

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2021

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. present, Randy Spence present, Dr. Michael Ross present, Gael Damron present, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman present.

Officials: Mayor Bob Gale present, 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 Robert Martin, second by Gael Damron to approve minutes from the December 10, 2020 meeting

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman abstain.

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Aaron Pearch of 173 Starkey Blvd. asked Council for an exemption from the snow removal Ordinance due to a steep driveway. Mayor Gale explained the liability concerns of the Village employees and to the resident's personal property. Mayor Gale will look into this matter and get back to him.

Chief Art Fowler brought Officer Jake McGinnis before Council as he has completed his 6 month probation.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Dr. Ross to approve Office McGinnis as a permanent Village Officer.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Meya Potenzini was present and introduced as the new full time officer with the village.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Resolution 2020-23: Authorizing the Village to enter into Water Pollution Fund Agreement was read for the second time.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to suspend the rules.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2020-23: Authorizing the Village to enter into Water Pollution Fund Agreement was read for the third time.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to approve Resolution 2020-23.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-01: An Ordinance approving the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority was read for the first time.

Ordinance 2021-02: An Ordinance declaring that a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser is no longer needed and authorize the sale was read for the first time.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Gael Damron to suspend the rules for the second and third readings.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-02: An Ordinance declaring that a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser is no longer needed and authorize the sale was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Bob Merriman to approve Ordinance 2021-02.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Council Reorganization

Mayor Gale opened the floor for nominations for Council President; Gael Damron nominated Randy Spence. Dr. Ross nominated Robert Martin. Mayor Gale closed the nominations.

Vote: 4-2 Robert Martin as Council President.

The Rules of Council were presented and on change due to COVID 19, Mayor Gale requested that meeting remain at only one per month.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Dr. Ross to approve one Council Meeting a month, being the first Thursday of the month for six months.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to approve the committees remaining the same for 2021.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Reports & Announcements

Mayor Gale passed on his condolences to the passing of K-9 Ollie.

Mayor Gale read the Magistrate, Police Reports and Code Enforcement Officer reports for the Month of December.

Administrator's Report

Walt Ziemba reported the Village receiving refund dividend checks from Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp. totaling \$100,055.00 in 2020.

Columbia Gas will be in line replacements on Route 43 January 18, 2021 beginning at Springdale. Once they do have Grandview lines replaced he hopes to get Grandview repaved as it is on the list for 2021.

Walt Ziemba addressed the Snow Removal Ordinance and reiterated that the Ordinance protects the Village drivers as well as the cars of residents. Bob Merriman thanked Council for their concern during his recent illness.

Jason Mattern asked for a Finance Meeting. Finance Director Bob Merriman set February 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM for the meeting.

Jason Mattern passed on his condolences of the passing of Paul Billard, a great coach and friend.

Gael Damron inquired as to the balance left of the CARES ACT MONEY.

Fiscal Officer Geanangel did verify that all the monies have been spent and reported to the OBM on January 6, 2021.

Randy Spence wanted to let Rex Ave. residents know their yards will be fixed in the Spring as the weather permits. He also thanked the Police Dept. for their obtaining the certification.

Robert Martin welcomed Bob Merriman back.

New Business

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Robert Martin to go into executive session to discuss a Request for Property Negotiation.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Robert Martin to come out of executive session.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to pay bills.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Dr. Ross to adjourn.

Next scheduled Meeting is February 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor