

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 25, 2023

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Cox, Temple, Darcy, Hiner, Thomas, and Beech

ABSENT: Donnalley

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

Reverend Shuman Nazarene Church opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING APRIL 11, 2023

Hiner made the motion to approve the minutes from the 4/11/23 regular meeting.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes with Darcy abstaining

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$29,677.45

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to approve payroll for PPE in the amount of \$65,368.36

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

Bob Hunt, Lisbon Eagles, was present at the meeting. The Eagles are offering to host a few events in town this summer, a one day yard sale, entertainment in the square and a weekend community swim. The Eagles will pay for the yard sale permits on a day of council's choice for a village wide yard sale up to \$500.00, the same evening of the yard sale they would like to host a band in the square up to \$500.00. In the past the Eagles has donated a one day free swim at the pool, this year they would like to do an entire weekend up to \$1,000.00, the dates are council's choice. Council and the Mayor thanked Bob and the Eagles for their generosity. Council will decide on the dates and the Mayor will work with the Chamber and the Eagles on a band for that evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: MAINTENANCE QUOTES STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

The quotes from Brothers Mechanical and JMullen which were tabled at the last meeting were brought up for discussion at this meeting. Council man Cox ask Street Supervisor Oliver which garage he preferred, Mr. Oliver replied Brother's would be his preference.

Cox made the motion to approve the Brothers Mechanical for the maintenance of the village street department vehicles as submitted.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: GOVERNOR'S APPALACHIAN INITIATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported the county has been awarded \$175,000.00 for engineering on two projects which directly affect the village, the expansion of the Greenway Bike Trail to the Ohio River and the construction of a bridge from the bike trail to Willow Grove Park. The initiative for downtown revitalization has been awarded also, this project is part of the state procurement, if owners of a building put in some money the state will put in money also. These are tentative at the moment; the committee has their first meeting this upcoming Monday. Mayor Wilson said he will keep council updated.

RE: CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Mayor Wilson reported the agreement had been sent to Solicitor Beech from the law firm present earlier in the year. Solicitor Beech reported this was a standard agreement, at this time he does not see any benefit or harm in joining the lawsuit if council so desired.

Thomas made the motion to table this indefinitely.
Cox 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: 3RD/FINAL READING ORDINANCE 2145-2023 – UPDATING NOTICE TO OWNER TO REMOVE LITTER

Cox made the motion to pass the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2145-2023.
Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: SWIMMING POOL DIVING BOARD AREA

Council man Cox reported he met with the contractor regarding the concrete about a week and a half ago, the concrete cost is estimated to be approximately \$14,500.00, this includes all needed materials. This is below the estimated \$15,000.00. The diving board has increased in price since the last meeting by \$350.00 and the hardware an additional \$75.000. If this work is approved tonight, weather permitting, the work could start this Friday. Mayor Wilson reported he had approached someone about donating towards this project, he has not heard anything back to date. Mr. Cox ask if council had a preference on color for the diving board between blue or white. Council all agreed on the blue.

Thomas made the motion to approve the concrete work and diving board installation.
Hiner 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2149-2023 – SALE OF 2016 FORD EXPLORER UNIT #1 VIN ENDING 1734

Council President Thomas reported this resolution is the same verbiage which was used for the cruiser donated earlier this year. Mayor Wilson questioned the \$1,000.00 value listed, when he looked on blue book the same police vehicles had much higher values starting at \$8,000.00 and higher. Solicitor Beech stated the entity has the authority to set the value it has to them.

Hiner made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2149-2023.
Cox 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

RE: FIRE DEPARTMENT INTERIOR MAINTENANCE APPROVAL

Council man Cox reported he had spoken with Boak and Sons the ceiling repair is on their schedule, they will give the department 24-48 hours' notice before beginning. The trucks will only need to sit out during the day, each evening they can be put back in the garage. Chief Hall reported the guys have started to prepare the area for the project. Council woman Hiner stated that with the other interior projects including some work in the current bathroom she would like to allocate another \$10,000.00 towards these projects. She feels by doing this it gives the townships the flexibility to move forward also, knowing the village has already been approved. Mayor Wilson questioned if the bathroom structure the townships had looked at was purchased, it has not been.

Hiner made the motion to approve \$10,000.00 additional funds to the interior maintenance of the fire department.
Cox 2nd

All Ayes, with Thomas abstaining

Motion Passed

RE: STREET DEPARTMENT GRANT COLUMBIANA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Wilson reported to council that he had requested \$125,000.00 from the county commissioners from their American Rescue Plan money to assist the village in purchasing new equipment for the street department, the village did not receive the full amount but did receive \$25,000.00 towards the purchase. The mayor also updated council he spoke with Representative Monica Robb Blasdel's office there have not been any decisions on the requests through the state. Council woman Hiner said she is very appreciative of the money awarded by the commissioners but was not sure why council was not informed before the request was made. The mayor apologized stating he did not think it was necessary since Council man Cox did not inform council when he was soliciting donations for the pool last year. Mr. Cox replied he did not in any way solicit donations for the pool, the donor approached him asking what was going on with the repairs. They donated on their own accord with no solicitation from anyone. Ms. Hiner went on to say she just feels this should have been discussed in council prior to the request.

RE: \$300.00 REQUEST TO UPDATE "WELCOME TO LISBON" BROCHURE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LISBON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COLUMBIANA COUNTY PARKS DISTRICT

Mayor Wilson requested on behalf of the chamber a \$300.00 donation to help in updating the "Welcome to Lisbon" brochure in conjunction with the chamber and county parks district. Councilman Cox questioned if both the chamber and the parks district were putting \$300.00 each in also, Mayor Wilson said yes, they are.

Cox made the motion to put \$300.00 towards the updating of the "Welcome to Lisbon" brochure as requested.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Mayor Wilson than said he would like to go back to donations for the village, he had asked local businesses to donate towards the diving board and concrete at the swimming pool, should he go back to tell them we don't need their money? Council President Thomas replied the concern is that council did not know he was asking for money and as the decision makers of the village they should be aware of what is going on, it does not mean the answer would be no. Again, the mayor apologized for getting money for the village you can tell it is an election year he commented.

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2150-2023 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBSURFACE LEASE COLUMBIA GAS PARCEL NO. 08-50026.000

BPA Chairman Bill Hoover explained this was on their agenda earlier this evening, the area is an 80 foot wide strip on Adams Rd that goes to the water plant for the main water line to the village. During their meeting they found no issue with the easement. Solicitor Beech has reviewed the easement noting the Columbia Gas is seeking an easement for rights under the surface yes, but if the village does not agree Columbia Gas says they will take them not paying the village anything. In exchange for the easement the village will receive a permanent subsurface easement of \$50.00 x 3.65 acres in the amount of \$182.50 and a one time incentive for execution of \$200.00 per

parcel, the first payment will be \$382.50. Sr. Plant Operator Chris Peterson said he has talked with the EPA since the easement is 7000 feet deep it should never affect our line, they see no reason to have any concern.

Cox made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2150-2023 as presented.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: HIRING OF PART TIME DISPATCHER

Council President Thomas reported the application is based on the recommendation of Chief Abraham. Ms. Mattos lives in town, she is also available both afternoons and nights. This hiring if approved will fill one of the two vacancies for part time dispatchers.

Cox made the motion to hire Jamie Mattos as a part time dispatcher.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: CEMETERY HIRING

Cemetery board member Gene Krotky reported the board has hired a part time cemetery clerk, Chris Park. Mr. Park has been hired on a 90 day probationary period at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. The board wanted to publicly thank Ron Firth, who has been volunteering his time at the cemetery office for the last several weeks, he is also helping to train Mr. Park. They are still looking to hire summer help. Weather permitting there will be a volunteer day Saturday May 20th, the board ask that you bring your own equipment if plan on coming. The board also wanted to thank the water/sewer and street departments who have agreed to help when needed in preparation for Memorial Day.

RE: STREET SWEEPING

Council Cox was asked by the Mayor and Council to set up street sweeping days. He will contact the company to set up a full day of sweeping sometime around May 23rd to 25th.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following reports were submitted to council in their packets: April month end fund summary. All vouchers were presented prior to the meeting for review and signatures. Ms. Wonner reported the income tax collections seem to be moving along nicely, Ms. Crane has been working with some who either needed an extension or ask to be put on a payment plan. She continues to enter the zero filers, those whose employer withholds their village income tax they are only required to complete the form since live within the village limits. These individuals in the past were not all put in the system, which in turn the number of filers in the system was not accurate to those who did file income tax in the village.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The street department report was distributed to council in their packets for review. Council man Cox reported the street department started patching, he wanted to commend the department on how great they look.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall reported the village pumper is out of service for repairs, the parts have been ordered. The truck will be back in service tomorrow.

PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council man Cox reported the equipment has been placed along the walking trail at the pool. The air compressor for the pool has been ordered.

BPA REPORT

Chairman Hoover reported the department will be starting to flush hydrants in the next week, they will be starting on the East side of town working their way West. They have been awarded a grant to send an employee for a CDL license, Laura Wilson will be going to class starting in the next few weeks. The bid opening for the NE Pressure project was this morning. The project was bid in two different phases, the tower itself and then the booster pump and piping. All the bids were taken by the engineering firm for review, once reviewed Howell's and Baird will make their recommendation for approval. The construction period is 18 months for the entire project. Sr. Plant Operator Chris Peterson has reached out to Ohio Edison regarding the invoice for damage to wires torn from the house on E Lincoln Way when, he has not heard anything back yet. The VOC samples for the village wells came back again this time with no detectable levels.

ZONING REPORT

The most current approved zoning applications were distributed in their packets. Council man Cox ask for verification of a project on Sunset Dr, if the homeowner had a permit. Mayor Wilson said they do have a permit and the neighbor agreed to the work being done.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council woman Temple reported it has been brought to her attention that individuals are using the garbage cans in the squares for their own personal garbage. Mayor Wilson stated he would talk to the police department.

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the April 25, 2023, meeting at 7:20 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer