

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2021**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Cox, Donnalley, Berg, Solicitor Beech
ABSENT:

The regular meeting on May 11, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding.

Father Wassi St George Catholic Church opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING APRIL 27, 2021

Donnalley made the motion to approve the minutes from the 4/27/21 meeting.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$22,401.65 and payroll for PPE 5/1/21 in the amount of \$45,108.10

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

There were no guest present at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: COLUMBIANA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC WORK PROGRAM

Temple made the motion to approve 3 workers for the Parks and 2 workers for the Cemetery through the Columbiana County Mental Health Clinic work program.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Mayor Wilson will complete the paperwork for the contract and return to the clinic.

RE: SWIMMING POOL SURVEY

Mayor Wilson reported the survey has been counted, there were a total of 196 survey questions returned. " The question was sent out in all the water bills both in town and out of town with the question The Sadie Van Fossan Municipal Pool was closed for 2020 and will remain closed in 2021 due to leaks in the infrastructure. The Board of Public Affairs has requested that the Village not reopen the pool until the leaks have been properly repaired. However, after speaking with multiple contractors, it appears that the repairs could end up costing up to \$500,000.00. With attendance dropping in recent years, do you think Village Council should be allocating money, time, and other resources to the pool, or do you feel they should be closed, and other projects pursued.

Yes, the pool should be saved, depending on cost.

No, the pool isn't worth it. The Village should spend the money elsewhere. "

According to Mayor Wilson there were 146 yes and 50 no.

Council woman Donnalley ask when the first phase will begin with the results being counted. Council man Berg who feels this is not a simple yes or no question, did report that the work will begin in the fall to tear out the shallow end of the pool. If this repairs the problem great, if not the next issue is believed to be the recirculating system which could cost in excess of \$250,000.00 based on past reports.

The splash pad will be open in 2021, there have not been any parameters established as to hours of operation or supervision to date. The pool will not be open in 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RETRO APPROVAL TO HIRE PT CEMETERY MAINTANCE

Cox made the motion to hire Kasen Smith at the cemetery as part time maintenance with an effective date of May 6, 2021.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: POLLINATOR GARDEN GRANT

Susan Shank was present to discuss a land bank beautification grant she and Mayor Wilson submitted for a pollinator garden. Mrs. Shank explained how she works with the OSU Extension, where she has worked with Master Gardeners and with the help of these two groups the Chamber of Commerce researched a pollinator garden and where one should be built. They heard of the grant through the Columbiana County Land Bank. She and Mayor Wilson presented the grant to the land bank and within the hour were notified of an award in the amount of \$3,750.00. Mrs. Shank explained that the area within the Village they would like to use is in the pool park area near where the new walking exercise trail is being proposed to be built. This type of garden will attract not only bees but butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinating types of species. The Lisbon School system had been contacted to see if they would be interested in using the garden for educational purposes, to which they said they would. Council President Thomas questioned if the Village applied for this, why Council had just been notified of the application, she is disappointed in the way this has been presented to Council. It is like the grant was applied for than awarded now Council is being asked permission to put this in an area already approved by the land bank. Mrs. Shank stated the paper was incorrect the grant was applied for by the Chamber of Commerce not the Village and there were other locations in the presentation the pool park was a tentative location in the presentation. Mayor Wilson said he was present for the presentation as a member of the Chamber Board which he serves on not the Village. Mrs. Thomas also stated that she has researched these types of gardens which she feels are good but that a walking/exercise trail is not a suggested location for this type of garden. Council man Berg said Mayor Wilson had mentioned the idea of a pollinator garden during a walk through with Engineer Jon Vollnogle from Howell's and Baird at the park where the walking/exercise trail is being proposed. Mr. Vollnogle stated he did not feel that this close to this type of trail is the best place for a pollinator garden. Council woman Donnalley suggested maybe near the trail head, Mrs. Thomas said maybe somewhere in Willow Grove near the nature trails, she just does not believe the pool park is the best location. There were questions on who would maintain the park since the village departments have small staffs with other projects that may take priority. This garden will be maintained by the Chamber of Commerce, the school, and the master gardener according to Mrs. Shank, this group is part of the Chamber but is not the current Beautification Committee which works on the Village squares. Mayor Wilson questioned why this was being debated, he apologized that some on Council feel slighted, but this is for the good of the Village. Council all stated they are not in disagreement of the garden just the proposed location. They ask Mrs. Shank to come to the next meeting with other locations. The elements of the application will not change just location for the next meeting.

RE: STATE CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT BUDGET PROJECTS

Mayor Wilson reported he has turned nine different project ideas into Senator Rulli's office for consideration for the next round of capital and investment budget projects. The projects came from the ideas given to him from all council members, all nine have made it through the preliminary round. The projects do not require matching funds, however if funds can be contributed it is always a good thing according to Senator Rulli's office.

Mayor Wilson has submitted a grant to OMEGA for road safety issues, we should hear something in the next two months.

RE: JAG GRANTS

Mayor Wilson would like to be proactive in body cam funding, with the Governor saying that he will mandate body cams. There is a grant available which OMEGA informed municipality of, through JAG according to Mayor Wilson with a match of 10%. There was discussion on if this just covered the cameras or the equipment needed also for the body cams, Chief Abraham said he was not sure which grant the Mayor was speaking about since he had not seen any which were camera specific. There was discussion on the possibility of a new server being needed which would need to be housed in Village hall, the Mayor stated that Ben Black from the County said a new server should only cost the Village at the most \$14,000.00 for this purpose. The deadline is nearing therefore the Mayor would like permission to apply for this grant, Council agreed the Mayor should start the paperwork so when

the details on the cost and grant requirements are verified the application would be near competition with only this last bit of information needed. This was tabled until the next meeting for approval of the submission of the grant.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

An April bank reconciliation, month end April fund summary, April payment listing, and the most recent fund summary were submitted to council in their packets.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The report was submitted to Council in their packets. The street sweeping is scheduled for anytime between May 12-14, Mr. Oliver will notify both the paper and Chief Abraham when the company is in town to sweep. Mr. Oliver is waiting on the shipping cost for the leaf machine clutch. The fly wheel with shipping will cost \$1,500.00 from Great Lakes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Engine 152 the running boards have been installed; the type had to be changed to fit the truck there was not a cost change in the running boards just the style. The letter has been completed and the department is planning an open house later. Chief Hall on behalf of the firefighters invited Council and the Mayor to the upcoming meeting on May 19th at 7:00 pm to discuss some concerns the firefighters have, Council man Cox ask what the concerns were. Mayor Hall said he would have to come to the meeting to find out. Solicitor Beech reminded Council of the sunshine laws if they attend this meeting.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Council man Berg reported that the City of Canfield funded their pickleball courts through an ODNR grant and the City of Salem a donation from the Rotary. Mayor Wilson ask when the Village would have their court ready, the lines have not been painted yet. Mr. Berg reported that the door on Willow Grove restroom had to be repaired due to someone breaking the pusher. The written bid for engineering of the walking/exercise trail should be ready for the next council meeting. Mr. Berg thanked Dana and Bill Cloud for all the work they have been doing to prepare the parks for summer.

APPROVED ZONING APPLICATIONS

The approved zoning applications were included in the Council packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thomas made the motion to adjourn into executive session for a conference with the Village Solicitor concerning disputes involving the Village that are subject of pending or imminent court action.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:27 pm.

Thomas made the motion to reconvene from executive session.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 pm.

Thomas made the motion to authorize the Village Solicitor to draft a letter and send to the Days Inn regarding the lodging tax due to the Village of Lisbon.

Berg 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Wilson noted that there have been some Village cases in the paper for the vacant building. The first concert on the square is May 22nd from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm sponsored by Sandy Beaver Insurance, Pure Gold is the band. The American Legion has rented all 55 of the original flags for their fund raiser, they are ordering more. The flags will be placed on the veteran graves May 24th at the cemetery and the next volunteer day is May 22nd 8:00 am.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on May 11 , 2021 adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer