**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held February 28, 2022, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests Present: Police Chief Rodney Miller, Police Officer Kyle Wobler, Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, EMS Coordinator Sadie Litzenberg, Paulding County Commission Mark Holtsberry, Payne Ball Association Members Travis and Melinda Tumblin, Village Solicitor Matt Miller and Jason Rubenstein from Colonial Life.

The Minutes from the December 13, 2021, meeting were read, and approved as read.

Mayor Scheiner introduced Paulding County Commissioner Mark Holtsberry. Commissioner Holtsberry stated that he is running for reelection this year. Commissioner Holtsberry gave his background and described what he does as a County Commissioner and the committees he serves on as a county representative. He discussed the importance of bringing federal monies into the county. Mayor Scheiner asked about the program for blighted houses through the land bank and if he thought that program would be an ongoing one. He stated that he does not know if it will be a continuing program but that he is hopeful. Commissioner Holtsberry concluded by asking those in attendance for their support in the May primary election.

Mayor Scheiner then introduced Jason Rubenstein from Colonial Life. Jason stated that Colonial Life offers volunteer benefits to public sector entities of all sizes. He passed out folders explaining their benefits to Mayor Scheiner and the Council. He described the value of the benefits. Jason stated that he will check back to see if any employees are interested in a presentation on the benefits Colonial Life offers.

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

1. There have been five runs this month.
2. She is contacting Brent from Stryker Sales Corporation about renewing the service contract for this year.
3. The new locks will be installed on the doors this weekend.
4. Mayor Scheiner provided Council with a letter asking from Raymond James asking to include the Village of Payne EMS on their acceptable charity list. This was discussed but no action was taken to approve being added to the list.

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

1. There have been four runs this month.
2. The exhaust on truck 56 has been repaired for a cost of $1,673.69.
3. An individual equipment grant has been submitted for pagers.
4. The generator at the Fire/EMS Station is using extra antifreeze and may require service before the annual inspection.
5. Two pairs of boots are needed. One pair has hole and another is updated. The cost is $906.00 plus shipping and handling. Also, needed is a 5-gallon bucket of turn out gear cleaner for $72.76 and lettering for Isaac Head’s gear at a cost of $28.68. Both items plus shipping and handling.
6. They have been able to locate helmets online for $305.00 plus shipping and handling. Five helmets are needed.
7. Two radio microphones are needed for the new firefighters at a cost of $200.00.
8. Jay Lamb has completed the service work on trucks 53 and 56.
9. After a review of all the items needed, Councilwoman Zartman made a motion to purchase the boots, helmets, cleaner, lettering and microphones. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. The Put a Lid on It grant has been completed and submitted.
2. Both Chief Miller and Officer Wobler will be attending state mandated training on Wednesday March 2, 2022.

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

1. There is a dip on Maple Street that he will ask Josh Fraley to repair in some way. He will also ask Josh to trim tree limb on Railroad Street.

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

1. Zoning Secretary Jo Anna Taylor’s last day of work was February 23, 2022.
2. He has been contacted by three people interested in the Zoning Secretary position. Applications will be accepted through March 9, 2022.

**Committee Reports:** There were no Committee Reports.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received an email stating that the RITA Executive Director is retiring.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received a call to action from the OML concerning HB 529 which involves municipal taxes.
3. Mayor Wobler informed Council that FEMA Floodplain training will be on April 18, 2022 for anyone interested in attending. It is a four-day course.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the land bank program for blighted properties has wrapped up. One property out of the four properties in the Village suggested has been submitted for the program.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he has completed the Mayor’s Court Training. He will begin holding Mayor’s Court in the middle of March 2022. He is not sure if he will hold the court on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. He did present updated Mayor’s Court paperwork from Mayor’s Court Clerk Krista Gonzales to the Council.
3. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the Water District meeting is rescheduled for March 2, 2022 at 1 p.m. Mayor Scheiner stated that he and John Hall from the BPA would be attending. Councilwoman Lyons stated that she would attend also.
4. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he received a letter from the Ohio Department of Agriculture asking to return a letter concerning the spraying for gypsy moths. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to have Mayor Scheiner sign and return the form. Councilman Wobler seconded and the motion pass unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the trash contract with Real Waste will expire on April 30, 2022. The contract is a three-year contract and will need to be bid in March. Councilwoman Zartman made a motion to advertise for bids for the trash contract, with the bids due on March 28, 2022. Councilman Wannemacher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he has been contacted by American Tower regarding the contract on the cell phone tower at the Village Park. They are asking for a lease extension and possibly change the terms. After a short discussion, Mayor Scheiner stated that he would email each Councilmember a copy of the lease to review before a decision is made.
3. Mayor Scheiner stated that since Travis and Melinda Tumblin from the Payne Ball Assocation were present, the contract for the 2022 season could be signed tonight. He stated that there were no changes in the contract. Councilman Wobler made a motion to enter into the contract with the Payne Ball Association. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. The waterline project nomination will be resubmitted on March 1, 2022. The nomination will include the cost of the water meters.

**Good and Welfare:**

1. To thank them for the service and dedication to the Village of Payne, Mayor Scheiner stated that he had ordered plaques for former Mayor Wobler and former Councilmen Head, Miller and Zartman as well as Village Solicitor Matt Miller who was attending his last meeting. Police Chief Miller asked that a plaque be ordered for Doug Mansfield who had work as an officer for the Village for five years.

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

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

With no further matters to discuss, Councilman Wannemacher moved to adjourn, Councilman Wobler seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Mayor Austin Scheiner Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler