**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held July 9, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular session with all Councilmembers present.

Guests Present: Aden Baker, Paulding Progress; Matt Miller, Solicitor; John Hall, Brad Young, and Eric Gross, Board of Public Affairs.

Solicitor Miller was given the floor and he inquired as to whether or not the final bill from Frontier, the one with the termination fees, has been received. The Fiscal Officer stated that it has not been received, and the Solicitor requested that she send him a copy once it is received.

Solicitor Miller then gave Council a proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Brian Martin (Puckerbrush) to sign regarding the Village fixing the drainage problems caused by the alley being repaved several years ago. The alley is to be fixed when by AMS after he signs the Memorandum. It was stated that Mr. Martin needs to agree to accept the fix the Village performs, otherwise, the Village should not have the project done.

The Minutes from the June 25, 2018, meeting were read, and approved as read.

**EMS:** Coordinator Schuerman was present and reported to Council that there were 10 runs in June; 4 runs to date in July, with no runs missed; and Squad 54 is back in service, but the bill from Braun for the repairs has not been received.

Coordinator Schuerman also reported that Vancrest is open and currently has 7 private pay residents. Once they are approved for Medicare/Medicaid, they will have all 25 beds full. Vancrest is having trouble getting transport service from Spirit and M&M, but have purchased a van to transport non-emergency cases to doctor’s appointments.

Coordinator Schuerman informed Council that the EMT Basic Class started today at 6:00 p.m. One of the students have already dropped the class, so there are only 4 taking the class for Payne. They are hoping to replace the student with a person from Convoy or Ohio City, but the class should be fine.

Coordinator Schuerman updated Council on the Priority One Grant, for training and equipment, that was submitted. She stated the Village was denied the grant due to some information missing on EMCIRS. She is in the process of trying to get the problem fixed as all the runs were put in the system. She is hoping to be able to solve the issue, but can’t guarantee that the grant will be awarded.

**Fire Department, Chief Leroy Anderson** was present and informed the Council that he turned in an invoice for licensing of the old radio system, as the new MARCS radios need to be reprogrammed due to flaws in the programming.

Chief Anderson informed Council that the Payne Elementary donated their sign to the Fire Department, and requested permission to buy two 4x4 posts and some concrete in order to install the sign. Estimated costs are between $100-$200. Council requested he call OUPS prior to installation and okayed the purchase.

Chief Anderson also stated he is going to need to purchase AAA rechargeable batteries for pagers. However, he does not have a price yet as to the cost of the batteries. He then requested permission to get four pagers repaired as three of the firefighters are currently taking the EMT Basic class and will need them in the near future. The cost of repair is approximately $65.00 per pager. Council inquired as to how much it would cost to purchase new pagers, and Chief Anderson said he thought they would cost a couple hundred per pager.

Council asked Chief Anderson if the toilets at the fire station have been fixed. He stated that he cleaned the valves and other parts really well and the toilets currently work.

**Police Dept. Chief Miller** was present and reported that the house at 423 South Laura Street has been cleaned up, and the fence around the pool has been repaired. He also stated that the Sheriff’s Department has not yet received the grant money for the MARCS radios. They were supposed to be up and running by September, but now are unsure that they will meet that deadline. In addition, he informed Council that J&K Communications may not be able to do the programming for the Police Department’s radios, and may need to find a different company here in Ohio to program them.

**Street: Mayor Wobler** informed Council that the current street employee only wants to mow and plow snow. He does not want to fix stuff or perform other tasks. Mayor Wobler stated that this is an issue as the Village needs someone who will do the other work around town that needs to be done. Council stated that maybe they need to look for a street employee who is willing to do the whole job and not just mow/plow. Mayor Wobler stated he would talk to the employee and will report back to Council at the next meeting on July 23rd.

Mayor Wobler also stated that the street signs for Brian Drive have been purchased and need to be installed.

**Zoning:** Inspector Tom Sinn was not present, but Mayor Wobler informed Council that some residents have been complaining about the “Rabbits For Sale” sign on South Main Street. Residents are stating that the sign blocks the line of sight for the traffic, and therefore, is a hazard. Councilman Scheiner stated that “For Sale” signs are not covered in the residential portion of the zoning ordinances, and are only covered in the commercial section. Another issue that may need to be addressed is the question of whether or not chickens are a farm animal (livestock vs. poultry). It was clarified that should a child participating in 4-H desire to raise a chicken, then the parent(s) would just need to apply for a variance. Mayor Wobler requested that Councilman Scheiner get clarification at the next zoning meeting (July 10th) and report back to Council as to the findings.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he received an e-mail from the Ohio EPA regarding the Clean Water Act as it applies to the Buffalo District. He forwarded the e-mail to the BPA.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he received an e-mail regarding registration for the Flood Plain Management Conference. He forwarded the e-mail to Eric Gross who is the head of the Flood Plain Management Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he completed the survey requested by the Ohio Secretary of State regarding the roster of Village officials.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council that the street sweeping has been completed.
3. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he plans of talking with Brad Young who works for the County to see if the County would donate a guardrail for Merrin Street, and see how much they would charge to install it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wobler opened the sealed bids for the removal of the four trailers at 100 South Maple Street. The bids were as follows:
   1. For $7800.00—Dan Gordon would tear down the trailers and tear out the concrete pads, but the price did not include any fill dirt or stones for any holes left on the property.
   2. For $7,000.00—Mark Cotterman and David Crates would rent dumpsters and remove the trailers.
   3. For $7,475.00—Dave and Tim Porter would tear down and remove the four house trailers, but not remove any concrete sidewalks and/or runners/pads.
   4. For $4,500.00—Ryan Bowman Excavating, LLC will tear down the four mobile homes, remove any concrete they are sitting on, finish the surface with smooth dirt, and remove any electric poles. The bid did not include seeding the property after removal.

With the understanding that there will need to be a resolution passed to appropriate the funds, Head made a motion to accept Ryan Bowman Excavating’s bid, and Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor stated that Ryan Bowman Excavating, LLC also submitted a bid on installing 400 ton of windmill rock from State Route 500 to the debris dump site. In addition, he would also do the parking area and lane on 100 S. Maple. This bid was $3,200.00. The proposal was tabled at this time as the Mayor stated he would like to check with the Township Trustees again regarding this project.

1. Councilwoman Collis was given the floor in order to update Council on the park workday scheduled for July 28th. She stated that the Wayne Trace Football Team will be helping out, along with some other kids. She has also reached out to Brent McGarvey at the Ball Association, and Vantage to see if they would have people who would like to volunteer. She received seed money in the amount of $250 that can be used for the projects, and is planning on providing food and drinks on that day. Councilman Miller stated he would provide coolers with water and Gatorade. The volunteers will be working on issues two to five on the Mayor’s to do list. Mayor Wobler also stated that the volunteers could install the playground border and clean the park’s Morton Building that day. Councilwoman Collis state she would like to get an idea of how many people are planning on attending so she will have enough food to feed everyone. She then mentioned that when she was talking to Brent McGarvey, he mentioned that the Ball Association would like to put concrete under the bleachers, stone in the parking lot behind home plate, and install open pavilions at the park. Council inquired if there were grants available to Ball Associations. Councilwoman Collis also stated that she would like to invite Jim Hooker to the event as a mentor/supervisor. She stated that some of the coaches for the football team will be there to help supervise, but that Mr. Hooker would have valuable insight on how to perform some of the projects.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council that ODOT has contacted him regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant. They are now requiring a 10 minute presentation to be made on July 23rd. Councilwoman Lyons will be making that presentation with the help of Beth Clark.
3. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he spoke with Tim Robinson, ODNR, regarding 425 South Main Street. Mr. Robinson stated that the land is protected and cannot be sold, swapped, or transferred. Mayor Wobler stated that had the 100 South Maple Street property not been donated, the Village could have applied for a grant to purchase it. However, the Village can apply in the future for funds to turn it into a park.
4. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he is waiting on a response from the Ball Association regarding setting up a meeting.
5. Mayor Wobler informed Council that there is Cybersecurity Training being offered at the Paulding County Courtroom on July 17th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. This training is free, and if anyone would like to attend it, please let him know.
6. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he received a letter from Jim Hooker, Hooker Enterprises, stating Mr. Hooker noticed some light poles that needed to be repainted, and he repainted them at no charge to the Village.
7. Mayor Wobler informed Council that MetaLink has installed the new phone and internet system. There were some issues with the installation, but it is up and running now. The Mayor stated he will change the extensions on the Village’s website.
8. Mayor Wobler reminded Council that the next Zoning Board meeting is on July 10th at 6:00 p.m.
9. Mayor Wobler introduced Ordinance 2018-6, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with the Regional Income Tax Agency to collect income taxes for the Village. Miller made a motion to suspend the rules, Zartman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. President of Council, James R. Miller, read Ordinance 2018-6. Head made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-6 as presented, Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. .Mayor Wobler reminded Council that the next Fire and EMS Trustee Meeting will be on July 25th at 7:00 p.m.
11. Council inquired as to whether or not they should plant some trees at the South Park. Councilman Miller stated that they have gotten trees from the Master Gardners before, and that the fall would be a perfect time to plant.
12. Council discussed the possibility that the grocery store in town will be sold or closed in the near future. Mayor Wobler stated that he talked to Jerry Zielke, Paulding County Economic Development, and was told that there are two individuals interested in buying the store. Council questioned whether or not the parking lot, which belongs to the Village, would be an issue with the new owners. The Solicitor stated the Village would have liability issues, and the Council put forth the idea of selling the parking lot to the new owners.

**Good and Welfare: None**

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

Collis moved to go into executive session for legal matters at 8:11 p.m., and Head seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Zartman moved to go back into regular session at 8:35 p.m., and Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The BPA members joined the meeting after finishing their own, and Council inquired as to whether or not they believe the Water/Sewer Superintendent is planning on resigning/leaving for a different position. They stated that the Superintendent is not happy with his current rate of pay and wants to be paid $22.00/hour. They also informed Council that he talked to the prior Water Superintendent on Friday, and they just don’t know if he will leave. Mayor Wobler stated that he spoke to the Superintendent and noted that he was upset with the pay scale. Mayor Wobler then broached the subject of not paying overtime for the weekends and just having the Superintendent leave two hours early in order to not have overtime. The BPA stated that they did not want to do that, but acknowledged that they have told the Superintendent that he needs to clock in on Saturdays and Sundays. Council inquired as to how much leeway they have should the Superintendent leave without giving notice. The BPA stated they could get someone in from Antwerp to do the testing and that the Street employee can check the equipment.

Council then inquired about the pipe leaking on the South wall of the Water Plant. John Hall stated that it is leaking out of a valve and has been leaking for a long time. It has not been fixed due to the cost associated with fixing it and the fact that the Water Department does not have the funds to fix it. Council inquired as to whether or not the leak will cause structural damage, and John Hall replied that the water just goes down the drain. Mayor Wobler stated that the water leak was brought to the Council’s attention because the Council is probably going to require an inventory of all assets be taken for all departments starting next year, so he went down to the Street and Water buildings and took pictures of everything.

Council inquired about the water leak on Main Street that was fixed today, and the BPA stated it was just a broken clamp.

With no further matters to discuss, Miller moved to adjourn, Scheiner seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Mayor Steve Wobler Fiscal Officer, Zoe McMaster