

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All Council members were present along with Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman. Solicitor JJ Ong was absent.

Patty Johnson made a Motion (1) to accept the meeting minutes from January 3, 2017. Greg DiDonato 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

GUEST:

Brett Schmeid from AEP Transmission was present to discuss the Transmission Line Rebuild that is going through the McCluskey Park area. He provided council a map showing the existing lines and the new proposed lines. They are in the process of getting the proposed line approved through the Power Citing Board. The proposed lines have a higher voltage and will require a wider easement, the current easement is 50ft, and the proposed would be 100ft. There is one structure in the proposed easement. The village would be paid market value for the structure.

The vote of the Power Citing Board is scheduled for February 2, 2017 and they expect the start time to be approximately 2 months after the approval is granted. The Panhandle Walking Trail may have to be closed for short periods of time while the cement pads are installed. Motion (2) to recommend the proposition of the proposed power lines and approve the Solicitor to negotiate on behalf of the Village made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Pat Cahaney from the Twin City Water Board was present. He provided Council with a report from the Board. Pat tendered his resignation as the Village of Dennison representative on the Twin City Water Board effective January 31, 2017. He said that the contract negotiation was finalized for the Water and Sewer employees. Council thanked Pat for his 22 years of service to the Village as a representative on the Twin City Water Board. Motion (3) to accept the resignation of Pat Cahaney and advertise the open position made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried. Interest letters for the Twin City Water Board should be received at the Village Hall by Friday, February 3, 2017 at 4 pm.

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Mr. Ross was present. He wanted to thank council for the street repairs done on 10th Street (Stillwater Circle). He said the berm still needs to be raised from in front of his house to the garage. The Village has been very helpful. He said the Street Department installed 15 mph signs to help curb the speeders but the area needs more patrol.

DEPARTMENTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Dave McConnell presented a quote for \$2610.59 to repair of the mud flap and wheel well on the new Fire truck. He said that it was caught and torn off during a call on McCrea Avenue. The claim could be turned into insurance, and the Village would be responsible for a \$500 deductible. Motion (4) to make an insurance claim to fix the fire truck and pay the \$500 deductible out of the Fire Truck Levy funds, Fund #3901 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Chief McConnell reported that Steven Joki has successfully served his 6 month probation period. Mayor Dryden approved and recommended Steve Joki be removed from probation. Motion (5) to take Steve Joki off probation and approve a partial clothing reimbursement made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Susan Edwards questioned Chief McConnell about the protocol not being followed on drug screening post accident with the fire truck damage. Chief McConnell said the damage wasn't noticed for several days after the incident and they didn't know for sure who was driving it at the time. Chief McConnell will discuss the protocol that should have been followed with all the drivers and document the discussion.

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Dan Shaver was present. He has sent letters to the homeowners of all the properties on the Neglected Property list. He also added another property, 308 Woodland Ave. to the list. With appropriations for demolition of \$50,000, Dan will make a plan for demolition. Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman said all of them cannot be completed at one time because we have to stay true to budget. Mrs. Norman said there are still funds available in the Block Grant of \$9895 if they are used for the original intent of the grant.

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Dan Shaver would like to rebid the lots the Village has for sale when council is ready to do so. Mr. Shaver discussed the house on Fuhr Street; he said the house itself is not in bad condition by the garage needs torn down. The homeowner passed away and the family is in charge of the property.

Mr. Shaver also informed Council that Habitat for Humanity is also interested in several properties in the Village. He also requested that the new Twin City Water Board appointee be informed that the Water Department needs to come get permits for non-emergency work in the Village.

Motion (6) to accept the Zoning Department monthly report and 2016 Annual report was made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

FISCAL DEPARTMENT:

Kathy Norman, Fiscal Officer was present. She presented bills in the amount of \$28,415.76. Motion (7) to pay the bills when funds become available made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Mrs. Norman said that we are operating on the temporary budget that was filed in the fall with the Auditor's office. The final budget is due April 15, 2017. The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2017 at 5 pm in Council Chambers.

The first month of RITA came in 7.09% to the preliminary budget, we may need to adjust.

Mrs. Norman also presented Resolution #2656 to place the tax levy on the ballot. She recommends the Council Meeting be moved from Thursday, February 2 to Monday, January 30, 2017 to provide enough time to get the Resolution to the Board for the May ballot. The Resolution was passed in 2011 for Current Expenditures. Motion (8) to submit Resolution #2656 to the Auditor and to move the Finance Committee Meeting to Monday, January 30 instead of Thursday, February 2nd at 5 pm made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Helen Borland contacted the County Engineer about the paving request on Fette Rd. and Wolf Run Rd. that are located in the Village. Fette Rd. would cost \$3,292.50 and Wolf Run Rd. would be at a cost of \$20,008. With the Sherman Street Project in 2017, and after a review of the roads, it was decided to accept the paving request for Fette Rd. for 2017 but not the section of Wolf Run Rd. that is in the Village limits. The Wolf Run Rd. section doesn't appear to be in bad condition. Motion (10) to participate in the paving of Fette Rd. but declining participation in the paving of Wolf Run Rd. for 2017 and also requesting that the County Engineer notify us earlier next year of paving needs inside the Village limits. Motion made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato discussed the list from Kimble that showed 6 % of residents with outstanding trash bills. The list has grown to 66 households, only 11 of those are rental properties. A courtesy letter should be sent to all these households to remind them of the ordinance. The ordinance doesn't have a penalty spelled out. A notice can also be included in the Spring newsletter (that is included with the Kimble bills). Motion (11) to have Tammie Taggart, Administrative Assistant, work with Solicitor Ong to craft a courtesy letter to the homeowner's delinquent in their trash bill made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Patty Johnson discussed a previous plan to do a Vision/Long Range forecast for the Village that has not been completed. It would include thoughts of citizens, all departments for future growth and maintenance of the Village. Kathy Norman, Fiscal Officer, said that she did remember discussing tracking of when vehicles were last replaced, roads last paved, levies last passed and business development. Greg DiDonato suggested that would be a good summer Intern project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Dryden said he received a final package from ODOT for the Sherman Street Project. The package was forwarded to Solicitor Ong for administration.

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The Mayor also received a letter about a road closing at Clendening Dam and that the Village of Dennison might receive an extra amount of traffic due to the road being closed.

The Mayor also discussed a conversation he had with Mr. Chris Corso, Twin City Little League. He said they were planning to get a Chinese team and the Oldtimers teams to play a game this spring. He also had a discussion about using the football field for a portable soccer field. Greg DiDonato said that the Village has an agreement with Pee Wee football and Claymont Schools that would have to be worked around. Mr. Corso also relayed to the Mayor that they would like to add another baseball field between the practice field and the football field. Greg suggested that Mr. Corso contact Patty Johnson to set up a meeting with the Park Committee to discuss their wants and needs.

Mayor Dryden read the Proclamation #2657 proclaiming January 22, 2017 Cody "No Love" Garbrandt and Maddux Maple Day in honor of Cody's win of the UFC Bantam weight Championship and Maddux's win over cancer. Motion (12) to name January 22, 2017 Cody "No Love" Garbrandt and Maddux Maple day made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden discussed his recent class at the Ohio Municipal League for Mayor's Court. The Mayor's court clerk, Tammie Taggart, would attend class in March. Property improvement was a large part of the discussion of the class participants. The Mayor expects to ask Council for approval to establish Mayor's Court for the Village later in the year.

Patty Johnson asked about the plans to close the streets for the Cody Garbrandt parade. All police officer and traffic controls would be in place for the 2 pm line up. The Claymont Marching Band would also perform. Kene Edwards said that he had found a leak upstairs on the 3rd floor and also a window that had a leak around it from the outside. A contractor would be contacted to fix the roof leak.

