

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 27, 2019**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Roger Gallo

**PRESENT:** Berg, Darcy, Cox, Wilson, and Snyder

**ABSENT:** Thomas

The regular meeting on August 27, 2019 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Roger Gallo presiding.

Mayor Gallo opened the meeting with an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2019**

Snyder made the motion to approve the minutes from the 8/13/19 meeting

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Snyder made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$28,910.24. and payroll for PPE 8/10/19 in the amount of \$48,544.36

Berg 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**GUEST (S)**

Bill Hoover, BPA member, informed Council that he attended a seminar sponsored by RCAP. RCAP not only is a tool to find funding for water and sewer projects they can help with finding funding in other areas also. He brought back a pamphlet for reference material for future village projects.

Mayor Gallo wanted to thank and compliment everyone who was involved in the downtown activities over the weekend. The Numbers block party was a big success with a large attendance. The safety day on Sunday was another huge success. Mayor Gallo thanked the owners and staff of Numbers for their dedication to the Village. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments, the County Sheriff Department, Lisbon Grange along with the numerous volunteers to make both events successful in highlighting the downtown area.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RE: COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA**

Council man Berg reported the Village has received seven (7) letters of interest for the CRA Board. Mayor Gallo appointed Neil Bayless and Susan Shank as the two (2) Mayor's appointments.

Berg made the motion to appoint Cheryl Mills and Linda Donnelly as the two (2) council appointments to the CRA Board.

Snyder 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

The Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting for Thursday August 29th at 5:00 to make their appointments. Council man Berg submitted to council applications for the CRA; there are two packets a residential and non residential. Mr. Berg explained the non residential is a more detailed since this application is an approval process that may involve the school depending on the abatement request. Council thanked Mr. Berg for his work on the ordinance and applications for the CRA. Mr. Wilson suggested having a seminar for individuals and business owners to explain the CRA; everyone agreed this should be considered.

**RE: NATIONAL REALTORS GRANT**

Council man Wilson and Mayor Gallo reported the following progress on the pocket park. The wood has been taken to the CCCTC for the woodworking class who began working on the sign last week; the artist has started on the map. The scout from Troop 46 has completed a rendered drawing of the pergola he will be building for his Eagle Scout project. The pergola will consist of 4 corner benches and planters. The concrete pad and pergola will be the same size.

**RE: WILLOW GROVE PARK BRIDGE**

Council man Wilson reported he had met with Dallis Dawson and Associates, there is an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant available for such projects. The deadline for the grant application is October, Mr. Wilson wondered if this type of grant should be used for the bridge on S Market St which needs some repairs. Mr. Wilson did point out there is not any engineering design completed on the S Market St bridge which could be difficult to have done in time for the grant application deadline. It was decided to move forward with the OPWC grant for the Willow Grove Bridge, the money in the Willow Grove fund will be used as village funds contributed towards the project.

**RE: ORDINANCE #2050-19 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES**

Snyder made the motion to pass the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2050-19, an ordinance providing for annual inspections of backflow devices.

Cox 2nd

Mr. Wilson asks what the price would be for these inspections to homeowners. These inspections are for businesses only which have a backflow prevention device, the price will be comparable to what area plumbers charge for the same service according to Bill Hoover BPA member.

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

**RE: UPDATE ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS**

Council man Wilson requested any available updates on current building maintenance violations; he has been checking the court records for each case seeing where depositions should be starting soon. Solicitor Beech reported that the village started with citing six (6) building owners, there are two (2) who are now compliant with what was requested of Inspector Barkley. The remaining four (4) are all at different levels of compliance making an effort to complete the work. Each are being given more time to complete the needed work on the non compliance citation.

**RE: DOWNTOWN SQUARES**

Council man Cox reported that he met with street superintendent Jim Oliver after the last meeting to look at the squares to see what would need to be done before either any work could be done on the gardens, with a lot of cleanup work to be completed before anything can be done correctly. After some discussion on both mulch and stone work it was decided to wait until late fall or early spring before doing anything in the parks.

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND DESIGN**

Council man Berg complimented EPD on the work they have done with the Village signage ordinance updates. He would like to obtain a quote on having them help update other parts of the zoning code starting with the parcel sizes, setback requirements and dimensions. Council agreed this is a good idea asking Mr. Berg to contact EPD to obtain such a quote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: ELECTRIC AND GAS AGGREGATION CONTINUATION**

Dynegy the current aggregation provider for the Village has contacted the Village in regards to the upcoming 2019-2021 aggregation pricing. Mayor Gallo does not feel the aggregation is the most efficient process in finding the best prices for either electric or gas prices; he himself has obtained better pricing by not participating in the aggregation. Council man Snyder feels the same on the participation in future aggregation programs.

Snyder made the motion to not continue with an aggregation program after the current program expires.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

**RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS/HIRING'S**

The following promotions and hiring's were approved based on the recommendation of Chief Abraham.

Cox made the motion to promote Kody Watkins to Sgt at 100% of the base.

Snyder 2nd

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

Snyder made the motion to promote Casandra Holland from PT Dispatcher to FT Dispatcher 92% of the base.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

Berg made the motion to hire Scott Weiland as a FT Police Officer at 94% of the base.

Snyder 2nd

According to Chief Abraham Officer Weiland has three (3) years of experience which is the reason he recommended the 94%

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to hire William Williams as a PT Dispatcher.

Snyder 2nd

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

Chief Abraham requested authorization to remove the first parking space on the east side of S Market St on the North side of the intersection of Market and Washington St. Chief Abraham feels this will make for a better turning area for trucks turning off of SR 164 (Washington St). He would like to place a no parking here to corner sign in place of the current parking meter.

Snyder made the motion to remove the parking meter in the above mentioned parking space to replace with a no parking here to corner sign.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

Bill Hoover thanked Chief Abraham for the presentation he gave on active shooter awareness at the last safety meeting. Mr. Hoover reported that he has received nothing but positive feedback on the meeting from all who attended.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

The financial report was distributed to council in their packets. Ms Wonner reported the 2020 budget hearings are being scheduled for sometime in September, after this hearing a finance committee meeting will be scheduled.

Cox made the motion to transfer \$10,000.00 from the General fund (1000) to the Street Fund (2011).

Berg 2nd

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

#### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The street department report was distributed to council in their packets. Mr. Oliver reported that ODOT contacted him earlier this afternoon to say that the milling and paving project on Lincoln Way will start Tuesday Sept 3rd. The tractor and roller have both been repaired and ready for use. The department will be doing more blacktopping around town starting Thursday.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Gresh reported Safety Day was a big success, the department served over 500 hot dogs to those who attended on Sunday. Warren Fire was completed the bench testing on Monday, there are some repairs needed to the equipment. NOVA Chemical will be donating a safety cage to the department; the paperwork is being processed by NOVA. Chief Gresh reported he was contacted by 4 Guys on the status of the purchase of the new fire truck, he told the representative that the purchase could not be completed until either the FEMA grant application is awarded or the levy money collections begin. The representative stated that with the tariffs the estimated increase on the aluminum for the cab is a 20% increase. Ms. Wonner reported that earlier this afternoon she signed the final form WT1 needed to schedule a pickup of the barrels at the department from a fire call.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The parking at the pool park area for during the Little Blue Devils activities was discussed, it was reported that parking at times can be an issue is there anyway more parking could be made available including parking on the tennis courts. There was discussion on moving the cable and post in the current parking lot where cars could double park, the parking available all along Cedar St and in the park where employees park. All council agreed that the tennis courts are not an option to park vehicles on under any circumstances. The Labor Day Dog party has been moved from the swimming pool to the dog park. The pool concession operated by Angel and Cleona went well, they would like to be considered again for next year. A parks committee meeting is scheduled for Monday Sept 9th at 4:30 pm.

**ZONING APPLICATIONS**

The most current zoning applications were in council packets for their review.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on August 27, 2019 adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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Mayor Roger Gallo

**ATTEST:**

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Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer