**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held September 26, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Council President Lora Lyons presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Scheiner.

Guests Present: Police Chief Rodney Miller, Police Officer Kyle Wobler, Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, EMS Coordinator Travis Zartman, Brad Fisher from Ohio Caterpillar and Payne resident Ray Speice.

The Minutes August 22, 2022 meetings were read. Councilman Hower made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Wannemacher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council President Lyons welcomed Brad Fisher from Ohio Caterpillar. Brad presented quotes for a mini excavator to Council to review. Brad stated that their out of stock issues are improving. He also said that the Village could provide a letter of intent which would allow use of the equipment before any payments need to be made. Brad explained that they do have very good and reasonable government warranties available. Also, Ohio Caterpillar can provide references and has servicemen located close for quick service. Council tabled a decision until the full Council is present.

Council President Lyons also welcomed Payne resident Ray Speice. Ray asked Council what could be done to improve South Main Street where the road dips down and the asphalt is breaking off. Ray said that the cold patch that was put down fell apart and any stone that is added washes away when it rains. Ray stated that he spoke to Ross Laukhuf at ODOT who said that it’s the responsibility of the Village to repair. Council President Lyons stated that she would relay his concerns to Mayor Scheiner. Ray also asked what could be down with a couple houses on South Laura Street that are not being taken care of by the owners. Council President Lyons stated that she or Mayor Scheiner would check with Village Solicitor Harvey Hyman.

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

1. There have been ten runs this month.
2. An application for a new EMT for daytime staffing was presented to Council for their approval. After reviewing the application, Councilwoman Speice made a motion to hire Jennifer Lopez as an EMT. Councilman Hower seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. There have been four runs this month. Two runs were stand by runs and two were lift assist for the EMS. Chief Hefner stated that going forward the fire department will respond to codes with the EMS.
2. The generator at the Fire Station needs a water pump and the radiator is leaking. MacAllister will be quoting the repairs.
3. Typically, the Fire Department purchases all the candy for the Halloween trick or treat and costume judging. This year the cost of candy is estimated to be over $500.00. Councilman Hower made a motion to have the Village purchase the candy. Councilwoman Speice seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Chief Hefner explained that the Fire/EMS Department is running out of room in the current building. He asked Council to consider a purchasing storage building to house training equipment and some other items they do not have room to store. Council President Lyons stated that she will speak to Mayor Scheiner regarding the request.

**Police Department: Police Chief Miller and Police Officer Wobler** were present and reported the following to Council:

1. Chief Miller asked Council to purchase an assault rifle for Officer Wobler. Officer Wobler has completed active shooter training. McDougall Firearms will be asked for a quote for the assault rifle.
2. Officer Wobler reported that a grant for the AED for the cruisers is not available. It was suggested to use ARPA funds or opioid settlement funds. Mayor Scheiner is handling setting up an account in the opioid portal, Council President Lyons will discuss the possibility of funding the AED with those funds.
3. Chief Miller stated that the new cruiser is scheduled to be built in December and will probably be a 2023 model instead of 2022.
4. Officer Wobler asked if a street light could be added on Mustasch Street near John LaBounty’s house. It is dark in that area and John had someone looking into his car recently. Council President Lyons said AEP could be contacted for a new street light.
5. Officer Wobler stated he was asked by Good Times if ATVs could be allowed on the streets for a benefit poker run in November. After a discussion, Council decided not to allow the ATVs on the street for the benefit because they are not legal on streets and for safety and security concerns.

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

1. The equipment update was given at the beginning of the meeting with the presentation by Brad Fisher from Ohio Caterpillar.
2. The fire hydrants are in need of painting. Suggestions such as asking the WTHS art department to help were given. Council President Lyons will discuss the options with Mayor Scheiner.

**Zoning: Inspector Tom Sinn** was not present. Council discussed the following:

1. There is a man who plans to fix a house on Dallas Street that has been empty for many years. Also, Council questioned if a new storage building on Laura Street has a permit. Inspector Sinn will be contacted for both issues.

**Committee Reports:** **Council President Lyons** reported the following to Council:

1. A discussion was held concerning the Village Trick or Treat. It was decided to hold Trick or Treat on Saturday October 29, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for younger kids and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for older kids. There will be costume judging at the Fire Station at 6:00 p.m.

**Correspondence Letters:**

1. Council President Lyons provided Council with a letter updating the US Treasury Recovery Operations.
2. Council President Lyons provided Council with a letter detailing the EPA 2022 Virtual Compliance Assistance Conference.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler explained to Council that the new printer does not have some options that the old one had such as printing legal size pages. Allen Business Machines has been contacted and will work with the fiscal officer and zoning secretary to see if a different printer is available that will fit the needs of the Village.
2. Council President Lyons explained that Mayor Scheiner will be registering for the opioid portal to be able to receive the funds made available by the National Opioid Settlement.
3. Council President Lyons pointed out the Freedom Isn’t Free display created by Thomas Zuber which is being stored in the Village Hall until it can be installed at Buckeye Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Council President Lyons informed Council that ODOT will have a meeting on Tuesday October 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the railroad crossing at Paulding County Road 1/State Line Road due to the crossing being listed as a hazardous crossing using accident prediction models.

**BPA:**

1. Council President Lyons informed Council that Water/Sewer Department employee Keith Schroeder is returning to a full-time position in Leipsic. The BPA is discussing Keith remaining with the Village to be the operator of record for the Water/Sewer Department.

**Good and Welfare:**

Mayor Scheiner and Council would like Thomas Zuber for designing and fabricating the Freedom Isn’t Free display for Buckeye Park. Also, Mayor Scheiner and Council would like to thank Elaine Benschneider for making and donating the patriotic bows for the 150th Anniversary and other events in the Village.

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

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

Councilwoman Wannemacher moved to go into executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 7:56 p.m., and Councilman Hower seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Speice moved to go back into regular session at 8:02 p.m., and Councilman Hower seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilman Hower moved to adjourn, Councilman Wannemacher seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Council President Lyons Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler