

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Cox, Hiner, Donnalley, & Beech
ABSENT: Smith

The special meeting on August 27, 2024, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding.

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

RE: GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL E LINCOLN WAY/Pritchard Ave Crosswalks

Quotes were presented to council from Path Master in the amount of \$9,704.00 and Traffic Control Products in the amount of \$22,000.00 each representing signage on both sides of the street but no installation. Mayor Wilson stated that Street Supervisor Jim Oliver recommended the Traffic Control Products. Council Cox agreed with this stating GW Dailey could be called for installation quote. Mayor Wilson reported the requirements through ODOT have changed since the last time he spoke with them; the applications are only accepted 4 times a year with the next deadline December 31st. ODOT prefers to have the applications 6 weeks prior to approval. Council man Cox questioned if the village would need to front the purchase and install, the mayor was not sure of this. Mr. Cox said he had spoke to Superintendent Siefke who said the school would have someone at the cross walk, to which Traci Dixon who as in attendance said there had not been any one working the cross walk on a consistent basis. Mr. Cox explained the process, stating he realizes it is long, but this is of importance to the village and school, asking Mrs. Dixon to remain patient. This will be put on the September 10th agenda.

RE: GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL Playtown Equipment

Mayor Wilson stated he realizes that he had just asked council about this in June with no one being interested at the time. However, the anonymous donor which happens to be the county commissioners per the Mayor has additional funding from the American Rescue Plan funds. This would be a dollar for dollar match where Mayor Wilson is asking council to allocate \$25,000.00 towards new equipment for Playtown. He reported how certain areas of the playground are in bad shape that either need to be torn down or replaced. The village acquired Playtown from a privately organized fund raising group several years ago, it is now in need of repair including the ground and ground cover. Council discussed the projects for the park area that have already been approved or discussed but not completed, including the double doors in the chemical room. Council man Cox said the frame was replaced and it has been decided to put a gate up instead of doors for better ventilation. The Pickle Ball court was redone this year. There is currently caution tape around the slide in the pool area, Mr. Cox would like to see fencing put around the slide instead. Council man Cox stated he feels the biggest question to be answered is what the actual plan is it needs to be determined what will be kept and what will be taken out. The first thing though is what everyone forgets about and that is repairing the ground or foundation the playground is on; he estimates this could cost between \$10,000 - \$15,000.00. There was a question about allowing individuals who said they would like to repair or work on Playtown, Solicitor Beech advised against just allowing anyone to do the work. It was decided to get quotes on repairing the ground first then look into the actual equipment. This will be put on the September 10th agenda.

RE: REPAIRS TO THE Flat Rubber Roofing on the Fire Department

Mayor Wilson reported he had a message from John Beechy who quoted \$400.00 to repair the area near the window. M&D Contracting submitted a quote and pictures of the roof with other areas included where they thought could use some work, this quote was in the amount of \$1,650.00. These repairs will be a three way split with the townships and be discussed at a joint meeting with each representative. The Mayor would like to contact Mr. Beechy

again since the area has increased giving him the chance to bid the same scope of work. It was agreed this would be a good idea. This will be put on the September 10th agenda.

RE: APPROVAL TO MAKE A REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO PAVE E WASHINGTON ST

Mayor Wilson reported it is estimated to cost approximately \$60,000.00 to pave the remaining portion of E Washington St from Cross St to SR 30/45 (Jackson St). The mayor is requesting the village contribute \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 then requesting the remaining funds from the County Commissioners from the American Rescue Plan funds. Council President Hiner stated there was around \$25,000.00 left in the Village ARPA funds where does everyone want to spend this, bringing up the leak in the pool. Council man Cox reported this leak is in the area between the pool and splash pad, where the concrete is new. He is estimating this repair will cost between \$15,000 to \$18,000.00, once the pool is closed for the season a quote will be obtained. There was discussion on using either ARPA funds or Capital Improvement funds for the paving, the money would only be used if the remaining funds were obtained from the County.

Donnalley made the motion to authorize a \$25,000.00 match from the Capital Improvement fund to match the funds to pave E Washington St from Cross St to Jackson St only being used if the remaining funding is obtained.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: APPROVAL FOR THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND FILL THE POSITION

Mayor Wilson reported that after researching and speaking to Mya Emmerling after the committee of the whole meeting last evening, there isn't enough time to gather the information council requested or Ms. Emmerling to register for the class and leave enough time to meet the required hours. He is going to wait to possibly January to request this again.

RE: HIRING OF A FULL TIME DISPATCHER/APPROVAL OF FULL TIME DISPATCHER REQUEST TO MOVE TO PART TIME

Chief Abraham reported that Jamie Mattos, who is a full time dispatcher has requested to move to part time status. Her last day full time will be August 24th if approved.

Hiner made the motion to approve the request as submitted.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Chief Abraham presented an application from Ashli Hilderbrand for full time employment as a dispatcher. He also stated that he is interviewing for part time dispatchers. One part timer has been hired at the Federal Prison and the other is attending the police academy with neither being available as much as they had been.

Hiner made the motion to hire Ashli Hilderbrand as a full time dispatcher.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: UPDATE ON RTPO GRANT APPLICATION – SIDEWALKS DICKEY DR AREA

Mayor Wilson said this application had been submitted Friday, the Port Authority had requested some information from the village for the application. The Mayor thanked Chief Abraham for looking up what was requested. After speaking with the port authority, the mayor stated the application may not score well enough to be competitive since there may not have been enough accidents in the area from Vista Dr to Dickey Dr. Because sidewalks are part of the initial plan for the N Market St sewer line replacement those funds would be eligible to used as matching funds per the mayor.

The mayor brought up the Grant St Bridge replacement and pool hours for the weekend, he was reminded this is a special meeting therefore nothing else can be discussed only the items on the agenda. Council woman Temple ask if she could ask a question on the pool hours.

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the August 27, 2024, special meeting 7:17 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer