**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held August 24, 2020, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Council President Austin Scheiner presided over the meeting in absence of Mayor Wobler.

Guests Present: Police Chief Rodney Miller, Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, EMS Coordinator Sadie Litzenberg,

Assistant EMS Coordinator Travis Zartman, Melissa Hamrick from Aflac, Priscilla Kadolph from the Paulding Progress, Stacy Blankenship and Amber Schuerman

The Minutes from the August 10, 2020 meeting were read, and approved as read.

Stacy Blankenship addressed the Council concerning a member of the Zoning Board and another resident of Payne taking pictures of her property which she believes included pictures of her teenage children in her pool. Council President Scheiner and Councilwoman Lyons apologized to Stacy. Both stated Zoning Inspector Tom Sinn is responsible for addressing the zoning concerns in the Village. Stacy also voiced her concern over cars and trucks speeding on the resurfaced alley behind the Post Office. She asked if speed bumps could be added to the alley to prevent cars speeding because there are many children playing in the area. Police Chief Miller explained that the speed limit for alleys is 15 mph and that is fast for an alley. Council pointed out that adding speed bumps makes it difficult to plow snow. Council suggested trying signage such as “Children at Play” before added speed bumps to see if signs would curb the speeding.

Amber Schuerman presented a petition to Council to change Kite Street from a one way street to a two way street, to add a “Children at Play” sign for safety purposes and to keep the current posted sign for “No Thru Trucks”. The petition was signed by property owners and neighbors on Mustasch and Henderson Streets. After a short discussion, Council tabled the topic until the next meeting.

Aflac Benefit Counselor Melissa Hamrick gave a short presentation on Aflac insurance. She handed out her business cards and asked that those interested in a one on one presentation contact her to set up an appointment.

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

1. There have been fifteen runs in August and one mutual aid run with Paulding. Two runs have been missed, one on a Saturday and one on a Sunday.

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

1. An enclosed trailer has been purchased with funds received from the windmills to house grain bin rescue equipment. This will need to be added to the insurance. Chief Hefner stated that they are planning to store it in the Morton building at the Village Park.

2. There have been two runs in August.

3. Chief Hefner presented an application from Ethan Crosby to because a firefighter. Chief Hefner stated that Ethan would not be available to attend fire school until next year, but he would like to bring him on board to get him oriented. Councilman Head made a motion to hire Ethan Crosby as a firefighter. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Chief Hefner was not been able to find a contractor to install a fence around the fuel tank when it arrives. Council suggested trying Mark Holtsberry.

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

1. The property on South Main Street has removed a Jeep as asked. There is still a van on the property, but it value is minimal, so he will leave it alone. Council also asked to have Josh Fraley from the Street Department take another look at mowing this property due to the high grass and weeds.

**Street:**

1. Council President Scheiner informed Council that Street employee Josh Fraley will be on vacation from October 25 through October 31, 2020.

2. The Street Department will be cold patching potholes on Mustasch Street.

3. Councilman Head said a resident had inquired if the same traffic laws that apply to cars also apply to golf carts in the Village. He said a resident complained that golf carts are not stopping at the stop signs in the Village. Chief Miller stated that yes the traffic laws are the same for cars and golf carts.

4. Council President Scheiner said the Street Department would like to purchase a used pull behind sprayer for $300 from Fran Wobler. Councilman Miller had a motion to offer Fran $250 for the used sprayer. Councilwoman Lyons seconded. Councilmen Miller, Head, Scheiner and Councilwoman Lyons voted yes. Councilmen Zartman and Wannemacher voted no. The motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Council President Scheiner presented Council with an updated organizational chart.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1 Council President Scheiner showed Council a report from Medicount which was a review collections for the last year for the EMS.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Council President Scheiner informed Council that the tree has been removed in the alley behind the Post Office and the alley has been paved. Also, Brooks Construction Company, Inc. has completed the 2020 paving and patching. Council expressed that they are very pleased with the paving completed by Brooks Construction Company, Inc.
2. Council President Scheiner reported that the State audit is nearly complete. An exit meeting will be scheduled in approximately three to four when the reports are completed. The estimated cost for the audit is $13,653.00. If additional work was performed, additional cost may be incurred.

3. Council President Scheiner informed Council that the fiber optic line on Laura Street has not been completed. Mayor Wobler has asked that the company installing the line repair the yards where they have installed the line.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Council President Scheiner reported that the Village has partnered with the Paulding County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, by accepting community service applicants form the court. Josh Fraley and Allen Wobler have agreed to serve as mentors as needed.
2. Council President Scheiner informed Council that Mayor Wobler is getting estimates for touchless faucets, toilets and hand dryers for the park restrooms, concessions stand, pavilion, firehouse, water plant and Village office. The estimates will be submitted for approval through the Cares Act Coronavirus Relief Fund. The Village has already received the funds. Council suggested also looking into purchasing a touchless or fob entry system for the Village buildings.
3. Council President Scheiner stated that AMS will be installing heat strip crosswalks on State Route 49 at both stoplights, Townline Street at both intersections and Merrin Street at both intersections. The heat strip crosswalks will be installed at no charge, since they were not completed properly by AMS last year. AMS will also stripe State Route 49 north of the railroad where the paving was patched. This will be billed and paid from the State Highway Fund. This work should be completed this coming week. The road repair at Maple Street and Bailey Street by the alley will be done at no charge, but is not scheduled yet.
4. Council President Scheiner introduced Resolution 2020-T, an ordinance accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. . President of Council, Scheiner read Resolution 2020-T. Councilman Miller made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-T, Councilman Wannemacher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Council President Scheiner informed Council that Treece Electric will replace a light pole that is rotted by the flagpole at the Village Park. He will also get a state permit to install electric service for the fuel tank in the lot west of the Fire Department.
6. Council President Scheiner stated that Solicitor Miller is preparing an ordinance to begin offering ALS service for the EMS with the amounts provided by Medicount. Also, the Solicitor is still working on the bylaws for the Fire Department.
7. Council President Scheiner reported that six bags of grass seed have been purchased at $60.00 each for the Village Park to seed the ground where the restroom line was installed. Also straw will be purchased from Winding Brook Farms.

**BPA:** Council President Scheiner informed Council about the following concerning the BPA:

1. Road repair on North Street and Merrin Street from water line repair was performed by Brooks Construction Company, Inc. The repair will be paid by the Water Department.

**Good and Welfare:**

Mayor Wobler and the Council would like to thank Eric Gross for tilling the park construction area to prepare the ground to plant grass seed.

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

Councilman Head 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.

Councilman Head moved to go into executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 7:47 p.m., and Councilman Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Miller moved to go back into regular session at 8:00 p.m., and Councilwoman Lyons seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Zoning: Inspector Tom Sinn** was present and after executive session reported the following to Council:

1. He has continued to try to contact the resident on Townline Street that was mentioned at in July concerning the vehicles on his property. If he continues to be unable to reach him, he will try contacting him at work. He has been working with a resident on South Laura Street to issue a zoning permit for a fence. He will be checking a car on Fox Avenue to see if it has gotten plates, if not, he will contact the owner. Council asked him to also check a car on West Townline Street to see if it has plates.

2. Council discussed with Inspector Sinn the need a zoning permit for the installation of the fuel tank and fence in the lot across the street from the Fire Department. He did not feel a permit was needed. Also discussed was the new restroom at the Village Park. Inspector Sinn stated that state permits were needed for the restroom, but he also felt a local permit would be needed.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilman Head moved to adjourn, Councilman Miller seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Council President Scheiner Fiscal Officer, Rhonda Stabler