

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

Roll Call: Gael Damron Present, Randy Spence present, Carmen DeStefano present, Pennie Scarpone present, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman present.

Officials: Mayor Mike Petrella present, Fiscal Officer Denise Geanangel present, Administrator Walt Ziemba present, Solicitor Jake Linn present.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2022 meeting.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Anita Petrella of the JB Green Team addressed council again asking to put the recycling bins in the municipal building parking lot. The Annual Directors Report is due June 1, 2022 and she hates to see the village lose its status.

Mayor Petrella stated for conflict of interest reasons Council needs to make a motion on this.

Motion by Jason Mattern second Bob Merriman to permit the recycle binds at the municipal building until the blacktop paving project begins this summer.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Bob Laukert updated council on the BHJ January meeting where the board continues to work on improving the roads. The STRVA meeting was held March 9, 2022 and the board has determined the Harmon Creek bus stop to be inadequate and unsafe. The SVRTA is actively working on marketing and reports ridership up 31.7% in Wintersville. The pass is \$30.00 for the year. Mr. Laukert has been the R.I.T.A. representative for the village since 1995. He reminded all residents that they are required to file a tax statement with R.I.T.A. annually or face penalties. The tax forms can be found on the R.I.T.A. website.

Motion by Jason Mattern second by Gael Damron to go into executive session to discuss a complaint against a public employee.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern second by Gael Damron to come out of executive session. No action was taken.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None.

Reports & Announcements

Mayor Petrella read the Magistrate, Police and Code Enforcement officers reports for the month of February.

Mayor Petrella received estimates for the municipal building repairs.

Motion by Gael Damron second by Carmen Destefano to accept the estimate from George Petrella in the amount of \$1,825.00 to paint the main floor of the municipal building to include repairs to all walls, 2 coats on all walls, 16 doors & frames.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Pennie Scarpone second by Bob Merriman to accept the estimate from EMR Sales & Service to convert all interior building light fixtures to LED bulbs.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Petrella is waiting for pricing on a new roof. The elevator has been repaired and keys have been ordered. A new fire security panel has been ordered to replace the damaged panel.

Mayor Petrella congratulated new Cross Creek Chief Casey Robinson. The Mayor did offer Magistrate Judge Jim Abrams a wage increase but he kindly declined.

Thunder in the Ville is scheduled for Friday, July 8th and Saturday, July 9th. The fireworks display will be Saturday night. A meeting with the Airport Board of Directors is to be scheduled to finalize the plans.

AT&T was contacted to raise the manholes on Cadiz Road. They will give 48-hour notice prior to the repairs. Clean-up of village garages will be in soon. Utility bill payments on-line will be available once the water meter replacement project is completed. The village employees will be provided ID cards to be worn while working.

Mayor Petrella purchased a new printer for his office and paid for it himself.

Former Mayor Robert Martin is under investigation by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Mr. Martin had requested the village pay for his legal expenses, but the request was denied.

Administrator Report

Motion by Randy Spence second by Jason Mattern to approve the General Services Agreement with W.E. Quicksall and Associates to furnish general electrical services on an as-needed basis.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Ziemba provided an update of the 2022 salt purchases to date totaling \$82,184.40.

Motion by Jason Mattern second Bob Merriman to approve Mr. Ziemba to write a letter opposing HB 22-Municipal Water Bill.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

The Moon Valley Waterline Project was approved by the Ohio EPA. Two public meetings will be upcoming, as well as an income survey. Mr. Ziemba is working to secure 1.2 million dollars of grant money with no loan for the project.

Motion by Carmen Destefano second by Randy Spence to rent a skid steerer with brush hog for 1 week at a cost of \$1,775.00 to clear the outer boundary of the proposed recreational complex. A list will be compiled of other areas of the village that the skid steerer can be used during that week.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

The electrical line tied to the tree in front of Giannamore's Pizza has been fixed. The drainage issue on Terrace Drive still needs to be addressed.

New Business

Carmen Destefano reported the Parks & Rec Committee met last Tuesday.

Gael Damron said the next Beautification Committee meeting will be March 14, 2022 at Valley Wine Cellars. Motion by Gael Damron second Jason Mattern to approve the purchase of three new telescoping flag poles at a cost of \$210.00 plus shipping with LED lighting. Gael has requested a finance meeting for March 8, 2022.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Walt has been asked to apply for the JB Green Team Recycle Grant for 10 new benches. Jason Mattern also said that the ODNR Grant is another avenue to explore for recreation improvement money. He said community guidance and involvement is key and it helps with the scoring.

Randy Spence said a Personnel Committee Meeting was held and they asked that time clocks be installed at the street garage and the municipal building at a cost of \$1,262.40 each to include installation and time cards with a yearly renewable contract.

Motion by Randy Spence second by Jason Mattern to approve the purchase of the time clocks not to exceed \$1,500.00 under a two-year contract.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Randy Spence second by Pennie Scarpone to approve semi-annual reviews for all employees.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Transfers

No transfers.

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

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is March 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor