

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Mayor Robert Martin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Brad Degenkolb present, Randy Spence present, Dr. Michael Ross absent, Gael Damron absent, 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 Brad Degenkilb to approve minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to come out of executive session.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Robert Laukert representing The Steel Valley Transit Authority reported that a \$30.00 pass is available and one can ride anywhere.

Gary Smith addressed Council with his concerns of the manholes on Main Street needing raised. Mayor Martin explained that the manholes are the property of the phone company and the Village cannot touch these. Mr. Smith also asked when St. Rt. 43 and St. Rt. 22 would be repaired. Mayor Martin and Administrator Ziembra explained that Columbia Gas has not finished their work. Mr. Smith said that Luray Drive has drainage issues that need addressed.

T.C. Chappalear, Superintendent of Indian Creek Schools, attended tonight's meeting to invite Council and residents to attend a Dedication and Open House Ceremony at Cross Creek Elementary School on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:00 PM and Hills Elementary School on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 PM. He also thanked the Village Officials for their great cooperation with the school district.

Councilman Jason Mattern thanked T.C. Chappalear for the donation of the playground equipment to the Village.

Chief Fowler has requested a base pay increase for his police officers with the retiring of Lt. Jesse Kosegi. Mayor Martin said a finance meeting would be scheduled to address this.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2021-17: AN Ordinance Repealing Ordinance number 2021-02 Declaring that a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria used by the Village Police Department is no longer needed for any Municipal purpose was read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-17.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-17: AN Ordinance Repealing Ordinance number 2021-02 Declaring that a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria used by the Village Police Department is no longer needed for any Municipal purpose was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to approve Ordinance 2021-17.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-18: An Ordinance declaring that 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNFK030008R170843 is no longer needed for any Municipal purpose and Authorizing the sale of said vehicle as is to the highest and best bidder in accordance with Section 721.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-18.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-18: An Ordinance declaring that 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNFK030008R170843 is no longer needed for any Municipal purpose and Authorizing the sale of said vehicle as is to the highest and best bidder in accordance with Section 721.15 of the Ohio Revised Code was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve Ordinance 2021-18.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-19: An Ordinance to place grass cutting on Real Estate Taxes first read.

Motion by Jason Mattern second by Brad Degenkolb to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-19.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-19: An Ordinance to place grass cutting on Real Estate Taxes second and third times.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve Ordinance 2021-19.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-20: An Ordinance for Delinquent water fees to be placed on Property taxes first read.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-20.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-20: An Ordinance for Delinquent water fees to be placed on Property taxes second and third times.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to approve Ordinance 2021-20.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-21: An Ordinance for Delinquent sewer fees to be place on Property taxes first read.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-21.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-21: An Ordinance for Delinquent sewer fees to be place on Property taxes second and third times.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve Ordinance 2021.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-22: An Ordinance for Delinquent sanitation fees to be place on Property taxes first read.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-22.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2021-22: An Ordinance for Delinquent sanitation fees to be place on Property taxes second and third times.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve Ordinance 2021-22.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Reports & Announcements

Mayor Martin read the Magistrate and Police and Code Enforcement officers reports for the months of August.

Administrator Report

The Phase 5 Sanitary Collection System had the final walk through. The fencing, paving & collection system work is done.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to approve the contract with PDK Construction in the amount of \$21,440.00 for the guardrail replacement at

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve entering into a contract with John McDevitt, P.E. for \$103,100.00 for the OPWC Meter Replacement Project.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Jason Mattern to approve the hiring of three full-time employees in the following depts.: Water/Code Office at \$12.50/hr; Sewer Dept. at \$11.00 and Street Dept. with CDL License at \$14.00. All will be on a 6 month probationary period. These positions are being filled to cross train in case on illness and/or retiring employees.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Walt Ziemba also said the Water/Sewer committee will be meeting to discuss the upcoming meter replacement project and the need to pass Ordinances requiring mandatory connection by all residents. The need to separate some water taps will also be discussed.

The recent waterline break on Dana Lynn was discussed and Walt Ziemba would like to get a quote to replace the line from Parkview to Dana Lynn.

The Auditors Exit Conference is scheduled for September 9th at 10:00 AM.

New Business

Brad Degenkolb provided Council with a prepared written update on the Wednesday's in Wintersville Community Days Event. The final event will be October 6th with an October Fest Theme.

Randy Spence made mention of the Scarecrow Community Project and the benefit it has for the 4-H Clubs and others. Randy Spence asked for clarification on how to report a water break when the offices are closed of which the resident is to CALL 911 and they will in turn call the supervisors who will notify the crews.

Jason Mattern talked about the concern of water run-off on Terrace Drive. He did speak to the Jefferson County Soil & Water District with his concerns. He reported that it is 82 acres of run-off as well as a lot of debris including tree stumps, picnic tables, etc. that add to the problem.

Jason Mattern again made mention of the police award handed out at the prior meeting and what an outstanding group of Officers the Village employs. Jason Mattern asked for prayers for Perry Pool and his family. The Merriman Foundation put on another great event.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to impose an injunction on the Garden Drive B&B proposed business citing O.R.C. 1157.02 Zoning R1.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb abstain, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 3-0 with 1 abstention.

Motion by Randy Spence second Jason Mattern to pay the bills.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Brad Degenkolb to adjourn.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

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

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Martin St.
Mayor