

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 23, 2024

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

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

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on January 23, 2024, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding.

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

Mayor Wilson thanked the water, street, fire, police, and residents for all the work and cooperation during the main water line break, multiple fires, and harsh weather.

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Donnalley made the motion to approve the minutes from the 1/23/24 regular meeting.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$30,708.55 and payroll for PPE 1/6/24 in the amount of \$69,469.40.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

There were no guest present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION

Mayor Wilson reported he had spoke with Treble, the PUCO registration for the Village needs updated, when completed Trebel can begin the process of pricing. The aggregation will follow the same plan as the electric, there should be an update in the next couple of months.

RE: ARCHITECTURAL & HISTORICAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD VACATE SEAT

Mayor Wilson received one letter to date for the two vacate seats on the Architectural & Historical Design Review Board, he is asking council approve Lisa Wycoff. Ms. Wycoff's letter of interest was passed out to council for review.

Cox made the motion to approve Lisa Wycoff for the Architectural & Historical Design Review Board.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: PRITCHARD AVE BRIDGE ENVIRONMENT STUDY

To date the village has received one letter, Mayor Wilson reached out to the other firms recommended by ODOT, with the holidays they had not submitted anything as of yet. He is hoping to have something for the next meeting.

RE: VILLAGE CONTRIBUTION AMUNT TO HEALTH INSURANCE HIRE AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024

Council President Hiner explained that during the finance portion of the committee of the whole meeting, they reviewed the change in the village contribution for new employees hired after January 1, 2024, the policy passed was that the village would pay \$300.00 of the monthly premium before the 25% employee portion for single only insurance. The committee discussed paying the \$300.00 for all plans the village offers.

Hiner made the motion to change the village contribution prior to the 25% of the employee portion to \$300.00 for all plans offered by the village for employees hired after January 1, 2024.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: FLOORING IN VILLAGE HALL

The committee of the whole reviewed flooring quotes from 2 companies. The committee of the whole recommended the quote from Eells Leggett Flooring be brought to the council meeting.

Hiner made the motion to approve the quote from Eells Leggett Flooring in the amount of \$20,957.00 for new flooring throughout the upstairs of village hall.

Darcy 2nd

This will be paid from the capital improvement fund.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RECORDING SYSTEM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The committee of the whole agreed to put on the agenda the quote received in 2023 from SCI – Integrated for a FTR recording suite and cloud base storage to the regular council meeting. Mayor Wilson questioned if there was another company for quotes, Ms. Wonner explained SCI is who the county uses and recommended, the village contracts IT services and uses the same phone system as the county. Ms. Hiner reported another company was called but did not offer the same type of system. Mayor Wilson has concerns with SCI being from Grove City OH, Mr. Cox questioned the cost and if this would allow for broadcasting of meetings. This is not the same kind of system needed for that.

Donnalley made the motion to approve the purchase of the recording system at a cost of \$16,180.15 and one year of the reoccurring cost for cloud storage at cost of \$3,684.00.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2179-2024 – A RESOLUTION FOR COLUMBIANA COUNTY 911 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY RC 128.06

Mayor Wilson gave background information on each name being considered Jeff Kreefer City of East Liverpool, Thomas Povenski Jr, Village of East Palestine and Tyler Graham City of Columbiana, Mr. Wilson admitted he was not familiar with any, so he googled and looked them up on Facebook. Lisa Wycoff also gave a little more background on Mr. Kreefer who is her brother in law. Council President Hiner abstained ask that it be noted she is abstaining from any discussion and voting.

Temple made the motion approve Resolution 2179-2024, to select Jeff Kreefer from the City of East Liverpool to become a member of the Columbiana County 911 program review committee.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2180-2024 – A RESOLUTION FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND APPLICATION FOR THE N MARKET ST SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT

Cox made the motion to approve Resolution 2180-2024.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESIGNATION OF PART TIME DISPATCHER – A DIXON

Cox made the motion to accept the resignation of Ashton Dixon as a part time dispatcher.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: HIRING OF PART TIME DISPATCHER

Cox made the motion to hire Brady Ketchum as a part time dispatcher.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: TRANSFER OF INTEREST RECEIVED FROM CEMETERY (FORMERLY ENDOWMENT) FUND TO CEMETERY OPERATING

The cemetery board approved the transfer of \$38,440.34 in interest earned during their meeting on February 22nd from the formerly cemetery endowment fund to the cemetery fund.

Cox made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2181-2024, an ordinance to amend fund 2902 for the 2024 annual appropriations.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Cox made the motion to approve a transfer from the cemetery formerly endowment to the cemetery operating fund in the amount of \$38,440.34.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A SIDEWALK GRANT

Mayor Wilson discussed the possibility of sidewalk grants in the village, he mentioned from Saltwell down to Vista Drive. There was discussion on how previous grants have been applied for on the same area but not awarded. Sidewalks are property owners' responsibility in the past assessments were implemented to pay for the sidewalks downtown. The mayor spoke with Shane Patrone, the Mayor of New Waterford who told him these types of grants are extremely competitive. The mayor was looking into the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grants, these are reimbursement grants available up to \$500,000.00. He is also looking at what is available through OMEGA.

RE: WILLOW GROVE PARK CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Mayor Wilson would like council to reconsider the easement for Willow Grove Park, Western Reserve Conservatory had offered \$2,000.00 per acre for 40 acres when council voted against it the first time. WRC is wanting to establish

a green belt from the Boy Scout camp on Furnace Rd to the eastern side of Lisbon along the creek. The mayor stated Willow Grove will always be a park the majority is in a flood zone making it hard to develop for anything different. He is asking for approval to reach out to WRC to see if they still have any interest in the conservation easement.

Temple made the motion to approve the mayor to contact Western Reserve Conservatory.
Donnalley 2nd

Council man Smith verified this is only to reach out for information, correct? The mayor said this is the case. Council man Darcy than ask this does not lock the village into any agreements, does it? The mayor said it does not.

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: 2024 CDBG MONIES

Council discussed projects to submit for CDBG applications later in the year and using American Rescue Plan funds as matching dollars. East Washington St and Race Rd were both mentioned for paving.

RE: STREET DEPARTMENT BOOT PURCHASE

Council President Hiner verified the purchase of boots is a yearly purchase, correct? It is a yearly purchase.

Hiner made the motion to approve boots to be purchased from Sabatini Shoes on a yearly basis in the amount not to exceed \$150.00 beginning January 2024.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

A committee of the whole meeting was scheduled for Tuesday January 30th at 5:15 pm. A few items mentioned to be discussed is Issue 2 and how the village wants to move forward with marijuana laws, creating a village Facebook page and rental property regulations.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following reports were submitted to council in their packets: the most current January month end fund summary. All vouchers were presented prior to the meeting for review and signatures. Ms. Wonner reported the monthly transfer for the 5% of the December 2023 income tax collections with the additional \$7,500.00 totaled \$14,611.47.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The street department report was distributed to council in their packets. Street Supervisor Oliver reported to council the augur motor on the 2019 Chevy 5500 Truck 7 needs to be replaced, it quit working. Council President ask if Council man Cox had any questions on how and why, he said he had already had those answered.

Temple made the motion to approve the purchase of a new augur from Myers Equipment in the amount of \$1,355.65.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall started by thanking the police department including dispatchers, water, and street with all the help during the last several fires in the extreme weather.

The total calls for 2023 was 271, Village of Lisbon 100, Elkrun Township 57, and Center Township 114. This total is between 30 and 40 less than 2022.

BPA REPORT

Bill Hoover, BPA Chairman reported on the main water leak on Jan 10th, he also thanked everyone for all the assistance and support. Since that leak there have been 3 smaller leaks all have been repaired, the one leak in front of Huntington Bank on the weekend required a boil alert for Subway. The board approved the purchase of a new computer and software to operate the plant.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

The most current zoning applications were submitted to council in their packets.

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the January 23, 2024 meeting at 7:25 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer