**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held August 9, 2021, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests Present: Police Chief Rodney Miller, Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, EMS Coordinator Sadie Litzenberg, Melissa Hamrick from Aflac, BPA President John Hall, Water/Sewer Employee Brant Heck, Jim Hooker and Mike Myers.

BPA President John Hall introduced Brant Heck, the new Water/Sewer employee to the Council.

Jim Hooker introduced Mike Myers who is a professional fireworks contractor from Defiance and will be setting off fireworks for the American Legion celebration on September 11, 2021. Mike asked approval to set off the fireworks in the grass area near the water tower. The fireworks display will be set off at approximately 9:30 p.m. Laura Street from Bailey Street to Union Street will be closed for the fireworks.

The Fire Department will be available to be there for the display. Insurance is provided by the contractor. Next, Jim discussed the replacement of the railroad ties under the caboose at the Village Park. The total for the replacement of the railroad ties is $11,500.00. It has been approved to redirect grant money received from Paulding Wind Farm to pay for $5500.00 for the railroad ties. The Payne Chamber of Commerce will contribute $2500.00 and the Village of Payne will contribute $3500.00. Jim also presented the Council with a brochure he and Seth Yenser developed promoting the depot and caboose for their approval. The cost of the brochures is $1000.00 and will be covered by the grant money. Also, planned to be purchased with the grant money are bronze plaques for the deport and caboose.

Melissa Hamrick from Aflac was present to follow up on her visit on June 28, 2021 and to answer any questions about her products.

The Minutes from the July 12, 2021, meeting were read, and approved as read.

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

1. There have been five runs this month.
2. Craig King will be available for daytime staffing after he gets his drug test.
3. New landing zone lights will be ordered at a cost of $259.00.
4. John Rosswurm has contacted the department about being an EMT. He lives just out of the Payne service area. He lives in the Scott service area and has checked with them. They determined he actually lives closer to Payne and is allowed to go to Payne to be an EMT.
5. The department will be participating in EVOC training.

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

1. There have three runs this month.
2. Paulding County Hospital has been contacted about doing the firefighter physicals. The cost is approximately $80 more than Van Wert Health however Paulding can do the physical in one day and Van Wert requires three days.
3. Fire 1 School begins September 18, 2021. Three firefighters will attend.
4. There are three weeks remaining in Fire 2 School.
5. Fire Captain Kyle Wobler presented the Council with information on a $600,000.00 zero interest loan for a new Fire Station. After a discussion, Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to proceed with the loan application. Councilman Wannemacher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Police Department: Chief Miller** was present and reported to Council the following:

1. On August 20, 2021, Pro Vision will install the new camera in the cruiser.
2. Chief Miller asked to purchase another gun to have available when a fulltime officer is hired. He explained that when a new fulltime officer is hired, the officer should have the same type of gun that he does. He also mentioned that it is difficult to find guns right now. Council suggested to look for two new guns so that there is an extra on hand.

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

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

**Committee Reports: Mayor Wobler** reported the following to Council:

1. The quarterly meeting with the Benton and Harrison Township Trustees will be Wednesday August 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.
2. An update was given on the activities planned for the American Legion celebration on September 11, 2021.

**Correspondence Letters: Mayor Wobler** reported the following to Council:

1. Ohio Plan handouts for upcoming seminars on September 21, 2021 and September 30, 2021 were given to the Council to review.
2. A current report was given to Council containing the RITA income tax receipts to date.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wobler stated that ODOT is looking to Smith Paving to repair asphalt at several sidewalk transitions as part of the SRTS grant.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council that Brooks Construction, Inc. is planning to start paving in the fall and will coordinate with AMS to do the striping.
3. Mayor Wobler stated that the Village purchased sand to fill sand bags during the recent flooding. The cost was $431.54.
4. Mayor Wobler presented the Council with the Medicount Semi-Annual Report to review.
5. Williamson Insurance requested a “No Parking” sign at the Merrin Street entrance to their parking lot. Josh Fraley from the Street Department will put a temporary sign near the entrance and the “No Parking” area will be painted after the paving in completed.
6. Mayor Wobler reported that Nick Longardner has agreed to do the concrete work for the Veterans Memorial at Buckeye Park as well as the footers for the brick pillars representing the six branches of the service and the footers for the sign. Broc Miller will be doing the brick work for the sign and pillars and Treece Electric will be handling the electrical hookups for the light for the flagpole and for the water fountain. Drinking fountains and a flag pole will be ordered.
7. Mayor Wobler stated that recycling through WMEA and Werlor will be the third weekend of the month in the Village lot east of Homier’s. A dumpster will be placed in the lot from Friday evening until Monday morning. All items can go into the dumpster, no separating is necessary. Plastics 1-7, steel, aluminum, magazines, newspapers, white paper and cardboard are accepted. A camera will monitor the dumpster and they are asking to not place anything outside of the dumpster.
8. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he received a letter from the Department of Commerce stating that the new restroom at the Village Park needed to be inspected. The plumbing inspector has approved the plumbing. The electrical inspection will be done tomorrow. The overall construction inspection failed. Mayor Wobler sent a letter to the state with pictures showing the construction of the concrete foundation process and asking for pictures to be used to get the final inspection approved.
9. Mayor Wobler stated that a new fund needs to be established for the American Rescue funds that the Village has applied for and has been approved to receive. The fund number will be 2153. The amount expected to be received is $59,655.73. There are restrictions on the use of these funds. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to allow Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler to set up Fund 2153 for the American Rescue Act funds. Councilman Scheiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. He received a letter from Maumee Valley concerning the Investing in Ohio’s Future grants that are available for water and wastewater infrastructure. The amount of the grants is $250 million. Mayor Wobler will share this information with the BPA.

**Good and Welfare:**

1. Mayor Wobler and the Council would like to thank those that volunteered to fill and deliver sandbags during the highwater event in July.
2. Mayor Wobler and the Council would like to thank Kyle Wobler for providing lunch to the volunteers that filled and delivered sandbags.

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

Councilman Head moved to approve the payment of bills presented for July 26, 2021 and August 9, 2021, Councilman Wannemacher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Head moved to go into executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 7:55 p.m., and Councilman Wannemacher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Head moved to go back into regular session at 9:20 p.m., and Councilman Wannemacher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilman Head moved to adjourn, Councilman Wannemacher seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Mayor Steve Wobler Fiscal Officer, Rhonda Stabler