussion it was agreed to commit to an additional 175 ton of salt for next winter. Motion (8) to pass **Resolution #2628 Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-17) for Road Salt** and commit to 175 tons of salt made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden opened the bids on the properties recently advertised.

510-514 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street - Kevin Johns bid \$3,750 and Stephen Spring bid \$3,502. Motion (9) to accept Kevin Johns bid of \$3,750 for 510-514 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

604 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street - a bid of \$1,111.11 was received from Bitikofer Land, Homes, and Rentals. Motion (10) to accept Bitikofer's bid of \$1,111.11 for 604 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

The bids submitted for 118 Jewett Avenue and 100 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street by Steve Spring were discussed as to the intended use of the properties. At this time, Mrs. Brokaw also questioned the minimum bid and size of the S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street property. After discussion, council referred the bids and questions to the

building committee for further investigation and recommendations.

**Ordinance #2629 An Amended Pay Ordinance for The Employees of the Village of Dennison and Declaring An Emergency** was presented to council. The finance committee is recommending a minimum of 35 cents per hour for employees with a few positions being a little higher. The new ordinance also implements a drug policy for employees. Motion **(11)** to suspend the rules regarding **Ordinance #2629 An Amended Pay Ordinance For The Employees of the Village of Dennison and Declaring An Emergency** made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried. Motion **(12)** to pass **Ordinance #2629 An Amended Pay Ordinance For The Employees of the Village of Dennison and Declaring An Emergency** made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried. The new pay rates are effective July 8, 2016.

Solicitor Ong talked with Mr. Albaugh and he would like N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street vacated. After discussion, council feels vacating the street will not solve the dispute between the two residents in this area. Council recommends they stay off of the area in dispute and the street department will mow it as it is Village property. Solicitor Ong will prepare a letter and mail it to Mr. Heter and Mr. Albaugh. Mayor Dryden will notify the street department to begin mowing this property again.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Greg DiDonato:** McConnell's Landscaping gave an estimate of \$1300 to landscape the area around the war monuments by the Depot. Motion **(13)** to approve the expenditure of \$1300 to McConnell's Landscaping for landscaping at the site of the war monuments made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried.

Mr. DiDonato suggested seeking a 2 mil levy in November for street repairs/paving. This levy would replace the hospital levy that is expiring so residents would pay no additional taxes. It could generate \$50,000-\$55,000 for street paving. Motion **(15)** to authorize the fiscal officer to get a 2 mil certification from the Tuscarawas County Auditor's office for a possible levy on the November ballot made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried. This issue will be discussed at future meetings.

The administrative assistant position was discussed as Marla Miskimen accepted a full time position at the school beginning in August. Discussion was held on making the job full time and starting the hiring process in the near future. Motion **(16)** to turn the job description and hours over to the finance committee to discuss made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

**Helen Borland:** Mrs. Borland received an "as read" bid of \$86,250 from the Tuscarawas County Engineer's office for road paving.

**Kene Edwards:** Mr. Edwards presented a quote of \$34,680 from Northstar who is paving Woodland Avenue and McCook Avenue for the gas company. This would complete the paving on these two streets at a lower cost to the Village. Motion **(14)** to hire Northstar to pave Woodland and McCook made by Kene Edwards; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Walker. Motion carried.

Mr. Edwards asked about Chris Corso's work with the street department and was informed the paperwork is done and the street department is getting things set up.

**Susan Edwards:** Mrs. Edwards is still waiting on information from Nathan Quicksall about the traffic survey for State Route 800.

**Mike Walker:** Nothing to report.

**Patty Johnson:** Mrs. Johnson reported Donut Day will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7am-9 am with the

Depot giving out free coffee and donuts. The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Dreamsville committee inquired about new sidewalks and/or lights on the southside to correspond with the Historic Southside District theme. Mr. DiDonato noted there is a process this request would have to go through by the Dreamsville Committee before council could even consider this.

There are three individuals/groups interested in leasing Lucille's.

Mrs. Johnson asked Mr. DiDonato about a diagonal sidewalk that was to be placed at the Panhandle Passage Park. Mr. DiDonato noted this may come in the future.

Meeting adjourned by rising vote.

The next Meeting will be held Thursday, June 16<sup>th</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
DiDonato, Greg	P	Y	Y1	Y2	Y1	Y	Y1	Y1													
Edwards, Kene	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y1	Y	Y				
Edwards, Susan	P	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Johnson, Patty	P	Y1	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y				
Walker, Michael	P	Y	Y	Y1	Y2	Y2	Y2	Y	Y2	Y2	Y2	Y2	Y	Y2	Y2	Y2	Y2				

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MAYOR

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