

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

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

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to approve minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to go into executive session to discuss personnel and administrative issues.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Dr. Ross to come out of executive session.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Christine Fenske a resident of 132 Meadow Road, addressed Council concerning her recent parking ticket for violation of the Village Snow Plowing Ordinance. She stated she has been a resident of the Village for 16 years and has never gotten a ticket until now and questioned why now. Mayor Gale explained for the safety of residents and Village employees the cars are not permitted to be parked on road while snow plows are on the roads. She did request a waiver from the Ordinance but Mayor Gale explained none will be given this year. The Ordinance Committee will review the current Ordinance. If changes are made they will be enforced in 2021.

Dale Jones a resident of 148 Starkey Blvd, addressed Council with his concerns of receiving a ticket for violating the Village Snow Plow Ordinance when parked in his handicap space. Mayor Gale said he would look into the incident as he is unsure about handicap parking spaces receiving tickets.

Robert Laukert, representing the BHJ reported they had an election of officials at their January 2021 Meeting. The Route 7 & University Blvd. work is 95% completed. The City of Steubenville received grant money from OMEGA for a Marina Grant. The Steel Valley Transit Authority ridership is down 23% for 2019 & 2020. Wintersville has noted a 40% decline due to the pandemic. RITA is doing well.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

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

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Bob Merriman to suspend the rules on the third read.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

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

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Dr. Ross to approve Ordinance 2021-01.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-02: An Ordinance declaring that a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser is no longer needed and authorize the sale **will be rescinded.**

Reports & Announcements

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

Administrator's Report

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to approve the right-of-way for the Peterson Carpet property on St. Rt. 43 will be granted.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Phase 5 of the WWTP project was given. They are currently working behind the old Reisbeck's property. All properties affected will be reclaimed in the spring.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Randy Spence to approve the Re-Work of the Woody Acres Pump Station at a cost of \$37,117.00.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

The Village has used 1,200 ton of salt this season and will order an additional 500 ton this week leaving 200 ton left to fulfill the 2021 agreement.

New Business

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Dr. Ross to pay bills.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to adjourn.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

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

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor