

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2017

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All council members were present along with Solicitor James Ong and Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman.

Motion (1) to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2017 was made by Susan Edwards, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Nathan Quicksall presented to Council an ongoing contract for services for the Sherman Street Project. The contract will be needed if there are any design plan changes in the project. Kathy Norman recommended that Council approve the contract. Motion (2) to approve the Quicksall contract upon the review of the solicitor made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato discussed the use of the tax levy dollars in combination with grant money and looking at programs like Safe Route to upgrade the Thornwood Park area. We need to start talking about cost and estimates with Quicksall and do a project in 2019/2020. Motion (3) to investigate Project and Grant opportunities for a project in conjunction with Quicksall for the Thornwood Park area made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato also discussed with Nathan Quicksall the possibility of submitting an application for the Block Grant that is due April 24th. We might consider a Sidewalk Program like the City of New Philadelphia is doing or do a specific project like replacing the sidewalks at the Stadium. Motion (4) to make an Application for the Community Development Grant made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

James Dickey was present for the Thornwood Park Preservation Committee. He said that the Horse Racing fund raiser was a success and the Wheelchair Swing has been ordered for the Thornwood Park. He also informed Council that an Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 14th at 5:30 pm (the 15th is the rain date).

Chris Corso was in attendance on behalf of the Twin City Youth Baseball. He said that construction is ongoing for the new fencing at McCluskey Park. Opening Day for the Twin City Youth Baseball is April 29th but games will begin on April 22 because of the Tournament schedule. The Parade will be Saturday, April 29th and include Jr. Miss Softball. The new field at PHAC is for both leagues.

Patty Birney presented information about Earth Day which is set for April 22 beginning at 11 am at St. Mary's gym and the PHAC Park. She said they will be lots of activities and an Old Timer's Baseball Game which has been very popular in the past. The Color Run/Walk will benefit the Dennison Police K-9 Fund and will begin at 3 pm.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT: Doug White reported that Street Sweeping was completed earlier in the week. He also noted that the First National Bank had a Polaris ATV for auction. Mr. White gathered information on the Polaris and a Motion (17) to delegate Mike Clark and Doug White to investigate the possibility of purchasing the ATV at the auction. A \$7500 maximum granted to them to purchase if they found it to be acceptable for Village purposes, made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Helen Borland said the candidates for the Street Department job did not have the qualifications we were seeking so the job was reposted and due to end at the end of the day on Friday, April 7th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Dave McConnell reported that his department will be conducting training in the building at 520 Second Street prior to it being demolished. Kene Edwards mentioned that he noticed the gate at the Intermediate School had a lock and Chief McConnell said he would check into it.

ZONING DEPARTMENT: Dan Shaver reported that demolition of 520 N. Second St. would take place after the Fire Department completed its training exercise. Solicitor Ong suggested that Mr. Shaver wait an additional week before proceeding with the demolition of the property on Woodland Ave. The property at 217 Welch Street still has not been transferred into the resident's name as agreed. His belongings are still in the residence and lights are on but he has not returned calls made to him. There is no title transfer and the estate has not been settled. Solicitor Ong will look into the matter. On the McRobie property at 411 Fuhr Street, the Village can make an estate filing, according to Solicitor Ong. Motion (5) for Solicitor Ong to investigate probating the McRobie estate at 411 Fuhr Street made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Mr. Shaver also reported that the Plexi glass window would be installed in the Administrative Office soon.

Motion (6) to accept the monthly reports of the Zoning, Police and Fire Departments made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

FISCAL DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman presented bills in the amount of \$20,698.35 for March 2017 and \$6,288.95 for April 2017. Motion (7) to pay the current bills when funds become available made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Fund Status checking account is reconciled. There was a draw to ODOT which is the onetime payment for Sherman Street; this account includes the money from Twin City Water and Sewer

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District. The funds will stay in the account until the project closes and then any money owed back to Twin City Water and Sewer will be paid at that time.

Mrs. Norman presented Resolution #2660 to amend appropriations for the fire truck repair out of the levy funds in the amount of \$2,610.59. Motion (8) to approve Resolution #2660 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

RITA collection accounts have been sent to Solicitor Ong for collection procedures. We will have access to the RITA reports with the new program.

Kathy Norman wanted a note included in the record that the 2017 Budget is 1.5 Million dollars.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Corso submitted a request for Street Closure for the Opening Day Parade for the Little League and Jr. Miss Softball on Saturday, April 29th from PHAC Park to 2nd Street, down to Grant and across the Bridge to Uhrichsville.

Immaculate Conception School also requested a Street Closure the days prior to and after their July 22nd festival. Motion (9) to close street for the days leading and following the Immaculate Conception Festival made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

An Easement Agreement has been negotiated with AEP for McCluskey Park Right of Way. The agreement was negotiated by Connolly, Hillyer and Ong Law Firm which resulted in a \$99,061.00 Easement agreement, of which after fees; the Village will receive \$93,510.63 Motion (10) to earmark, at this time, the funds from the AEP Easement Agreement to the General Funds for the Parks made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried. Motion (11) to suspend the rules for Ordinance #2661 and pass as an emergency made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried. Motion (12) to pass Ordinance #2661 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the Village with American Electric Power for the Easement and Right of Way in McCluskey Park made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried. Greg DiDonato wished to express his thanks to Connolly, Hillyer and Ong Law firm for gaining the Village such a generous Agreement.

A letter dated March 27th was received on April 3rd from Doug Henry, resigning his post on the Twin City Water and Sewer Board. Jeff Dryden made the Mayor's appointment to the Board by selecting Paul Collins to replace Mr. Henry for the remainder of his term. A letter informing Twin City Water and Sewer Board President will be sent.

The Dennison Depot is beginning work on its Phase VIII Project – The Steam Engine. ODOT will pay 80% of the funding for the project; the total project cost estimate is \$167,000. The Village

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has agreed to pay \$10,000 toward the project costs. Motion (13) to accept the LPA Agreement made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried. Motion (14) to suspend the rules for Ordinance #2662 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried. Motion (15) to pass Ordinance #2662 designating the Mayor as the local official to execute the project known as TUS Dennison Depot Phase 8 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried. Motion (16) to partner in cooperation with the Economic Development and Finance Alliance of Tuscarawas County on the TUS Dennison Depot Phase 8 Project and have the Mayor sign the LPA agreement made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Council accepted the letter of intent for James Dickey to replace Patricia Johnson's term on Council which expires in December 2017. Solicitor James Ong executed the Oath to Mr. Dickey during open council. Motion (18) to accept the appointment of James Dickey to Council made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato discussed the recent Non-payment list for Kimble customers. The number of non-paying customers has decreased from last quarter but the same Landlord names reappear on the list every quarter. We have been sending reminder letters and now it is time to stop and charge them under the Ordinance. Motion (19) to have the Police charge the Landlord's not paying for trash pickup for their rental properties made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Duane McConnell has been taking care of the signs at the Corporation limits, the park and the 2nd street Arch for years on his own with no assistance from the Village. He has maintained the painted signs and the area surrounding them with landscaping. Now, the cost of the mulch has risen and he is requesting some assistance with the cost of purchasing the materials. He is requesting \$1,000 to assist him in maintaining those signs and landscaping. Motion (20) to approve \$1,000 to Duane McConnell for the maintenance of the signs and landscaping areas made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato distributed copies of the 2017 Railroad Festival Itinerary and Queen's Contest Flyer to Council. The Summer Sounds concerts have run their course and will not be continued this year. He is looking into Movie Nights which have become popular.

Helen Borland - She attended the ODOT meeting for the Sherman Street Project. The project has been started and the expected completion is July. Next week Crack fill will begin. Tuscoat will start working on it next week, weather permitting.

Kene Edwards – Would like the trash cans moved closer to the trail at Grant Street and away from the parking lot. Doug White said that those trash cans were purchased by the owner of the apartment house.

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Susan Edwards – no report

Mike Clark – There is a small area at the dog park where dogs can get through the fence that needs repaired. Also, The Dennison Depot Museum is doing their Strategic Plan. They are receiving 4 cars from Orville. There is a 3-4 year payback on the cars.

Jim – no report

Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting, Thursday, April 20, 2017

Jeff Dryden, Mayor

Tammie Taggart, Admin. Assistant

COUNCIL VOTES:

	RC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Helen Borland	P	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y
Mike Clark	P	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Dickey	P																			Y	Y
Greg DiDonato	P	Y	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	YY	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1
Kene Edwards	P	N	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2
Susan Edwards	P	Y1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y