

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2021**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

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

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on January 26, 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.

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Darcy made the motion to approve the minutes from the 1/12/21 meeting.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount \$33,700.13 and payroll for PPE 1/9/21 \$51,844.76.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

Troy Rhodes Ohio Edison representative was present to reintroduce himself to those who have not met him in addition to updating Council on the upcoming Ohio Edison projects and timelines with the install of the Smart Meters.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2085-2020 3rd READING 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Council President Thomas reported the finance committee met to discuss the appropriation ordinance in detail, including all line items. There is room in the appropriations for a wage increase to be discussed later.

Cox made the motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance 2085-2020 the 2021 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

RE: HILLTOP LAWN AND GARDEN QUOTE DIXON Z TURN MOWER REPAIR

The street department received a quote to repair the Dixon Z turn mower at a cost of \$885.08. Council man Cox explained most of the work is normal maintenance. He also brought up the possibility of the Street department purchasing a mower that the Cemetery plans on replacing this year. Mr. Cox feels this mower would be a good addition to the street department because it has been well taken care of and for mowing purposes does not have a lot of hours. Council President Thomas ask if this is such a good mower than why is the Cemetery wanting to replace. Mr. Cox stated he thinks it is just because the Cemetery Board has a rotation schedule for equipment they wish to adhere to before equipment does get too bad.

Cox made the motion to repair the Dixon Z turn mower at Hilltop Lawn and Garden in the amount of \$885.08.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SAPLINGS WILLOW GROVE PARK CREEK BANK

Council man Berg discussed the different types of trees available for purchase from the Soil and Water Conservation District. The saplings will be planted at Willow Grove Park if approved for purchase. After much discussion on why the trees are needed along the creek side and in the park, it was decided to purchase Sycamore trees for the creek side and Dog woods for in the park.

Berg made the motion to purchase 2 bags of Sycamore saplings at \$5.00 for 9 in a bag and 1 bag of Dog wood saplings at 5 for \$10.00.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Wilson ask for permission to apply for this grant. This grant is intended to help municipalities replace older vehicles, the grant itself is a highly competitive grant. Mr. Wilson will participate in a webinar explaining the grant application sometime in February with a deadline for application being March 16th. There is no cost to the Village if awarded the grant, the Columbiana County Economic Development office will assist with the application.

Cox made the motion to approve Mayor Wilson to complete the grant application.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: POLICE CRUISER UNIT #3 – OUT OF COMMISSION

Unit #3 is parked currently at the water garage with all the pertinent police equipment and wheels being removed. Council man Cox suggested we leave this sit there until the Village can get a diagnostic completed to see what repairs need to be made before deciding if it should be moved to another department for use.

RE: GOOSE NUISANCE AT WILLOW GROVE PARK

Mayor Wilson explained that during the parks committee meeting there was discussion on the geese issue at Willow Grove Park. The geese are making a mess throughout the park, making it an undesirable place for families to visit. Mr. Wilson would like permission to purchase guns/noise makers and bangers which have been approved for use by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Wilson explained this is the time when the deterrents need be set off daily for approximately 2 weeks. Council man Cox questioned if these types of devices could even be used in town. Chief Abraham stated that this should not be an issue with where Willow Grove is located. Council President Thomas mentioned that items should be on the agenda prior to being discussed and would like that to be followed.

Berg made the motion to authorize up to \$250.00 to purchase the suggested items for the goose nuisance at Willow Grove Park.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

A fund summary and payment listing were submitted to Council in their packets.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The report was submitted to Council in their packets.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council man Cox reported the truck is almost complete and ready for delivery, he will update as received. The public safety committee met with the townships and department. The upcoming service agreement was discussed as to when everyone would like to start the renewal process. There are a few projects in the station being discussed, bathroom, tool room and inside ceiling covering.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Parks Supervisor Dana Blackburn reported she sent maps of the proposed trails at Willow Grove Park to Buckeye Council concerning public access. The upcoming projects she would like to see completed are repair to fence at Willow Grove, the sapling being planted, new grills at various locations and the playground equipment at Willow Grove. The pool repairs were discussed once again, the Village is looking into possibly only repairing the Southwest corner of the shallow end, Street Supervisor Oliver feels this is where the leak. Council is discussing doing the repairs in phases.

APPROVED ZONING APPLICATIONS

The approved zoning applications were included in the Council packet.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Wilson informed Council that this will be the last meeting Morning Journal reporter Tom Giambroni will be covering, he is retiring at the end of the month. All of Council wished him well on his retirement.

Council President Thomas reported that she and Mayor Wilson had met to discuss the Policy and Procedure manual update, different sections of the handbook will be divided among Council for suggested updates. Chief Abraham asks if department heads will be included in this project, Mrs. Thomas stated at some point yes, they will.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on January 26, 2021 adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer