

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2016

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was made with five Council Members, Fiscal Officer Norman, and Solicitor Ong in attendance. Council member Mike Walker was absent. The meeting was held in the fire bay.

Motion (1) to accept the minutes of April 21, 2016 made by Patty Johnson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Sara Conrad, teacher at Claymont High School and members of her government class were in attendance. Students were Lauren Cox, Kayla Blackburn, Jon Walters, Cooper Cannon-Enos, Gracie Carlisle, Brian Ruffini, Colton Glauser, Robert Nalley, David McConnell, and Erica Bentoski.

Mr. Doug Henry was introduced to council as the Mayor's candidate for the Twin City Water Board. Mr. Henry will replace John O'Hara who is retiring.

Nate Quicksall updated council on the Sherman Street project. Discussion was held with Mr. Doug Henry about the water lines in this area as they are 100 years old and council would like those replaced when the other work is done. Mr. Quicksall also reported the PHAC slope stabilization project is not fundable. MWCD saw no evidence of bank erosion and feels the slanted rails are due to settling.

Joel Peterson presented information on the Tuscarawas County Cross Country Coaches Association Coaches Crawl to be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The race starts in front of Dennison Yard and he would like permission to close the road for registration. Mr. Peterson noted more than \$8,000 in scholarship money has been given out over past years to area students. Motion (2) to close the 200 block of Center Street on June 15<sup>th</sup> for the Coaches Crawl made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Tracy Bolitho, an employee of Pangrazio's Pizza brought concerns to council about residents violating the 2-hour parking limit on Grant Street. She feels it is affecting their business. Chief Beeman reported he has an officer coming in to chalk tires and issue tickets. Parking fine is \$25 for the first offense with towing of the auto if there is a second offense. The matter was turned over to the street committee to discuss the current times on the parking ban and to discuss progressive fines.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Zoning Department** – Mr. Shaver reported the fire-damaged home at 808 Grant Street was demolished on an emergency basis due to the danger of the home falling. Motion (3) to approve the expenditure of \$8560 to Bridges Excavating for the demolition of the home at 808 Grant Street made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Mr. Shaver also reported the fire-damaged home at 222 McCook Avenue has been demolished. He will be contacting the lawyer about the grass getting mowed.

**Street Department** – The street department has been busy with blacktopping and mowing. The new Pepsi machine is scheduled to be delivered to McCluskey Park next Thursday. The street department is also working on marking the storm drains for the GIS mapping.

The street department has an old Troy Bilt mower they would like to get rid of and had an offer of \$50 from Miranda Wardell. Council approves the sale of the mower for parts.

**Police Department** – Chief Beeman has sent letters to the Ohio State Patrol for help in patrolling State Route 800 and State Route 36 to catch the violators of the engine brake law/signs. He is talking with Salinski Force about the transportation of a large transformer for AEP from the railroad tracks through town. A meeting will be set with the police chief and the mayor to discuss this. Chief Beeman and his staff participated in the Earth Day event and he said it went very well.

At this time, Greg DiDonato made a motion (4) to remove Chief Beeman from his 6 month probation period; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried.

**Fire Department** – Not present

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Motion (6) to accept the zoning, fire, and police reports for April 2016 made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion (5) to pay all bills in the amount of \$11,194.82 when the funds become available made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen Borland. Motion carried. This includes \$7,500 to the Dennison Railroad Festival for the Panhandle Passage Park.

RITA collections are \$6,000 down year-to-date but over budget.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Clean-up will be held May 10 and 11.

Reminder council meetings will be cancelled the first Thursday of June, July, and August.

### **NEW 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 first reading.

Motion (7) to allow Immaculate Conception Church to close Sherman Street from N. 1<sup>st</sup> to N. 2<sup>nd</sup> from July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup> for the St. Mary's Festival made by Greg DiDonato; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden reported he has met with the school and is still working on the issue with the closing of the road during the school year.

Mrs. Edwards asked Doug Henry about the hydrant flushing in her neighborhood and why no notice was given. The flushing was part of the general maintenance. He will check into better notification being given to residents.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Patty Johnson:** Mrs. Johnson reported that the 922-day meeting went well and the theme is honoring the safety forces. The tug-of-war is a possibility between Uhrichsville and Dennison. The next meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at McCluskey Park.

**Susan Edwards:** Mrs. Edwards reported on the safety and welfare meeting. A concerned resident has stepped up to work on the issue with the feral cats. Thanks to those who have offered to help. The traffic survey on State Route 800 to determine if the speed limit can be lowered to 25 will cost \$6,000-

\$8,000. The survey can track how many cars and trucks go through and at what speed. Nathan Quicksall is getting more information for Mrs. Edwards.

**Kene Edwards:** Mr. Edwards will keep an eye on the trail handrail that is settling.

**Helen Borland:** Mrs. Borland talked with the Tuscarawas County Engineer’s office and the paving contracts should be in by the end of the month.

**Greg DiDonato:** The finance committee met prior to the regular council meeting. Mr. DiDonato reported the finances are very solid for the Village and they are recommending 35 cents per hour raises for employees to begin July 8<sup>th</sup>. There are a few other issues with the pay ordinance that need covered with Solicitor Ong and then it will be prepared for a future meeting. The committee would also like to raise the solicitor’s salary up to \$8,000 per year.

Mr. DiDonato reported that Dominion is doing some line replacement work on Woodland Avenue and McCook Avenue and will be paving half of those roads when done. He suggested getting cost to pave the remaining half of the road. Doug White noted the water lines in these areas are also bad and those streets have been dug up several times for repairs. Dan Shaver will get more information on the time frame and cost for paving.

**Mike Walker:** Absent.

Mrs. Norman thanked the department heads for doing a good job at deciding on projects to be done and in spending wisely. This has helped keep the finances strong in the Village.

Mayor Dryden thanked Chief McConnell and all other employees who helped set up the tables and chairs in the fire bay for the council meeting.

Meeting adjourned by rising vote.

The next Meeting will be held Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m..

**RECORD OF COUNCIL PERSON’S VOTE FOR MEETING THIS DATE:**

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| Borland, Helen  | P  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y2 | Y  | Y  |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| DiDonato, Greg  | P  | Y  | Y1 | Y1 | Y1 | Y1 | Y1 | Y1 |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Edwards, Kene   | P  | Y  | Y2 | Y2 | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Edwards, Susan  | P  | Y2 | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y2 | Y  |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Johnson, Patty  | P  | Y1 | Y  | Y  | Y2 | Y  | Y  | Y2 |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Walker, Michael | A  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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