

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Mayor Robert Martin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Brad Degenkolb present, Randy Spence present, Dr. Michael Ross present, Gael Damron present, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman present.

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve minutes from the May 6, 2021 meeting

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

Motion passed 5-0 with 1 abstained.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Robert Laukert representing the BHJ is reporting the new bridge in Wellsburg is scheduled for completion in August 2022. The Seven Range Fire District is working on the new training center. They are in the process of developing a charter which makes this available to other fire departments. The Steel Valley Transit Authority ridership is down 11.2% from the pandemic but is expected to improve. SVTRA next meeting is June 10th and is open to the public.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None.

Reports & Announcements

Mayor Martin read the Magistrate and Police reports for the months of May.

Mayor Martin read the Code Enforcement Officer reports for the Month of May.

Former Mayor Gale's party will be held June 4 at 11:30 AM at the St. Florian Hall.

Administrator's Report

Ohio Public Works Commission awarded the Village a Grant for \$241,000.00 & loan at 0% interest for \$535,000.00 for the system wide water meter project.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to permit advertising for bids.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

The bid by National Lime & Stone was the lower bidder for the paving projects on Winters Drive & Grandview Drive.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Jason Mattern to award the project bid to National Lime & Stone in the amount of \$128,442.00.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve Meg's Creative Carpet to install new flooring in the Utility Office and hallways at a cost of \$11,285.00.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Spring Clean-up is being held June 7, 14, 21 & 28.

Mayor Martin reported the water office will remain closed. The building of a security wall is being proposed prior to opening.

New Business

Brad Degenkolb requested a list for the June Spring Clean-up of allowables to be picked up. There is a current Ordinance outlining the cost to residents if there is bulk trash pick-up that exceeds a full dump truck load and the amount charged per tonnage over the limit. A resident would be notified of the pending cost prior to the bulk pickup. Brad congratulated everyone on a job well done for the First Wednesday's in Wintersville.

Mayor Martin also thanked Mike Petrella of Economy Lawn Care for donating material and time to landscape the Municipal Building lot.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by bob Merriman to approve the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2022 in the amount of \$10,511,669.55.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Gael Damron reported great feedback on the First Wednesday's in Wintersville event. She noted that they will be reviewing eliminating on crossing zone due to traffic backup. Gael Damron is working on forming a beautification committee.

Brad Degenkolb asked to be a part of the committee.

Jason Mattern said the Ordinance Committee met last week and again tonight prior to the meeting. The Committee is removing the physical exam requirement for the police and correcting the current clothing allowance ordinance to \$500.00. A two hour parking Ordinance for Walnut Street will be imposed. The current flagging situation for working crews in the Village is being reviewed. Also parking of boats, campers & recreational vehicles within the Village limits is being reviewed. The grass Ordinance is being enforced allowing 10 days to comply. Repeat offenders will be cited and fined. Finances of the Village was also discussed and the General Fund is strong and solid.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to pay bills as fund become available.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Randy Spence to adjourn.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is July 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Martin Sr.
Mayor