**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held December 28, 2020, @ 7:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular session with Steve Wobler, Austin Scheiner, James R. Miller, Lora Lyons, and Andrew Head present. Kevin Wannemacher and Andrew Zartman were absent.

Guests Present: Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, EMS Coordinator Sadie Litzenberg and Priscilla Kadolph from the Paulding Progress.

The Minutes from the December 14, 2020, meeting were read, and approved as read.

**EMS: Coordinator Litzenberg** was present and reported the following to Council:

1. There have been seven runs in December and zero missed runs.
2. The inspection to be approved for Advanced Life Services had to be rescheduled.
3. The department would like to order two scoop stretchers which makes loading the patients easier. Sadie stated that she is researching the price of the stretchers.

**Fire Department: Chief Hefner** was present and reported the following to Council:

1. There have been two runs in December.
2. The department has been approved for the MARCS grant of $3,360.00
3. Jesse stated that he is working with Van Wert Fire Equipment to upgrade forty one bottles and
4. Unit #53 is experience a regen problem. Jesse said he is going to contact DLH Mechanical to assess the problem.

**Police Department: Chief Miller** was not present.

**Street:** There was no Street Department report.

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

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Mayor Wobler informed Council he received a thank you letter from the Paulding County Economic Development Office for renewing membership for 2021.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council he received an email from Lieutenant Governor John Husted and Jobs Ohio stating that they are working on a program to provide satellite high speed internet to underserved households.
3. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he received a notice that the BWC would be reimbursing the Village for 374% of the 2019 premiums and that payment has been received. The amount of the check was $86,789.44.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wobler informed Council that the Coronavirus Relief Fund expenditures have been extended until December 2021 at the Federal level. Ohio has not approved the extension, but is expected to extend to December 2021 also.
2. Mayor Wobler introduced Ordinance 2020-8, an ordinance to provide a 3% salary increases to Village employees, not including the Mayor and the elected members of the Village Council and BPA. The Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, EMS Coordinator and Assistant EMS Coordinator will receive increases agreed upon by the Village and Benton and Harrison Townships and listed in the ordinance and declaring an emergency. Councilman Head made a motion to suspend the rules, Councilman Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. President of Council, Scheiner, read Ordinance 2020-8. Councilman Scheiner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-8, Councilwoman Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Mayor Wobler introduced Ordinance 2020-9, an ordinance provide temporary appropriations in the amount of $582,152.67 for 2021 and declaring an emergency. Councilman Head made a motion to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. President of Council, Scheiner, read Ordinance 2020-9. Councilman Miller made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-9, Councilwoman Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Mayor Wobler asked approval to add $10,000.00 to the budget for a roof on the Village Hall and also add $5000.00 to the budget for a roof or roof repairs on the Fire Station due to a recent leak. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to add both roofing projects to the 2021 budget and Councilman Scheiner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he met with a representative from Best Equipment concerning the purchase of a new leaf machine. They have a used leaf machine with 780 hours available for the cost of $25,388. Mayor Wobler showed Council a picture and description of the machine. Mayor Wobler will ask Best Equipment to bring the leaf machine to Payne to be inspected and also ask if they would take the current machine as a trade in before making an offer to purchase the machine.
6. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he has received confirmation that the State Capital Project funds for Buckeye Park has been awarded. The Village will receive $20,500.00 to help with the development of the park.
7. Mayor Wobler informed Council that Tim Copsey, Paulding County Economic Development Director is looking into having murals painted in the county. Councilwoman Lyons has spoken to Brian Martin about having a mural painted on the Puckerbrush Brewhouse if the project goes forward. A suggestion was made to use historical pictures as a basis for the mural.
8. Mayor Wobler introduced Resolution 2020-II, a resolution to proceed with the ODOT Tap Grant sidewalk project, and declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to suspend the rules, Councilman Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. President of Council, Scheiner, read Resolution. Councilman Head made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-II, Councilwoman Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Mayor Wobler introduced Resolution 2020-JJ, a resolution to amend appropriations for insurance money received for a sewer pump, and declaring an emergency. Councilman Miller made a motion to suspend the rules, Councilman Scheiner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. President of Council, Scheiner, read Resolution 2020-JJ, Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-JJ, Councilman Scheiner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Mayor Wobler asked Council what type of sign they would like to purchase for the entrances to the Village and for Buckeye Park. Mayor Wobler showed Council the welcome signs in Convoy, Ohio. A suggestion was made to have a two-sided sign for Buckeye Park and possibly a buckeye leaf or tree on the sign. Mayor Wobler will contact West Bend News to see what sign options they can offer the Village.

**BPA:** Mayor Wobler informed Council about the following concerning the BPA:

1. The insurance company has agreed to pay for the generator damaged during by a lightning strike in September.

**Good and Welfare:**

Mayor Wobler and the Council would like to thank Village employees Allen Wobler and Josh Fraley for putting up the Village Christmas tree. And also thank Bill and Lora Lyons for putting the lights on the tree and conducting the lighting ceremony virtually on Facebook Live.

Councilman Head made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Councilwoman Lyons seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Lyons moved to approve the payment of bills presented, Councilman Scheiner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Councilman James R. Miller abstaining from voting on any payments to Rodney Miller.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilwoman Lyons moved to adjourn, Councilman Head seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:42p.m.

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Mayor Steve Wobler Fiscal Officer, Rhonda Stabler