

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2022**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

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

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on February 8, 2022 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wilson thanked all the village departments for the work they have done to keep the streets/sidewalks clean and safe after another winter storm.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 25, 2022

Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes from the 1/25/22 regular meeting.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$23,577.59 and payroll for PPE 1/22/22 in the amount of \$50,987.18.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

There were no guest present at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: COLUMBIANA COUNTY PARKS DISTRICT – BIKE TRAIL PROPOSED ROUTE

Eileen Dray Bardon and Tom Butch from the parks district were present to discuss the proposed bike trail and markings going through the village, a map outlining the proposed trail was distributed. Council President Thomas indicated that she felt a safer path would be to come North on Nelson Ave, cross at the corner of Nelson and E Lincoln Way continuing up to Chestnut St. There was some discussion with all feeling this is the better of the proposed routes, there will need to be some improvements in the square area to accommodate the increased bike traffic, council wants to work with the parks district to make this happen. There will be a bike lane only on Nelson Ave, the other areas in village limits will be signage only no lane markings.

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2110-2022 LANDLORD TENANT INFORMATION

Finance Committee Chair Hiner presented to council, who had a copy in their packet, the resolution and letter the committee agreed upon at their meeting. The intent is to collaborate with landlords in the village not to jump directly to imposing fines or making an ordinance. All agreed they want to work with landlords to make sure everyone that is required are paying village income tax. A copy of the resolution, registration form and letter will be sent to all landlords asking the landlords to submit their tenant information to the Income Tax Administrator. At the moment there is not a period to submit this information, in the future there could be, it is possible another letter and form could be sent in the next three to four months. Mayor Wilson expressed his opinion on why he feels this is requirement is so important to the village being able to provide the services to the residents.

Hiner made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2110-2022 Landlord Tenant Information.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: CDBG UPDATE LIONS CLUB RD PROJECT

Mayor Wilson reported the legal advertisement for the county CDBG projects had been placed and the commissioners intend on opening the bids on February 16th. The village was awarded CDBG monies for the paving of Lions Club Rd, the county administers the projects, the county will announce those awarded contracts for the project.

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY CAMERAS

Mayor Wilson reported that he was told it could be another two months before the village receives notification on the \$25,000.00 in federal grant money for body cameras he applied for. Chief Abraham had told Mr. Wilson that the state was opening up the state grants again, there is a possibility the village will apply for the additional \$25,000.00 which was not in the first award. The village has not received a notice of award letter to date from the Governor's office on the state award.

RE: DEDICATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)

Mayor Wilson reported there are six active liquor licenses in the village, the VFW (E Lincoln Way), Eagles (High St) both being private clubs, Numbers (N Beaver St), Shenanigans (S Jefferson St), Court House Inn (W Lincoln Way) and the license the property owner has at 131 S Market St the former Coaches restaurant, four license are needed to do a DORA. Council man Cox feels it is worth moving forward, this is something that could bring more people into the village. There were questions on if the license holder needs to agree to be part of the area, Mayor Wilson does not think so but will verify. A map will be presented to council at a later date drafting a proposed boundary for the DORA.

RE: CHICKEN ORDINANCE

This will be removed from the agenda until there is something to report or an issue according to Mayor Wilson.

RE: 2005 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK

Council man Cox reported the truck will be ready Friday for pickup, he spoke to Henderson Parts earlier in the day. Henderson will be rewiring the electric tarp at no charge to the Village.

RE: ODNR WALKING TRAIL CEDAR ST PARK

The plans are complete for the walking path the amount being awarded to the village in the amount of \$75,000.00 the initial study for cost is \$57,000.00. The parks committee will research than add a few additions to the path with the remaining balance.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: HIRING ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEASONAL/POOL EMPLOYEES

Council woman Donnalley mentioned that she would like to place the classified to hire seasonal employees for the parks and pool. Council man Cox went over a list of things he feels need to be completed prior to opening the pool therefore it would be difficult to offer the applicants a job, the list included new doors, repoint, and paint the pool house, paint the pavilion, fence repair or painting of the existing fence. The pool repairs from last year still need to be evaluated to see if there are any leaks, the concrete still needs to be poured around the deck. He believes that all of the painting and repairs for the area near the pool house including the fence should be completed before any concrete is poured. When ask why he said to keep the concrete from being damaged during those repairs or painting. Ms. Donnalley feels if the pool does not leak it will be opened with or without those repairs, Council man Cox disagreed saying there is no need to throw good money after bad money so he would vote against opening until the repairs were completed and the pool did not leak. There was discussion on placing the classified to see what if any applications the village receives.

Donnalley made the motion to place a classified to hire season employees a pool manager and lifeguards in the Morning Journal only.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: BI-ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP MAY 7TH

Thomas made the motion to seek quotes for the village bi annual clean-up day to be held May 7th.

There was discussion on if the village would like to contract out the street sweeping as Everbrite has done in the past, it does not have to be Everbrite just agree to have them done. It was agreed that the streets should be swept after the clean-up day and prior to the Memorial Day holiday.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2108-2022 A RESOLUTION ALLOWING OWNER AT 619 E CHESTNUT TO TRANSFER LEASE OF FLOOD PROPERTY

There was explanation on the 621 E Chestnut St acquired from the flood in 2004, the Village leased several of the properties to adjacent property owners or other interested individuals through competitive bidding, the Village could not sell these properties. The original owner of 619 E Chestnut St held the lease for the property described in the resolution, the new owner as a condition of the sale would like to assume the lease. Solicitor Beech prepared a resolution and permit after reviewing the file when previous Mayor Morenz had indicated the transfer would not be an issue. This property as all other parcels from the flood are village owned and fall under all village jurisdictions.

Thomas made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2108-2022 a resolution allowing the owner at 619 E Chestnut St to transfer lease of flood property.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2109-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPLICATION

Mayor Wilson reported this application is in conjunction with the TID (Transportation Improvement District) Grant the village is applying for in the amount of \$275,000.00 the loan will be for \$125,000.00. This TID requires the local government to put some money towards this is the reason for the state infrastructure application.

Hiner made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2109-2022, a resolution authorizing a state infrastructure bank application.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

A copy of the January bank reconciliation, the January month end fund summary, and the most recent fund summary was presented to council in their packets. The most recent warrant vouchers were presented for signatures prior to the meeting. Ms. Wonner reported that the water plant, street garage and cemetery AT&T phone and internet have been combined into one U-verse account per department with voice over internet instead of two different lines for each building. They will no longer have a separate bill each location will have one bill that includes both phone and internet. The combination is a savings to each location and also increases internet speed to each.

Cox made the motion to approve a transfer of \$40,000.00 from the general fund with \$30,000.00 to the street department and \$10,000.00 to the capital improvement fund.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Oliver reported that the Dixon, Encore and Kubota mowers have been taken to Hilltop Lawn and Garden to be assessed for yearly maintenance, he feels these will cost approximately a \$1,000.00 each on average but is waiting on the estimates to come back.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall reported the on-line training module has been set up, each officer and firefighter have been given access to complete the required training. They have been receptive to the opportunity to complete the training on-line instead of having to travel.

Chief Hall will be completing the application for the \$150,000.00 allotment made to the village from a state capital budget appropriation. The information was just received yesterday by the village that has to be returned by February 28th.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

There was no report this meeting.

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

BPA Chair Bill Hoover reported RCAP will be assisting the village in preparing an application for funding on the NE Pressure project, the village has been looking to complete this project for several years. Senior Plant Operator Chris Peterson reported the chassis has been delivered the company is saying the parts are in stock so the Vaccon should be delivered by April 1st. The current copper line from the CIC pit on the corner of Saltwell and SR 45 is being converted to fiber, this upgrade will replace the current \$6,000.00 per month phone bill with approximately \$600.00 per month bill. The copper line from the standpipe to the water plant will be converted to wireless. The intent is to start having safety meetings again, Mr. Hoover would like to have a kickoff in March. The meetings are scheduled for the third Friday of the month once they resume.

APPROVED ZONING APPLICATIONS

There were no approved zoning applications in the council packets this meeting. Zoning Inspector Barkley reported there have been two new additions to the vacant/maintenance list, the old Coaches building 131 S Market St and Suga and Cream 117 W Lincoln Way. The Steely Trolley owners, 140 E Lincoln Way have established a payment plan on the back taxes in addition to complying with placing a sign indicating for sale or rent. Mr. Barkley intends to work on revisions for the current zoning ordinances once complete he will give those to Solicitor Beech for review before presenting to council.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council man Cox would like council to consider having one of the meetings per month at a location other than village hall. He would like to have others on council and the public see other facilities owned by the village from the street garage, water plant, fire department, parks and in the square. There were some who seemed receptive to the idea others did not like mentioning when this was done during the pandemic it was hard to conduct business. Mr. Cox said he could provide everything needed from chairs/tables to the sound system including a tent if needed. Council man Cox will put together a schedule for consideration.

A street committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday February 16th at 4:30 pm.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on February 8, 2022 adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer