

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, March 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 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 Dr. Ross, second by Randy Spence to approve minutes from the February 4, 2021 meeting

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

Motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstain.

Motion by Dr. Ross, second by Jason Mattern to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to come out of executive session.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Persons Appearing Before Council**

The resident of 315 Springdale Ave, had his son speak on his behalf thanking the Village for their timely and well done job fixing the water break on Springdale Ave. They wanted reassurance that the concrete sidewalk/driveway and yard will be repaired.

Walt Ziembra did acknowledge repairs would be made when the weather break and that a contractor will be brought in for the concrete repairs.

**Ordinance and/or Resolution**

**Ordinance 2021-03:** An Ordinance approving the permanent appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021 was read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern second by Robert Martin to suspend the rules on the second and third readings.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Ordinance 2021-03:** An Ordinance approving the permanent appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021 was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Matter to approve Ordinance 2021-03.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

## **Reports & Announcements**

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

## **Administrator's Report**

Walt Ziemba gave an update on the Phase 5 Sanitary Sewer Project. They are replacing pipe on Springdale Ave. The line between Wendy's and Reisbeck's has been challenging noting a rock bed.

The Fort Steuben Burial Estate Easter Egg Hunt has been postponed this year due to COVID.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Jason Mattern to donate \$300.00 as set aside in the budget for the Easter Basket's for children.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

A Map of the on ongoing Columbia Gas Project was reviewed and mention was made that residents may smell gas in the air as the work continues.

The Village has used 1,200 ton of salt this winter season with an additional 120 ton ordered.

The Village is undergoing its annual Fiscal Audit with an added Federal Audit this year due to surpassing the \$750,000.00 spent in federal money.

## **New Business**

Jason Mattern questioned whether the Village will have bulk trash pick-up this year. Mayor Gale advised there would not be bulk pick-up due to COVID-19.

The seven ranges Fire District Meeting is Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM.

Jason Mattern also wished the Neidengard Family well on their retirement and how their business will be missed in the community.

Randy Spence voiced his concern with the mattresses and other debris behind the Village garage. People throw trash there after hours. The camera system is grainy and does not pick up car license plates.

Mayor Gale said it will be cleaned up.

Robert Martin wished Neidengard's well and how their store was a great business for many years.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to pay bills as fund become available.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

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 April 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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Denise Geanangel  
Fiscal Officer

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Robert Gale  
Mayor