

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Council President Bob Merriman called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. present, Randy Spence present, Phyllis Foreman absent, Robert Merriman present, Jason Mattern present, Brad Degenkolb present.

Officials: Mayor Bob Gale absent, Solicitor Christopher D. Becker present, Fiscal Officer Denise Geanangel present, Administrator Walt Ziembra present.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on October 17, 2018.

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Cheryl Wells of 424 Fernwood Road addressed Council commending the Street Departments quick response to fixing a hole on Fernwood Road in front of her home. She also commended Street Superintendent, Vernon Jackson.

Robert Laukert updated Council on the BHJ Meeting held November 14. Three local communities have received grant money for guardrail restoration. The St. Rt. 213 & Rt. 7 Intersection construction is almost complete.

Reporting on the Seven Ranges Fire District meeting, Scott Campbell was appointed chairman again for 2 years as representative of Cross Creek Township. Kathy Collopy, Fiscal Officer, received an outstanding audit report. Rob Herrington is currently involved is using drones in the area.

Mr. Laukert provided a handout of Ohio Revised Code 3929.86 wherein Fire Loss Claim checks are to be sent to the Municipality of the residence not the Property owner to ensure that the monies are secured for demolition.

Steel Valley Transit beginning Dec 1st will be having weekly and Saturday runs to Robinson Twp. The Saturday runs are on a call-in basis from 7:30 A.M. returning 4:00 P.M. An annual pass is \$30.00 and daily is \$5.00 each way. The Transit Manager, Frank, is retiring at the end of the year.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None.

Reports and/or Announcements

Sitting Mayor, Bob Merriman, read the Magistrate Report, Police Report and building Inspectors Report.

The Christmas Parade in November 25th line up at 2:00 P.M. parade begins at 3:00 P.M.

The Village offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday November 22nd and 23rd.

A Finance Meeting is scheduled for November 21st at 2:00 P.M. to discuss health insurance renewal.

Administrator's Report

Phase 4 of the Sewer Improvement is basically finished. An application for Phase V Collection System and for Meadowbrook Etal Paving has been submitted to OPWC.

The demolitions of 252 Beechwood and 116 Ellsworth have been completed. Last Day of leaf pickup will be November 19th.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to approve the overrun costs of the Beechwood Paving Project of \$17,339.00

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve the purchase of a new furnace for the Police Department not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to approve \$500.00 for the Laman Christmas Party.

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Finance

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Brad Degenkolb to pay bills. Jason Mattern abstained from Check #40470.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Robert Martin thanked Bob & Brad, the office personnel and the Police Department for their help with the Halloween Party.

Randy Spence thanked Cheryl Wells for her positive feedback of the Street Dept. and he questioned why there is a large turnover of Policeman.

Jason Mattern commented on the great turnout of trick or treaters in his neighborhood and thanked the Police Dept. for their presence. He asked for prayers for Phyllis Foreman. Mr. Mattern briefed the Administrator of a problem at the Church Street Commons of water runoff onto his driveway. Mr. Mattern also commented employee Vernon Jackson for his great work ethic and Officer Kosegi for his professionalism and care.

Brad Degenkolb asked the Administrator about 117 Sabina Drive and 130 Forest Street. Walt Ziembra assured him a meeting was held to address these issues.

Transfers

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to approve a transfer from the General Fund to the Permissive Fund (2101) in the amount of \$16,300.00

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern second by Randy Spence to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation.

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to go back to regular session.

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Action to be taken from Executive Session; Motion by Brad Degenkolb, second by Randy Spence to approve Solicitor Chris Becker to prepare a release for 125 Orchard Street not to exceed \$700.00.

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to adjourn.

Vote Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence abstained, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

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Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor