

# REGULAR MEETING

## MARCH 16, 2017

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All Council members were in attendance except for Kene Edwards, who was absent. Fiscal Officer, Kathy Norman was present. Solicitor James Ong was not in attendance.

Motion (1) to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the March 2, 2017 was made by Susan Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

### GUESTS:

John Ney of Regor Energy was present. He said he had presented rates and contracts to Council a month ago on February 16, 2017 and was given Council approval pending the Solicitor's review. He said that he had adjusted rates to present to Council tonight as the rates had changed since he presented them last month. Mayor Dryden informed Mr. Ney that the Village had decided to go with a rate presented by Trebel, Inc which was lower than his rate.

Mr. Ney wanted to know if Trebel's rates were submitted before or after his rates, and if it was a sealed bid. He said he had been presenting rates to the Village for several years and that Trebel's rates were for the aggregation not for the Village. The Village's contract, according to Mr. Ney, will expire in April and we could still enroll a month late if we needed to. He was upset that we didn't do a fair bid process and the rate from Trebel was unfairly gotten because they were not sealed. He said he does a lot of work with municipalities and has worked with a lot of Council's and it is customary to go with the lowest one after review. I thought I had approval and I have been excluded from the bid. Mayor Dryden asked him if he had a license to operate in the State of Ohio and he responded, "I am in the process of certification and I am allowed to work off of others certifications." Mayor Dryden said that we were done and Mr. Ney left the Council chambers without further comment.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**STREET DEPARTMENT:** Doug White was present for the Street Department. He said they were in the process of patching holes and stoning alleys around the village. Greg DiDonato asked Mr. White if the street department owned a saw to cut pavement for the storm sewers. Mr. White informed him that they did not own a saw and that the Water Department had cut the pavement when they had done the work on the storm sewers. He added that the repair at Grant Street and First would be filled in with crack seal by the Water Department.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Dave McConnell was present for the Fire Department. He presented a request to council for the purchase of a Cell Phone Application called "Active 911". He said it was an extra tool they could use for mapping and would soon include hydrant locations which would have proved very useful in a fire that happened in the Village last fall. They had been using the Trial Version and it would be expiring soon. The Full version would cost the Village \$211.50 for 18 phones per year. The phones are personal phones and not purchased by the

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Village. Greg DiDonato asked Chief McConnell if the alerts from the application had anything to do with call out procedures, he was assured that it did not.

Motion (2) to approve the expenditure for the cell phone application "Active 911" for use by Dennison Fire Department made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Chief McConnell also reported that the Volunteer Firefighter's Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser went very well and netted the Volunteer's approximately \$1200 profit. He said he would present final numbers to council at the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Todd Beeman was present. He said that the K-9 Fundraiser is in progress and has generated several donations from the community already. He also reported that the Anonymous Tip line is generating tips.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Motion (3) to approve the Zoning Department report for February was made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

FISCAL DEPARTMENT: Kathy Norman, Fiscal Officer, was present. She presented bills in the amount of \$11,971.36. Motion (4) to pay the bills when fund become available was made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

The Bank Reconciliation was completed for January and February with nothing outstanding. The booking was made for the Sherman Street Account.

Mrs. Norman also presented Ordinance #2659 A Permanent Appropriation for the Year 2017 for Current Expenses. The budget mirrors the Temporary Budget submitted previously. Motion (5) to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2659 was made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried. Motion (6) for passage of Ordinance #2659, A Permanent Appropriation for the Year 2017 for Current Expenses made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried.

MAYOR: Mayor Jeff Dryden submitted the Electric Rate for the Village buildings submitted by Trebel, Inc. to Council. He requested permission to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village of Dennison. Motion (7) to permit Mayor Dryden to execute an Agreement for Electric rate for the Village of Dennison buildings made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Patty Johnson also reminded Mayor Dryden that Trebel, Inc. agreed to purchase blue lights for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Holiday decorations. Mayor Dryden will remind him of the agreement.

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The Village of Dennison had received a letter from the Avery Dennison Corp. The country of Cambodia had denied them trademark protection because of possible confusion with the Village of Dennison. A letter was drafted to the country of Cambodia for Avery Dennison in support of their trademark protection request and the lack of any confusion with the Village of Dennison, OH. Motion (9) granting the Mayor permission to sign and return the letter to Avery Dennison Corp. for trademark protection made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden would like Council to approve the Village to start Mayor's Court to handle misdemeanor traffic, Village ordinance violations and property citations. He requested a start date of May 1, 2017. After discussion, the matter was turned over to Committee to draft an Ordinance to establish Mayor's Court and the responsibilities and accountabilities that would be required.

Mike Clark suggested appointing a Magistrate in case the next Mayor decided that he didn't want to hold Mayor's court so that we could provide for continuity. It was decided to request a report from Southern District Court to see how many cases were assigned their over the last year and what type of case load the Village might find itself with. The matter was turned over to the Codes and Regulations Committee for review and preparation.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Patty Johnson said she received a call from John McCluskey; the IVFL would like permission to repair the home side bleachers at a cost of \$1,500. It was requested that he write a letter to show what all he would be doing. Motion (10) for the Village to accept the gift from the IVFL and for John McCluskey and the IVFL work with Doug White to repair the home side bleachers at the McCluskey Park field made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato discussed the hiring for the Street Department position. He said that Buckeye Career Center offered training that we should be taking advantage of. We are spending a lot of money having Bridges Excavating doing work that we could do internally. The Street Department does a great job taking care of the Village. Susan Edwards said that the problem is with the wages for the Street Department position. Kathy Norman also mentioned that when we contract the contractor has to provide the liability insurance and all the equipment which would be costly for the Village. Greg DiDonato would like Doug White to give a recommendation at 6 months and if the new hire is not alright to continue in the job we could extend their probation until they are qualified. Mike Clark said he would like to see a review prior to the end of the six month probation to see if there are any issues prior to the end of the probation period. No current policy exists.

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Helen Borland – no report

Susan Edwards – no report

Mike Clark reported that he had attended the Depot Museum meeting. There is some interest in the restaurant but the lack of space is an issue. The Depot did receive an ODOT grant to do work on the Engine. The Depot is also working on its 5 year strategic plan and some of the items in the plan do involve the Village.

Patty Johnson presented a letter of resignation to Council. She cited physical problems that prevented her mobility as her reason for ending her term which expires in December 2017. She said her agenda was to bring life back to the Parks and re-ignite the Spirit of Hope within the community and that great strides had been made toward that goal. Council thanked her for her 9 years of service to the community and informed her that her love and commitment to Dennison was respectfully noted. Motion (11) to regretfully accept the resignation of Mrs. Patricia Johnson from Council effective March 16, 2017 made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato instructed that a posting for the open Council seat be made with a due date of March 31, 2017 so the appointment could be made at the April 6, 2017 council meeting. Motion (12) to post the open Council position made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Kathy Norman thanked Patty Johnson for her assistance in making her transition easier when she started as Fiscal Officer at the Village.

Greg DiDonato asked for an update on the Sherman Street Bid status. Tammie Taggart will find out where it stands and notify council.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting is April 6, 2017 at 7 pm

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Jeff Dryden, Mayor

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Tammie Taggart, Administrative Assistant

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## COUNCIL VOTES:

3/16/17	RC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
HELEN BORLAND	P	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y
MIKE CLARK	P	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y
GREG DIDONATO	P	Y	Y1										
KENE EDWARDS	A												
SUSAN EDWARDS	P	Y1	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y2
PATRICIA JOHNSON	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y