**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held October 24, 2022, @ 7:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular session with Austin Scheiner, Jason Hower, Lora Lyons, Nancy Speice, Allen Wobler and Jennifer Zartman present. Kevin Wannemacher was absent.

Guests Present: Police Chief Rodney Miller, Police Officer Kyle Wobler, EMS Coordinator Travis Zartman, Payne residents Terry Zartman and Kelly Davis, and Adam Papin and Julie Densmore from the Paulding Progress.

The Minutes October 10, 2022 meetings were read. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Wobler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Scheiner welcomed Payne resident Terry Zartman. Terry stated that he was representing the Payne American Legion. He asked when the bricks would be installed at Buckeye Park. Councilwoman Lyons stated that Nick Longardner started framing the walkways that will house the bricks today. She also said that she did not know when the work would be complete but that Nick is planning to have it done before the weather gets too cold. Terry also asked if Council would consider changing the name of the park to Buckeye Memorial Park. Mayor Scheiner and Council were open to the idea. Mayor Scheiner said they would have a discussion when the full Council was present. Terry’s final questions was if Buckeye Park would have security cameras. Mayor Scheiner said that he is working to get cameras and have them installed. The challenge is getting internet at the park for the cameras.

Mayor Scheiner welcomed Payne resident Kelly Davis. Kelly asked why the two levies on the November ballot were replacement levies and not renewal levies. Mayor Scheiner explained that the levies are replacements in order to use the current or updated property evaluations. Kelly went on to ask why there are still police levies placed on the ballot when the Village has a 1% tax. Mayor Scheiner and Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler explained that the levies provide funding for the operation of the Police Department while the 1% tax is providing funding for the Village to handle repairs and maintenance and plan for the future. Kelly’s final question was if the paving was complete in the Village. He stated that there are drop-offs and dips expecially around the manhole covers. Mayor Scheiner stated that he was aware of some of these and would look further into the issues.

Mayor Scheiner welcomed Adam Papin and Julie Densmore from the Paulding Progress. Adam introduced Julie as a new reporter for the newpaper. Adam reminded Mayor Scheiner of the deadline to make changes or additions to the Area Guide that will be printed as an insert for the newpaper. Mayor Scheiner stated that he would forward the correct information to Adam before the deadline.

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

1. There have been five runs this month.
2. Coordinator Zartman presented an EMT application for Brett Schumm. He explained that Brett works for Van Wert City EMS and is a farmer. He would like to work daytime staffing when he is available. After Council reviewed the application, Councilman Wobler made a motion to hire Brett Schumm as an EMT. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Fire Department: Chief Hefner** was not present. **Police Officer/Fire Captain Wobler** reported the following to Council:

1. There have been four runs this month.
2. Jennifer Lopez is now working as an EMT for the daytime staffing. She is also certified as a firefighter. There is fire gear available for her. However, gloves will need to be ordered for her. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to hire Jennifer Lopez as a firefighter. Councilwoman Zartman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. The Quarterly Fire & EMS meeting with the township trustees has been rescheduled for November 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will serve as the quarterly meeting as well as the budget meeting.
4. Police Officer/Fire Captain Wobler asked if Council would consider adding a lieutenant to the Fire Department. The purpose of the addition would be to have a lieutenant trained if one is lost to retirement or quits. Mayor Scheiner and the Fire and EMS Committee will discuss with the township trustees at the November 17, 2022 meeting.

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

1. Integrity Ford received notice from Ford Motor Company that the order for the cruiser was canceled. Chief Miller stated that he contacted Statewide Ford in Van Wert, Ohio and a cruiser can be ordered from them. The cruiser will be a 2023 and not be a hybrid. The cost will be $44,533.00. That is $4,513.00 more than the 2022 cruiser from Integrity Ford. Councilman Hower made a motion to order the cruiser from Statewide Ford for $44,5433.00. Councilman Wobler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Officer Wobler asked if a decision had been made to add an AED for he and Chief Miller to have in the cruisers. Mayor Scheiner and Council decided to continue to look for a grant or possible donation for the AED.

**Street: Mayor Scheiner** reported the following to Council:

1. The chopper is not operational. Homier’s fixed a seal on the gear box three years ago. It lasted about two years and Homier’s repaired it again. The seal is out again now and Mayor Scheiner stated that the chopper is not repairable. Josh Fraley from the Street Department has received two quotes. The quote from Kenn Feld is for a 96” pull behind chopper for $8,675.00. The quote from Homier’s is for a 84” pull behind chopper for $6,300.00. Council decided to consider this purchase for 2023 and will discuss further at the budget meeting in December.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the fire hydrant painting is continuing.
3. Mayor Scheiner stated that leaf pick up began today. Mayor Scheiner said that seasonal employee Gavin Taylor will continue to work until leaf pickup is complete. Councilman Wobler asked if Gavin could be used to help with snowplowing. Mayor Scheiner will talk to Gavin about snowplowing.
4. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the stencils have been ordered to add parking spaces to Laura Street.

**Zoning: Inspector Tom Sinn** was not present. **Mayor Scheiner** reported the following to Council:

1. The quarterly Zoning Meeting was canceled tonight due to lack of quorum.
2. Mayor Scheiner stated that he has contacted Village Solicitor Harvey Hyman to prepare a resolution to changing the zoning of the former Horney’s Trailer Park on West Merrin Street to residential.

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

1. The Village Trick or Treat will be Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for younger children and 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for older children. There will be costume judging at the Fire Station at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Event Planning Committee will meet this Thursday October 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to plan events for 2023. Anyone who would like to be involved is welcome to attend.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Mayor Scheiner provided Council with an updated EPA Compliance Letter that stated what issues have been resolved and which have not been resolved. Mayor Scheiner also reminded Council to complete the RCAP training by January 29, 2023.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he has information about the Urban Forestry Conference of Ohio if anyone is interested in attending.
3. Mayor Scheiner read the State Resolution that Representative Craig Riedel delivered to the Village Hall to recognize the 150th Anniversary of Payne. A frame will be purchased to display the resolution in the Village Hall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner reviewed the ML Tech Services quote for the upgrade/repair for the water softeners at the water plant. Council had approved the quote at the September 12, 2022 meeting, if the funds were available. Mayor Scheiner stated that the Water Fund is getting tight, so he is suggesting using ARPA funds for the upgrade/repair. Councilman Wobler suggested using $10,000.00 from the ARPA funds. He asked if since the softeners are not working if funds on a purchase order for salt could be used for the remaining amount. Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler verified that there would be funds on the purchase order that could be adjusted to be used for the purchase. Councilman Wobler made a motion to have ML Tech Services upgrade/repair the water softeners and use $10,000.00 from the ARPA funds and the remaining from the Water Fund. Councilwoman Zartman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he attended a meeting conducted by Emergency Management Director Ed Bohn regarding the Paulding County Mitigation Plan. This was the initial information gathering meeting. Another meeting will be held when they start working on the plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner introduced Resolution 2022-BB, a resolution amending permanent appropriations for the General Fund (Fund 1000), Police Fund (Fund 2903) and the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 4903) and declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Zartman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. President of Council, Lyons, read Resolution 2022-BB. Councilman Lyons made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-BB, Councilman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**BPA:** There was no report from the BPA.

**Good and Welfare:** There was no report for Good and Welfare.

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

Councilman Hower moved to approve the payment of bills presented, Councilwoman Wobler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Lyons moved to go into executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 8:04 p.m., and Councilwoman Zartman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Lyons moved to go back into regular session at 8:45 p.m., and Councilwoman Zartman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the executive session, Mayor Scheiner announced that the Annual Budget Meeting would be Saturday December 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilwoman Lyons moved to adjourn, Councilwoman Speice seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Mayor Austin Scheiner Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler