**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held October 9, 2017

Council met in Regular session with all Councilmembers present.

Guests Present: Joe Shouse, Nancy Spiece, Ricky Skiver, Matt Miller, and Lindsey Moore.

Ricky Skiver was given the floor. She thanked Chief Miller, Mayor Wobler, and the Council for their help regarding the craziness with her house. She stated that she was having trouble getting a water bill, and getting rid of the trash that the water leak caused. She stated that she still hasn’t received a water bill, but was assured that the bill for the water leak was removed from her account. She also stated that most of the trash has been removed and she will be getting rid of the refrigerator soon.

The Minutes from the September 25th meeting were read and approved as read.

**EMS:** Coordinator Schuerman was present and reported 8 runs for September and 4 month to date for October. Coordinator Schuerman also reported that Squad 54 was sent in for a transmission estimate. There was not a transmission issue at that time, and they will be taking it to Schultz Automotive to get the fuel filter changed. Councilman Scheiner asked when was the last time the transmission fluid was changed, and Coordinator Schuerman said she would check. The problem seems to be intermittent with the Squad not turning over. However, they are using Squad 51 and it is running very well.

Coordinator Schuerman stated she is still checking on the costs for EMT training at Kalahari. She should have the total hours, costs, and number of people who want to go soon. The classes are in mid-February, so a decision does not have to be made until December or early January. She believes the costs will be similar to ITLS which is having classes in April.

Coordinator Schuerman also stated that the EMT Basic classes are going well and that both trainees are doing awesome in the class.

**Fire Department, Chief Leroy Anderson** was present and informed the Council that the pump service has been completed on all the trucks and they all passed. Chief Anderson said he received a notice that the fee for Emergency Reporting to the state will be $2176 for 2018. This fee will be in invoiced in May, and Chief Anderson thought that it would be around a $400 increase from last year.

**Police Dept. Chief Miller** was present and reported to Council that the new radar unit was purchased, received and installed. He also stated that he received notice of a couple of recalls on the police car, which he will have taken care of next month when he gets an oil change. Chief Miller reported that the weeds have been mowed and sprayed at the Merrin Street address and some of the trees have already been cut down. Chief Miller also received notice that the state will not be requiring the 40 hours (up from 20 required this year) of training per police officer as the state does not have the funds to pay for them.

**Zoning:** Inspector Tom Sinn was not present.

Mayor Wobler reported that the Zoning Board met today and they will be looking into rezoning the West Merrin Trailer Court to an R-4 which would allow for apartments. They can only do so if the current interest in the property does not result in a purchase.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Mayor Wobler stated that the Council members were invited to the PCSWD 68th Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on November 16th and is $15 per ticket. He asked the Council to inform him if anyone would like to attend.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council that they were invited to the Paulding County Economic Development’s Business and Industry Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, October 19th. Grant’s will be catering and the tickets are $20. He asked the Council to inform him if anyone would like to attend.
3. Mayor Wobler stated that the Council was invited to the OML’s 66th Conference in Columbus, Ohio from November 1-3, and to inform him if anyone wanted to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wobler stated that the Hyman property sold and therefore the mowing assessment for July 2017 could not be added to the property taxes.
2. Mayor Wobler stated that all five benches and plaques have been installed at the park, and a special thank you to those that purchased and donated benches at a cost of $410.60, with the generous donation of the plaques by Fessell Jewelers.
3. Mayor Wobler informed Council that two dog waste stations have been installed at the park, one at the pavilion and one at the caboose.
4. Mayor Wobler informed Council that the 12” auger to install the playground equipment was purchased from Tractor Supply Company for $129.99.
5. Mayor Wobler stated that the camera system for the brush pile has been purchased for $142.44, and will be installed.
6. Mayor Wobler asked for input from Council regarding the type of ground material they would like to use for the new playground equipment. He stated he looked into the free mulch in Paulding, but it is not suitable for use. The Mayor stated that the Village could use either pea gravel, mulch, or shredded rubber. The pea gravel costs $29/ton; the mulch would have to be replaced at regular intervals, and the shredded rubber cost $600 per 2000 cubic feet. The pea gravel is available from the Convoy Quarry, would have to be 9 inches thick, and would require a border to keep it in the playground are. Council agreed that using pea gravel made the most sense.
7. Mayor Wobler spoke with Denny Cottrell regarding the ruts at the retention pond. It was decided that the Mayor would find and mark the property line with the help of Chad Moore. Denny would then disc up and level the ruts that are on his property.
8. Mayor Wobler stated that he will contact the Paulding County Economic Development regarding the AEP LED lighting program that Jerry Zielke mentioned at the last Council Meeting.
9. Mayor Wobler informed Council that Paulding County did receive money from the Land Bank, and the Mayors will be discussing it at the next Mayors’ Meeting. The Village does have three houses in it, but they want to keep their property once the houses are demolished, so he is unsure how that issue will be resolved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wobler informed Council that we received verification that the Village will be receiving reimbursement for the EMS grant for Priority One (training and equipment) for dates July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 from the ODPS. The total to be received is $5250 and will be received within 45 days.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council that the Village received its first reimbursement check from the ODNR Nature Works grant in the amount of $10,104.75 for the playground equipment.
3. Mayor Wobler stated that the September Mayor’s Court amount received was $195.00, with $91.00 being the Mayor’s Net amount.
4. Mayor Wobler informed Council that Councilwoman Lora Lyons is organizing a Walk-a-Thon for children during the Fall Festival at the park on October 15th from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. Councilwoman Lyons stated that it is an event that should help in getting grants for sidewalks as it will show that we are trying to get children active. She will be giving out flyers at the school, and the Mayor and Nancy Spiece will be putting the information on the Village and Fall Festival Facebook page.
5. Mayor Wobler stated that Jim Hooker painted the rest of the Caboose at the park. The Village paid $500 for materials with the Chamber of Commerce and Charlotte Woods donating $407.86 for a total cost of $907.86 for materials. Mr. Hooker was originally only going to paint one side, but he painted all the sides, the top and bottom, and the rails. Mr. Hooker also sealed some areas. The Mayor will be getting a picture to put in the paper.
6. Mayor Wobler stated that he needed a motion to allow the Fiscal Officer, Zoe McMaster, to move money from First Financial in order to open new banks accounts over at the Antwerp Exchange Bank. Crowley made the motion, and Miller seconded. Councilwoman Lora Lyons abstained from the vote, and the remaining members voted as follows: Scheiner-yes, Miller-yes, Childs-yes, Crowley-yes, and Schoenauer-yes.
7. Mayor Wobler asked the Council if they wanted to pay the $500 for the insurance for the Fall Festival like they have done in prior years. Childs made a motion to pay the insurance for the Fall Festival. Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Mayor Wobler asked Council for their input, due to Council Members questions, on whether or not the Village should have an Income Tax. Councilman Crowley stated that he believed it would be necessary due to the conditions of the streets and the need for a second full-time police officer. Councilwoman Lyons stated that they would need to have more information, and Councilman Miller suggested putting it in the paper for the public to weigh-in on the idea. The Mayor said he would try to have more information for the next Council Meeting.
9. Mayor Wobler informed Council that the Village did not receive the CDBG grant for paving streets. Melrose received the last grant, and he was informed that the CDBG only wants to do street reconstruction and not just paving. It was then mentioned that several streets need to be paved due to the water main breaks, and that maybe the water lines should be replaced prior to fixing the streets.
10. Mayor Wobler stated that he talked to the BPA President, John Hall, regarding getting some figures around for possible replacing the water plant and/or lines in order to turn in a request for funds from the state Capital Budget Projects.
11. Mayor Wobler extended condolences to Councilman Childs in the passing of his mother-in-law. He asked Council if they would like to purchase a $50-$60 gift for both Bill and Jarrod. Council agreed.
12. Mayor Wobler stated that another golf cart complaint was received. A golf cart was seen driving in the grass in the park, and the Mayor stated that it needs to stop.

**Good and Welfare:**

1. Mayor Wobler and Council wanted to thank and express their gratitude to Jim Hooker of Hooker Enterprises Painting for painting the Nickel Plate Railroad Caboose #411. Mr. Hooker donated his labor to complete the project. Mr. Hooker also painted all the fuse boxes at the park.
2. Mayor Wobler would like to remind the community that the Fall Festival will be held October 14th and 15th in the Village Park. The hours of the festival are 9-6 on Saturday, and 10-4 on Sunday.
3. Mayor Wobler gave the Solicitor, Matt Miller, a copy of the Van Wert class action lawsuit against the state for the state wanting to have centralized collection of municipal income taxes that they would then redistribute to the municipalities. It would cost the Village $4000 to join.

Scheiner moved to pay the bills, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lyons moved to go into executive session at 7:42 p.m., and Childs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lyons moved to go back into regular session at 8:25 p.m., and Scheiner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wobler recommended giving Danny Endicott a 3% raise due to prior experience and a good work record. This would raise Danny Endicott’s pay from $9.42 to $9.70. Childs made a motion to give Danny Endicott a 3% raise. Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lyons moved to adjourn, Scheiner seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.