

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 25, 2023**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

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

ABSENT: Thomas

The regular meeting on July 25, 2023, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding.

Reverend Moore opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JULY 11, 2023

Hiner made the motion to approve the minutes from the 7/11/23 regular meeting.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$15,063.74.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 7/8/23 in the amount of \$70,998.38.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

There were no guests present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: ELECTRIC AGGREGATION – TREBEL ENERGY

Mayor Wilson asked council if they had come to an agreement on the usage of Trebel Energy. In his statement he brought up current allegations against Ohio Edison, and the fact that Trebel Energy would be in the best interest of the residents to benefit from the lower amount of money with this company. Ms. Hiner brought up the point that the residents could always opt out of Trebel's plan when contacted. There would be no effect on those residents on a PIP plan. Ms. Hiner motioned to go forward with Trebel Energy but would like a roll call vote.

Temple 2nd

Cox, Darcy, Temple, Hiner, Donnalley all yes for Trebel Energy to contact the residents in the next couple of weeks to provide an aggregation.

Motion passed unanimously.

RE: SCOUT SOLAR PROJECT

Mayor Wilson asked council about going forward with this project, council decided they would need more information and discussion over the next two meetings. Project was tabled until the next meeting.

RE: PRITCHARD AVE BRIDGE PROJECT

Mayor Wilson stated the ODOT funding would be presented at the next meeting. S Market (Grant) St bridge is projected to begin in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: 1ST READING ORDINANCE NO. 2159-2023 – VILLAGE PAYROLL ORDINANCE

Ms. Hiner stated when the Finance Committee met to discuss the wages of Village employees they decided and agreed on the 3.5 per cent wage increase. Ms. Hiner contacted the Cemetery Board and the Board of Public Affairs, both boards agreed of the payroll ordinance. The BPA base wage was more of an increase due to the difference in their certifications. Mayor Wilson questioned if the increase could be closer to the rising rate of inflation. Ms. Hiner expressed it was a fair increase and the rate is comparable to surrounding municipalities. Ms. Hiner made the motion to pass the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 2159-2023.

Darcy 2nd

All ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2160-2023 – AUTHORIZATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO PURCHASE A 2019 CHEVROLET DUMP TRUCK

Mr. Cox was approved at the Finance Committee to go ahead with the purchase of the dump truck he has been looking at with the Street supervisor. Ms. Hiner stated that the street department has needed better equipment and now it the perfect time to use the American Rescue Plan Funds for this purpose. Mr. Cox made the motion to purchase the dump truck resolution no. 2160-2023.

Temple 2nd

All ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2161-2023 – AUTHORIZATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO PURCHASE A 2005 FREIGHTLINER BUCKET TRUCK

Another needed piece of equipment for the street department is a bucket truck. The current bucket truck is very unstable for work in the Village. Mr. Cox has been looking at a truck that was an Ohio Edison truck with 120,000 miles which are highway miles. In addition to this truck there is one truck that could have potential to be a better purchase. Mr. Cox made the motion for council to give him the approval to purchase or pursue another truck that could potentially be a better buy resolution no. 2161-2023.

Temple 2nd

All ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2162-2023 – AUTHORIZATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO DO ROOF/SIDING AND SPOUTING MAINTENANCE ON THE STREET GARAGE

Discussion was had over how much of the current contract covered, and what the bid entailed. That would be discussed with the fiscal officer when she returned from vacation. Mr. Cox made the motion to proceed with the current bid resolution no. 2162-2023.

Temple 2nd

All ayes
Motion Passed

RE: GOVERNMENT SURPLUS AUCTIONS – GOVDEALS

Ms. Hiner has brought the subject up to use GOVDEALS in the selling of the fire department Chevy Suburban. Both townships agreed to the sale. Lisbon has the title; it was not a three-way split between the village and the townships. GOVDEALS is an internet-based auction house. Mr. Cox questioned if was as convenient as taking it to Baer Auctions, and Ms. Hiner's answer was yes. GOVDEALS takes care of the selling, and the buyer. Only need to submit a picture along with the details of the truck, the buyer pays the 12%. Mr. Beech did say there would be a resolution in the selling of government property. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

RE: RESIGNATION OF FT OFFICER D. SINKOVICH

Cox made a motion to accept the resignation of officer Sinkovich.

Hiner 2nd

All ayes

Motion Passed

Police chief Abraham asked council for permission to hire a new part time officer at the meeting. She would start on Thursday if approved.

Cox made the motion to hire Samantha Wolfe as the new part time officer.

Hiner 2nd

All ayes

Motion Passed

RE: PURCHASE OF CUTTING EDGES FOR SNOWPLOWS

The price of the cutting edges is \$2,161.00 per Jim Oliver. The cutting edges were last purchased in 2018.

Ms. Hiner made the motion to purchase the cutting edges.

Cox 2nd

All ayes

Motion Passed

RE: PURCHASE OF SPOT MIRROR CORNER OF S LINCOLN AVE AND W WASHINGTON ST

The price to purchase the spot mirror is \$650.00.

Temple made the motion to purchase the spot mirror.

Hiner 2nd

All ayes

Motion Passed

It was brought to council’s attention that 15 street signs have been stolen. There has been in the surrounding areas a lot of signs being stolen at this time.

RE: FREE SWIM DAY ALMOST PERFECT FOUNDATION AND RESALE AUGUST 19TH

A thank you to Kristen Houston for the free swim day on the 19th. There will be a total of 6 free swim days the community has participated in for the pool. Ms. Donnalley mentioned the hiring of a new lifeguard to help finish out the rest of the season.

Hiner made the motion to hire Olivia May for the remainder of the season.

Darcy 2nd

All ayes

Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

The following reports were submitted to council in their packets: the most current June month end fund summary. All vouchers were presented prior to the meeting for review and signatures.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was not a report in the council packet. The cross walks are going to be started on Thursday July 27th.

FIRE REPORT

Chief Hall was absent but had told Mayor Wilson he met with four painters for the station. No one has sent in a quote since the meeting.

BPA REPORT

Bill Hoover, BPA chair, reported the hydrants are done being flushed now they will be checking that no valves are rusted shut. The Vac Con had been lent to Leetonia for \$175.00 an hour, to be invoiced. The leak seekers will be out listening for leaks. The insurance company has settled on the old Vac Con and could have a buyer for it. They would have an answer in the next couple of weeks.

ZONING REPORT

The reports were passed out in council packets.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Krotky was present to ask council for volunteers to help with parking cars at the cemetery during the Columbiana County Fair. The cemetery raises enough money to help with the costs of equipment for the department.

Mr. Darcy had a question regarding the starting date for the new Mexican restaurant. Mayor Wilson said he has been told by August 15th the restaurant should be open.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cox made the motion to enter executive session.
Hiner 2nd

All ayes

Executive session was called at 7:15 to discuss an employee discipline.
Cox, Darcy, Temple, Hiner, Donnalley a ye for roll call vote

To return to regular council meeting at 7:25 Hiner made the motion.
Temple 2nd

All ayes

Roll call vote Cox, Darcy, Temple, Hiner, Donnalley all ayes, no action was taken in the session.

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the July 25, 2023, meeting at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Barbara Crane Admin Asst.