**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held July 22, 2019, @ 7:00 P.M.

Council met in Regular session with Andrew Zartman, Lora Lyons, and Andrew Head present. Lyn Collis Austin Scheiner, and James R. Miller were absent.

Guests Present: Stacy Blankenship.

The Minutes from the July 8, 2019, meeting were read, and approved as read.

The floor was given to Stacy Blankenship. She stated she had a couple of issues. The first one being the house across from her is scheduled to be demolished, and she wanted to know what would happen to the 50 or so cats that currently reside there. She stated she thought someone tried to poison the cats and ended up killing her dog. The Mayor suggested calling the Dog Warden, but it was agreed that there really isn’t anything that can be done other than trapping them in a live trap and releasing them elsewhere. The Mayor stated he would ask the Solicitor if there is anything that can be done. The second issue she had was regarding her husband Ed Blankenship not getting the Street Department position. She stated that her husband was good enough to look at the Village’s equipment, but was not good enough to be called in for a second interview even though it states in the minutes that some people declined a second interview. The Mayor explained that four applicants were called in for a second interview, but two of them declined. The point was made, by Councilman Head, that Ed was not asked to help the Village, but volunteered to help.

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

1. There were 10 runs to date for July, and all were billable. She believes there were 2 missed runs for the month that were taken by Antwerp. She stated Sadie Litzenberg would have the exact number of missed runs for the year for the Trustee meeting on the 24th.
2. Kaitlyn Cunningham rescheduled her test for the beginning of August.
3. There still isn’t a price quote for fixing Squad 54. However, the repairs will be broken up. The tire, fuel line, and other repairs that are needed to make it serviceable will be done now. They will get it back and put the other tires on it, and then it will go back to Braun in early October for the welding and painting as Braun is booked up until then.
4. Monday she will pick-up all the unsold cruise tickets. The drawing will be held on the 3rd of August at 6:00 p.m. at Goodtimes. The ticket will be drawn by one of the bar employees.
5. She asked for permission to start purchasing Gatorade again for fire runs. She stated that in the past they had purchased Gatorade that was only allowed to be used during fire runs. They keep the Gatorade on a 2:1 basis with the water. They do have the packets to put in the water, but they use those at the rehab station, and she would like to be able to hand them out when they are just taking a breather. She stated they usually buy four flats at a time, and buy them on sale. Council gave permission to purchase five cases. She asked about looking into getting a Costco Membership, as her new job is right around the corner from Costco.
6. Sadie, Amber, and Tammy will be gone this week starting on Wednesday due to working at Wetzel. They won’t be back in town until Sunday. She notified all the other EMT’s that they will be out of town. She stated Wetzel is doing a 50/50 drawing for all of the volunteers, with 50% of the proceeds going to the winner, and the other 50% being split between all the volunteers. They are also having a beer tent, and 50% of those proceeds will be going to the volunteers.

Fire Chief Hefner asked if we still cover firefighter’s family members for free when the EMS is called. It was clarified that only the firefighters are treated in this manner. It was further clarified that any firefighter hurt on duty would be covered as a workplace injury.

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

1. There have been 3 calls in July.
2. They blew a tire on Truck #56 (built in 1995) and have replaced two of the tires already. The other 4 tires will be replaced tomorrow.
3. They tested the 2 ½ inch hoses on the trucks and found one bad section. They do not need to purchase anymore as they have plenty on hand.
4. The generator outside of the Fire House has the block heater unplugged. He doesn’t know if there was a short, but it was overheating the radiator making the antifreeze boil out of it, and then it wouldn’t start. He will have McAllisters out to look at it. It is his understanding that all the generators are on the same cycle, and are due soon, so he will let them take care of it at that time.
5. He gave Council two applications to review, which were tabled for a quorum vote.

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

1. He asked Council if they wanted to sign a finding of litter for the junk down on South Laura Street: the carpet, toilet, and stuff down by the street. Once it is signed, he can send out a 15-day notice. Council tabled it for a quorum vote.
2. Ed Bohn of the EMA dropped off a first-aid packet that contains blood clotting items for first responders hurt on the job. He will be keeping it in the police car.
3. He told a resident on Merrin Street today to clean up the grass that was blown into the road when mowing. They complied.

Stacy Blankenship inquired as to who owns the alley beside her house. The one that goes back to Bradbury’s. She was told that it belongs to the Village, to which she replied, “so they can park there?” She stated that when people are driving up and down that alley, they are usually intoxicated, and she is concerned about kids getting hurt. It is a dead-end alley and it is to be determined whether or not to post it as “No Parking.”

**Street:** Mayor Wobler discussed the following regarding the Street Department.

1. The paving should start around the first of September. They will grind Laura Street from Oak Street to the Post Office, grind Merrin Street from Hyman Street to 49, grind Bailey Street from Oak to 49, all water cutouts and catch basins that have been replaced, and the parking lot, at a cost bid of $77535. The Mayor stated there was around $26,000 left to spend for further projects. There also have been several water repairs that will need to be fixed since the initial estimate.
2. Cold patch was purchased and will be put in two spots on 49 South and where the 613 and Gibson Street water dig occurred. It will also be used on the curve of Maple Street.
3. The trucks used for the windmill construction have damaged the North bound lanes of 49 at Oak Street, and south of the Legion. The Mayor spoke to Erin, a representative from EDPR, who stated she was working on rerouting traffic as so to not damage the roads any more. After some discussion, it was also decided that they will be fixing the roads that were damaged due to the windmill construction.
4. The Wayne Trace School District has installed “No Parking” signs at the Payne Elementary in order to stop semis from parking in the parking lot by the ballfield. The parking lot is not Village property.
5. The street sweeping has been completed.
6. He is still waiting on Go Green to do the chipping at the brush pile. He has not heard from them, but they are supposed to call before they come. He stated the current piles have been removed from the road, and a few people have been allowed to deposit materials during the day, but there has been a lot of illegal dumping. Someone dropped off a whole 55-gallon drum of dog poop and rotten dog food. The street employee has been opening it in the morning and closing it at night, however, people are still dumping materials that are not allowed even though there is clear signage back there stating what is and is not allowed. The cameras did pick up a white truck going back to the pile, but they couldn’t tell what the occupants dumped from it as it was covered with a tarp. There was also mail dumped with the addresses removed.
7. There was a sink hole south of the school about the side of a paint can. There is another one by the concession stand. The BPA looked at it and decided it was on school property.
8. Ten gallons of yellow paint were purchased to paint the curbs in town, and 30 bags of cement were purchased to repair the benches at the park and for the new benches. Six yield sign faces were also purchased. Chief Miller suggested getting in touch with the County Engineer’s Office as they have a machine that can put the faces on the signs without having any bubbles in them. They used to do it for the Village in prior years. Several signs have been removed due to being too faded to see.

**Zoning: Inspector Tom Sinn** was not present. Mayor Wobler informed Council of the following:

The Village is in the process of vacating the alley East of School Drive. The current homeowner’s have already signed it, and the new owner will sign it. It will be addressed by Council after the last signature is received.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he received a letter from the EPA stating the flushing of pharmaceuticals into the sewers is prohibited. He forwarded the letter to the BPA.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he received the July 2019 DEFA update, which he forwarded to the BPA.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wobler informed Council that the snow diverters for the snowplow have been picked up and installed.
2. Mayor Wobler stated that he has received some complaints about the Village taking money from the Ball Association. He clarified that the Ball Association is not charged for the use of the park, and they control their own finances and taxes. They are their own entity and the Village does not fund them, nor does it take money from them, but the Village usually shares the cost of repairs and upkeep of the ball fields.
3. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he contacted Baughman Tile asking them to donate tile to cover the fencing at the park. They returned his phone call and stated they will donate the materials.
4. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he contacted R&C Fence for an estimate for Buckeye Park. He asked for estimates for regular chain-link, and black chain-link. He informed Stacy Blankenship that the Village is also looking into putting in a pavilion, benches, and a veteran’s memorial at Buckeye Park. He also stated he would like to put in a guardrail in order to protect the residents who chose to use the park. Mrs. Blankenship stated she was concerned about children using the park, and the Mayor stated that playground equipment would not be installed at Buckeye Park. Councilwoman Lyons stated the Village is working on a grant to pay for the proposed improvements.
5. Councilman Zartman inquired if the situation with Chad Kinnaley’s driveway had been resolved. The Mayor stated ODOT has refused to fix it, so he told Mr. Kinnaley that he would have the pavers give him an estimate when they come to do the paving in town. Councilman Head stated since ODOT is saying the state routes in town are the Village’s responsibility, then the Village has more control over the state routes than they thought, and suggested making the speed limit on Orchard Street 35 miles per hour like it used to be. The Mayor agreed and stated that 49 on the North end of town should be 35 miles per hour at the Village limits instead of starting down by Burkley’s house. It was stated that this issue would be discussed with the Solicitor. Councilman Zartman asked if the Village could lower the speed limit to 15 miles per hour on Maple Street around the park, however, Chief Miller said state code is 25 miles per hour on side streets.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wobler informed Council that Chad Kinnaley asked him about the stone area in the center of Flat Rock Drive. It used to be dirt, then they stoned it, and he would like to see if go back to dirt. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.
2. Mayor Wobler informed Council that the Journal Gazette will be running the posting for sealed bids for the NatureWorks restroom grant on July 24th and 31st, and on August 8th and 15th. The bids will be opened during the Council Meeting on August 26th. The cost for the 4 runs through the Journal Gazetter was only $112.39, whereas the Crescent-News quoted a price of $442.12 for two runs, and the Bryan Times quoted a price of $416.00 for two runs. He chose to run it in the Journal Gazette due to proximity with Fort Wayne, the fact that only one bid was received when it was run in the Crescent-News, and the difference in the price.
3. Mayor Wobler informed Council that the old dump truck was advertised for sealed bids, which will be opened during the Council Meeting on August 12th. He had it posted in the Paulding Progress, on the Village’s website, and on the Village’s FaceBook page.
4. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he will install a switch for the interior lights at the pavilion so the maintenance closet, which houses the security cameras, can remain locked.
5. Mayor Wobler reminded Council that the Fire and EMS Trustee Meeting is on July 24th at 7:00 p.m.
6. Mayor Wobler informed Council that he received quotes for the purchase of park benches. Anyone who would like to purchase a bench as a donation to the Village should contact the Mayor or a councilmember. One quote was for a different type of bench, black with a powdered coating, in the amount of $330.80 a piece if seven are ordered. Another quote, for benches that are the same as we have now, which are plastic-coated and come in different colors. If five are purchased, they would cost $419.85 each. If we by seven they would be $410.90 each. These quotes will be further discussed at the next Council Meeting. The Mayor does know of two people who would like to donate. He will check with Fessel Jewelers to see if he will do the plaques for free, as he has done in the past. Councilmembers asked if the current benches were going to be straightened, and the Mayor said they were.
7. Councilman Head inquired if it was the Village’s responsibility to take care of the overgrowth along the East side of Mustache Street. It is in the road and causing issues. The Mayor stated he would have the street employee take care of it.
8. Councilman Zartman asked about the leak on South Laura Street. The Mayor stated the BPA is aware of it and will be fixing it. Council would like it fixed prior to the pavers coming so the new pavement won’t have to be dug up.

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

At the last meeting the Council agreed to pay for the repair of three catch-basins at a cost of $2500 each. The water/sewer operator would rather rent the equipment and repair the catch basins himself as it would save the Village money. Council was okay with the change in plans, and would fund as many as needed up to the $7500.00 that was originally approved.

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

Lyons moved to approve the payment of bills presented, Head seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further matters to discuss, Zartman moved to adjourn, Lyons seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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