

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2021**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Peter Wilson

**PRESENT:** Temple, Cox, Darcy Berg, Donnalley and Thomas  
**ABSENT:**

The regular meeting on March 9, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding, the meeting was held on zoom.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

Darcy made the motion to approve the minutes from the 2/23/21 meeting.

Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount \$19,881.73.

Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 2/20/21 in the amount of \$51,475.36

Donnalley 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**GUEST (S)**

There were no guest present at the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RE: GRANT UPDATE – (OMEGA TAC GRANT – HRG CONSULTANT)**

Mayor Wilson reported that he will be meeting with HRG Consulting tomorrow around 10:00 am, HRG is a consulting firm that specializes in integrating bike trails with the towns they go through. If he chooses this firm which is highly recommended by surrounding communities, they will begin the study for the OMEGA grant. This contract is through OMEGA and HRG directly with no obligation to the Village per Mayor Wilson.

**RE: RESIDENT SURVEY UPDATE**

The resident survey has been sent out in the last water sewer billing comprising about 550 bills, the next billing with the remaining customers will go out at the end of March. There have been approximately 30 surveys returned with the final tally being completed by the end of April. There was some discussion on the comments which were on social media after this one question about the swimming pool only, Council feels with all of that there most likely will not be another survey done on behalf of the Village.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: QUOTE BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS FIRE DEPARTMENT FILL STATION \$2,954.00 – 3 WAY SPLIT**

The quote was received to bring the station into compliance and ready to use to fill air bottles from Breathing Air Systems in the amount of \$2,954. This cost will be a 3-way split with Center and Elkrun Townships, if approved by one or both townships.

Cox made the motion to approve the quote from Breathing Air Systems in the amount of \$2,954.00 contingent on one or both township's approval.

Darcy 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes, with Thomas abstaining

Motion Passed

**RE: QUOTE TO SAND BLAST AND PAINT PRITCHARD STREET BRIDGE \$45,000.00**

The bridge on Pritchard Ave is on the watch list for needed repairs in accordance with the last few inspections. Street Supervisor Jim Oliver obtained a quote from Geronimo Painting to sandblast and repaint the bridge at a cost of \$45,000.00. Mayor and Council were all in agreement to try to wait a few more years if possible or until the Grant St bridge replacement is completed.

**RE: CEMETERY LAWN MOWER PURCHASE WITH TRANSFER**

The cemetery is scheduled to replace the Kubota Mower with a 52-inch deck they have this year, it was first discussed about a year ago that the street department purchase this mower from the cemetery. The cemetery would like \$4,500.00 for this mower either by trade or sale.

Donnalley made the motion to purchase the mower from the cemetery at to the cost of \$4,500.00 with the funds being transferred to the appropriate fund the cemetery uses to purchase their new mower.

Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**RE: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The finance committee will meet Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm at Village Hall.

**RE: PARTICIPATION IN COLUMBIANA COUNTY COUNSELING CENTER'S WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

The Counseling Center is again offering the work experience program, the Village used to participate in this program years ago, with changes to the requirements the Village has not participated for a few years. It was decided to research what all the requirements currently are than discuss with the BPA and Cemetery boards if they are interested in their respective departments.

**RE: RCAP/USDA TRACKING REPORT ASSUANCE AGREEMENT**

The assurance agreements states that if the Village would receive any fund they will discriminate as described with those funds.

Donnalley made the motion to approval the signing of the assurance agreement.

Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**RE: OPENING OF VILLAGE HALL AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Council President Thomas stated she feels it is time to open village hall back up to the public and have meetings in person. If the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting is not in person, she would like to see the first meeting in April back in person.

Thomas made the motion to open village hall to the public Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> and the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting be held in person at Village Hall.

Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

BPA Chairman Hoover reported the BPA will do the same with their meetings beginning March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

The February bank reconciliation report, fund summary, payment listing, and a current March fund summary and payment listing were submitted to council in their packets.

**STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The report was submitted to Council in their packets. The Village is scheduled to meet with the County Engineer's office March 16<sup>th</sup> with the proposed streets for the upcoming chip and seal. The proposed list and cost will be presented at the next meeting.

**MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

The most recent mayor's financial reports were submitted to council in their packets.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The new truck was delivered at midnight last night according to Chief Hall. He has already taken it down to Campbell Signs to be looked at for decals, they are booked until the end of April when we were put on the schedule. Chief Hall would like to purchase running boards and seat covers, the radio we already have which will be installed in the next few days. The truck will be ready for use before the decals are complete. Council President Thomas suggested having an open house once all the work is complete even if after the truck has been in service, Chief Hall agreed.

Cox made the motion to approve the decals, running boards and seat covers at a cost not to exceed \$3,305.00.  
Darcy 2<sup>nd</sup>

All ayes with Thomas abstaining  
Motion Passed

#### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

The parks committee met March 5<sup>th</sup> at Willow Grove park to discuss the location of proposed new playground equipment, the removal of a tree near the creek in addition to some other smaller items. The street department should be able to remove the tree according to Mr. Oliver. Parks/Pool Manager Dana Blackburn reported that she currently has a second job where she works in the mornings, she should be able to report to work for the parks by 1:00 pm and work weekends. The hours and pay will be discussed at the appropriate committee meetings. Parks Committee Chair Berg has spoke with Jason of the Forestry department of Ohio Edison, they will be removing some if not all the spruce trees near Playtown. The number of trees taken down depends on the time they have, the tree at Willow Grove is on the list but may not be taken down depending on time. The reason why Mr. Oliver stated the street department should be able to remove that tree. The Parks Committee will meet again Thurs March 11<sup>th</sup> 5pm at Village Hall to discuss possible grants and projects, the committee would like to determine exactly which of the many projects they would like to do will be completed this year.

#### **APPROVED ZONING APPLICATIONS**

The approved zoning applications were included in the Council packet.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Council President Thomas reported the handbooks are still being worked on by various members of Council. She would like to schedule a Committee of the Whole to discuss the proposed changes, then have a meeting with department heads and finally have Village Solicitor review all the changes before being adopted. The Committee of the whole meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm village hall and a personnel committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following the parks committee meeting.

Council woman Donnalley reported the Chamber would like to have a craft show on April 17<sup>th</sup> and will be requesting some streets on the square be closed that day. This request will be on the next meeting agenda.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on March 9, 2021 adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Mayor Peter Wilson

**ATTEST:**

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Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer