**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held August 23, 2021, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Guests Present: Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, EMS Coordinator Sadie Litzenberg, Assistant EMS Coordinator Travis Zartman, Zoning Inspector Tom Sinn, Solicitor Matt Miller, Nancy Speice and Jim Hooker.

Jim Hooker addressed Council regarding the bronze plaques for the historic caboose and depot at the Village Park. Jim gave Council a quote from Franklin Bronze Co. for $3000.00 for two plaques. The cost of the plaques will be covered by the donation from Paulding Wind Farm (EDP). Jim also brought a case of the finished brochures featuring the caboose and depot. The brochures were created by Jim and Seth Yenser and printed by West Bend News and Printing. Jim stated that he expects the railroad ties to be replaced under the caboose in mid-September. The company doing the work was referred to the Village by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society. Jim updated Council on some of the events for the America Legion Post 297 Centennial on September 11, 2021. He said they will be using banners carried by 6 young people in front of the fire trucks and EMS to identify the parade Grand Marshalls who are all first responders. He noted that the parade is coming along nicely. They are planning to have four high school bands. The parade will assemble at Payne Elementary and the parade route is Oak Street to Main Street to the Legion. There will be a program including a speaker at the Legion after the parade. There will be activities all day including a car cruise-in, poker run, kids games, music, food and fireworks. Councilwoman Lyons suggested contacting the schools to add the event to their newsletters. Councilman Wannemacher asked for a copy of the flyer to distribute.

The Minutes from the August 9, 2021, meeting were read, and approved as read.

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

1. There have been eleven runs this month.
2. Advanced Services will begin September 1, 2021.
3. A discussion was held regarding the $75.00 refusal fee and if it needs to be charged for residents in the service area for services such as lift assist. Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler will contact Medicount to see if there is a lower fee that could be charged.

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

1. There have been six runs this month.
2. The department chain saw was damaged in the last fire and will be taken to Van Wert for repair. He needs to purchase two-cycle oil also.
3. Truck 55 was taken to Bryan for warranty work, however all the parts to make the repair were not available. The truck will be taken back to Bryan when the parts arrive.

**Police Department: Chief Miller** was not present. **Council President Scheiner** reported the following to Council:

1. The ad for a full-time police officer ran again. Kyle Wobler remains the only applicant for the position, no other applications were submitted.

**Street: Councilwoman Lyons** reported the following to Council:

1. According to the Paulding County Sheriff’s Department, a truck hit a rock on the corner of Elm Street. Council President Scheiner stated that he would ask Josh Fraley from the Street Department to check into the matter tomorrow.

**Zoning: Inspector Tom Sinn** reported the following to Council:

1. He made three trips to Payne this month including attending the meeting tonight.
2. There have been two permits issued this month. One for a roof and one for a remodel.
3. He will be available on a limited basis in September. He will try to clean up a few vehicles before that.
4. The trailer court on West Merrin Street has been sold. The new owner has no official plans yet.

**Committee Reports:**

1. The next meeting with the Benton and Harrison Township Trustees has been moved to November 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.
2. An update was given on the events planned for the American Legion Post 297 Centennial for September 11, 2021 in the Village. (See Jim Hooker’s discussion with Council).

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Council President Scheiner stated that a letter from FEMA had been received. The letter states that the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations with Paulding County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas. They have published a notice of the proposed flood hazard determinations in the Federal Register and will publish a public notification concerning the appeal process in the Paulding Progress on or about August 25, 2021 and September 1, 2021. It will also be available on the FEMA website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Council President Scheiner stated that the Village has applied for the opioid settlement through the Auditor of State. Due to the application deadline being before the meeting, Council President Scheiner asked to a motion to ratify the application. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to confirm and approve the application submitted for the opioid settlement. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Council President Scheiner reported that the IRIS alert system is operational. A test message was sent out on August 11, 2021, followed by a message stated that the fire hydrant flushing was complete on August 12, 2021.
3. Councilwoman Lyons showed Council pictures of potential flag poles for Buckeye Park. She is working with Broc Miller who will do the brick work at the park and Nick Longardner who will do the concrete work. No quotes have been received on the brick or concrete work.
4. Council President Scheiner stated that he spoke to Doug at Richland Co. and Associates, Inc., about the timeline to start the roof project at the Village Hall. Doug stated that they plan to be here next week or the following week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Council President Scheiner presented Council with the new rate structure for the EMS Department. Basic runs will remain at $650.00. Advanced runs will be $850.00 and enhanced advanced runs $950.00. Councilman Miller made a motion to accept the rate structure of $650.00 for basic runs, $850.00 for advanced runs and $950.00 for enhanced advanced runs. Councilman Wannemacher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Council President Scheiner stated that Council discussed at their last meeting to allow the Fire Department to get their physicals in one visit at the Paulding County Hospital for a cost of $899.00. Van Wert Health does offer a lower cost but the physical is completed in three visits. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to allow the Fire Department get their physicals at Paulding County Hospital for a cost of $899.00 due to the convenience of it being completed in one visit. Councilman Wannemacher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Council President Scheiner, Council and observer Nancy Speice discussed that Edgerton Wesleyan Church and the Rock Youth Center are looking for a location to hold a Wednesday night program. Council President Scheiner will call Pastor Dave Dignal for more information.
4. Council President Scheiner stated that Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler will attend an OBM seminar in Lima on Thursday August 26, 2021 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. concerning the American Rescue funds.
5. Council President Scheiner reported the response from ODOT regarding closing roadways during flood events. ODOT stated that they attempt to install “high water” signs before the water crosses the road. However, ODOT does establish detours. Establishing detours is the responsibility of the Village.
6. Council President Scheiner stated that the Ohio EPA will be sampling for landfill gas at the old Payne dump site east of the Village. The first sample will be taken from August to October 2021 and the second sample in the Spring of 2022.
7. Council President Scheiner and the Council discussed adding the Juneteeth holiday to list of paid holidays for Village employees. No action was taken.
8. Council President Scheiner introduced Resolution 2021-S, a resolution to apply for, accept and enter into a water supply revolving loan account (WSRLA), and declaring an emergency. Councilman Miller made a motion to suspend the rules, Councilman Wannemacher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Council President Scheiner, read Resolution 2021-S. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-S, Councilman Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Council President Scheiner introduced Resolution 2021-T, a resolution to amend appropriations for the American Rescue funds, and declaring an emergency. Councilman Wannemacher made a motion to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Council President Scheiner, read Resolution 2021-T. Councilman Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-T, Councilman Wannemacher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Councilman Miller asked about the fire siren not sounding at noon. Council President Scheiner reported that there had been an issue and Allen Wobler, the Water Operator on Record for the Village, who has handled the siren, was out of the country on vacation. Allen has returned and the siren has been reset. Allen will train Brant Heck and Josh Fraley to reset the siren.
11. Observer Nancy Speice asked about cleaning up the properties at 513 South Main Street and 415 South Laura Street. Council President Scheiner said he would ask Police Chief Miller about the mowing of 513 South Main. Councilwoman Lyons mentioned the Landbank does have residential and commercial opportunities available.

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

1. Resolution 2021-R is scheduled to be passed by the BPA increasing water rates effective January 1, 2022.
2. The BPA has applied for the $250 million Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant.

**Good and Welfare:**

1. Mayor Wobler and the Council would like to thank Zoning Clerk JoAnna Taylor for hand delivering signup sheets and entering all the contact information into the IRIS Alert System.

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

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

Councilman Miller moved to go into executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 8:07 p.m., and Councilman Wannemacher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Wannemacher moved to go back into regular session at 8:38 p.m., and Councilman Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilman Wannemacher moved to adjourn, Councilman Miller seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Council President Austin Scheiner Fiscal Officer, Rhonda Stabler