**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held September 13, 2021, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Acting Mayor Austin Scheiner presided over the meeting.

Guests Present: Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, EMS Coordinator Sadie Litzenberg, Assistance EMS Coordinator Travis Zartman, Dave York from EJP, Jim Hooker, Korbin Slade and Kim Mansfield.

Payne resident Kim Mansfield addressed Council concerning flooding in her basement at her residence on Oak Street when heavy rain occurs in Payne. Council listened to her concerns and will ask the BPA to look at the sewer on Oak Street and check for blockages.

Payne resident Korbin Slade addressed Council asking for permission to hunt on the Village of Payne lagoon property. Council wanted to discuss this issue with Solicitor Matt Miller. Acting Mayor Scheiner stated that he would let Korbin know the outcome of the discussion with Solicitor Miller.

Jim Hooker was present to show Council images of the bronze plaques for the depot and caboose at the Village Park and seek final approval for their installation of the plaques. Council approved the images for installation.

Dave York from EJP was present to speak to Council about the automic read water meters his company has available. Mr. York described that water meters and their function and the benefits they would offer to the Village. Council thanked Mr. York for his attendance and explained that they would discuss the possibility of purchasing the meters.

The Minutes from the August 23, 2021, meeting were read, and approved as read.

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

1. There have been five runs this month.
2. The department started Advanced Services on September 1, 2021.
3. A followup report was given on last months discussion of the refusal fee. Josh Russell, from Medicount, provided the following information. In 2020, there were twenty-five calls that were non-transport or treat no transport. Six of those calls were paid, (all private or self-pay) for a total of $450.00. Josh noted that while Medicount does have language in the contract regarding a fee for non-transports ($15.00 each), they have elected not to bill the Village of Payne. Josh recommended not to reduce the cost of non-transports. His final comment was that the only payor currently paying any dollars towards treat/non-transport scenarios is Anthem BCBS with a reimbursement of $360.00 (these are currently not reimbursed by Medicare/Medicaid). And as compared to Medicount’s client base, the Village of Payne’s non-transport fee is already $25.00 below their average of $100.00. The Village will accept the recommendation from Josh Russell and continue to charge the non-transport fee of $75.00.

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

1. There have been two runs this month.
2. The number of fire hours and the cost of physicals for the firefighters were discussed. The number of fire hours for 2021 are 976.5 compared to 461.5 in 2020. Due to this increase and the upcoming cost of five physicals at $899.00 each, Acting Mayor Scheiner has approached Benton and Harrison Townships about contributing more to the Fire Fund for payroll and physicals. Both townships will discuss at their meetings. The estimated amount needed for the remainder of 2021 for payroll and physicals is $8982.92. Councilman Miller made a motion to appropriate the Village portion of 37.5% or $3368.60 to the fire fund for the purpose of payroll and physicals. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. There is a fund at the Paulding County Area Foundation established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing smoke detectors for Payne Elementary and Divine Mercy Catholic Schools. There is approximately $2000.00 in the fund. The funds have not been used. Fire Chief Hefner asked the Council for permission to request the funds from Paulding County Area Foundation in order to purchase smoke detectors for the schools. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to allow Fire Chief Jesse Hefner permission to request the funds from the Paulding County Area Foundation for the purpose of purchasing smoke detectors for the schools. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Fire Chief Hefner explained that the air compressor is not working properly. He would like to replace the compressor for the approximate cost of $2200.00. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to allow Fire Chief Hefner to replace the compressor for approximately $2200.00. Councilman Head seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Police Chief Miller was off for two weeks due to an illness. He did return to work today.
2. Acting Mayor Scheiner recommended hiring Kyle Wobler as a full-time officer for the Village with a six-month probationary period. Council unanimously approved the hiring.

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

1. Street Department employee Josh Fraley has asked to purchase a cement mixer for $250.00. Councilman Head made a motion to purchase the cement mixer for $250.00. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. The parade route for the Legion Cenntenial celebration has been cleaned.
3. Gavin Taylor started as a part-time Street Department employee in August. He has been working twenty hours per week. After a short discussion, it was decided to allow Gavin to continue working until leaf collection is complete.
4. Councilman Miller reported that a tree in the first alley west of Main Street between Merrin and Oak Streets needs to be trimmed.

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

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

1. The Event Committee reports that the Reuben J. Smith American Legion Post 297 Centennial Celebration event was well attended including all activities.
2. Councilwoman Lyons gave an update on Buckeye Park. A quote was received from Broc Miller Masonry to build four brick columns for a cost of $2400.00. A quote was received from Mark Greenwood of New American Reel Compnay for five veterans memorial logos at a cost of $485.00 each or $2425.00.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received an email regarding the OML Mayor’s Court Training webinar.
2. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received an email about the OML Body Worn Camera Grant Program.
3. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received an email regarding an OML Grant Opportunites webinar.
4. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received An invitation to an Open House at Ohio Gas Company on Thursday September 23, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Bryan , Ohio.
5. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received an invitation to the PCED Business & Industry Appreciation Banquet on Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Grant’s Catering. RSVP is due by September 17, 2021.
6. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received an email regarding a Medicount Data Collection webinar tomorrow September 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. A brief discussion concerning a flag pole purchase for Buckeye Park was held. The purchase was tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council that an email was received containing the Medicount phone update.
2. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the Paulding County Health Department will have a .5 mill renewal levy on the November 2, 2021 ballot. Information regarding the levy was passed out for the Council to review.
3. Acting Mayor Scheiner informed Council that due to Police Chief Miller’s illness, he was unable to work at the Legion Centennial Celebration. Officers from the Paulding County Sheriff’s Department covered the event. Councilman Head made a motion to pay by to $500.00 for the officers that covered the event. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Acting Mayor Scheiner introduced Resolution 2021-U, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Acting Mayor Scheiner, read Resolution 2021-U. Councilman Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-U, Councilman Head seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Acting Mayor Scheiner introduced Resolution 2021-V, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the mecessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Acting Mayor Scheiner, read Resolution 2021-V. Councilman Head made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-V, Councilman Head seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Acting Mayor Scheiner introduced Ordinance 2021-3, an ordinance fixing the compensation, bonds, and benefits of officers, clerks and employees of the Village of Payne, Paulding County, Ohio and repealing Ordinance 2020-8 and declaring an emergency. Acting Mayor Scheiner read Ordinance 2021-3. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-3, Councilman Head seconded, Councilman Miller abstained and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Acting Mayor Scheiner presented Council with Mayor Wobler’s resignation letter dated August 24, 2021. Councilman Head made a motion to accept Mayor Wobler’s resignation. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Interim Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he has filed the proper paperwork to be a candidate for Mayor of the Village of Payne in the November 2, 2021 election.

**BPA:** Interim Mayor Scheiner informed Council about the following concerning the BPA:

1. The quote for the BPA water meters discussed at the beginning of the meeting by Dave York from EJP was given to the Council to review.
2. Council was given an email from Allen Wobler, the water operator of record for the Village and a quote for water tower maintenance to review.

**Good and Welfare:**

1. Payne Village Interim Mayor and Council would like to thank the Payne Event Committee, the Payne Chamber of Commerce, the Payne American Legion, the Payne Ministerial Association, Billy and Lora Lyons, Jim Hooker, Eric Buchman, Nancy and Ray Speice, Rick and Sandy Burkley and everyone who helped with the Reuben J. Smith American Legion Post 297 Centennial Celebration Poker Run, Cruise In and Parade as it was a very successful and well attended event.

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

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

Solicitor Matt Miller was contacted by text message and responded before the end of the meeting that hunting should not be allowed on the lagoon property. Josh Fraley of the Street Department will be asked to check for “No Hunting” signs to place on the property.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilman Miller moved to adjourn, Councilwoman Lyons seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Interim Mayor Austin Scheiner Fiscal Officer, Rhonda Stabler