**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held April 10, 2023, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests Present: Police Chief Rodney Miller, Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, EMS Coordinator Travis Zartman and Assistant EMS Coordinator James Weaver.

The Minutes March 27, 2023 meetings were read. Councilman Hower made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Speice seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**EMS: Coordinator Zartman and Assistant Coordinator Weaver** were present and reported the following to Council:

1. There have been three runs this month.
2. Assistant EMS Coordinator Weaver informed Council that there is a bill in the United States Congress that has bipartisan support that would provide $150 million in funding for the construction of new fire stations. Mayor Scheiner and Council asked Assistant Coordinator Weaver to forward any further information he receives on the bill.

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

1. There have been two runs this month.
2. Chief Hefner asked Council if the Fire Department could fill swimming pools again this summer. He stated that John Hall from the BPA said a tanker of water would cost $36.00. Chief Hefner said they would charge the residents $50.00 for the tanker of water. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to allow the Fire Department to fill swimming pools at the cost of $36.00 per tanker and to charge $50.00 per tank to the residents. Councilman Hower seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Chief Hefner stated that Truck 56 is leaking oil and it is most likely leaking from the rear main seal.
4. Mayor Scheiner and Chief Hefner discussed converting the 2015 cruiser to a vehicle for Fire Department use. Chief Hefner estimates that a new light bar would be $850-$1,000.00 and that it would cost approximately $1,000.00 to remove the police decals and replace with fire decals.
5. Chief Hefner stated that two companies have been in to look at replacing the windows at the fire station but he has not received the estimates.
6. Chief Hefner stated that Ethan Noggle, whose application for firefighter was approved at the last meeting, will not be joining the department.
7. The WTHS Art Department has volunteered to paint a maltese cross, the badge of the firefighter, on the outside of the west side of the fire station. Chief Hefner asked if Council would like to have the building painted before painting the shield. Mayor Scheiner suggested asking Kinkaid Painting for a quote.
8. Mayor Scheiner stated that Street Department employee Tony Gonzales will be purchasing street signs to inform the public where the Fire Department is located.
9. Mayor Scheiner informed everyone present that the next Quarterly Fire/EMS Meeting with the township trustees will be Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Junk complaints will begin soon.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that Chief Miller and Officer Wobler have received a retention bonus grant of 10% of their 2023 salaries. Mayor Scheiner stated that the purpose of the grant was to support those officers who worked consistently during the pandemic. Mayor Scheiner also said that it was suggested that the bonus be paid out in installments. However, after speaking to a representative from the state, he was told that a department of the size of the Village of Payne could pay out the bonus in one installment. Chief Miller stated that he anticipated receiving the grant money in three to four weeks. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to pay the retention bonus to Chief Miller and Officer Wobler in one installment when the grant is received. Councilman Hower seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Street:** There was no report for the Street Department.

**Zoning:** There was no Zoning report.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Mayor Scheiner reported that there was a great turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023. The next Event Committee meeting will be April 20, 2023 at Poncho’s. The committee is starting to work on the Fall Festival scheduled for September 9, 2023.

**Correspondence Letters:** There were no correspondence letters.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the repairs on the front of the Village Hall should begin in the next couple of weeks.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council he did attend a webinar from Muni-Link about their website program called Web Presence as well as the Muni-Link billing software we currently use for water billing. Their billing software we currently use now has a function to notify customers via email, text and voice messages. This could be used for items such as late notices and billing notifications. The late notices by text message would be $0.05 per text and automated phone calls would be $0.07 per minute. Another option is their premium option which could replace the IRIS notification system at ½ of $0.01 of the monthly billing amount. Mayor Scheiner said he would be scheduling a second meeting with them and he will include the Lindsay Moore and Jill Treat. Their Web Presence program would set up a new website at $180.00 per month, with a one-time set up fee of $600.00. With this program we could connect all of the Village’s communication platforms including website, Facebook and text alerts to streamline communication. Mayor Scheiner stated he has not yet been in contact with Kelly Goyings at Natural Design. Mayor Scheiner stated he recommended tabling this topic until after the next webinar with Muni-Link.
3. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that a working meeting is to be set up with Jones & Henry soon. They are still on target to have their water treatment plant study completed this summer.
4. Mayor Scheiner reported that he called Delphos Tent and Awning today to follow up on their quote. They have not received a quote from their supplier but hope to this week.
5. Mayor Scheiner reported that Tony has started working on the playground at the Village Park in preparation for the new playground equipment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner introduced Ordinance 2023-4, an ordinance fixing the compensation, bonds and benefits of the officers, clerks and employees of the Village of Payne, Paulding County, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to suspend the rules. Councilwoman Speice seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Lyons read Ordinance 2023-4. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-4. Councilman Hower seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he has discussed the Solicitor position with Shane Lee several times. Mayor Scheiner stated he is recommending hiring Shane Lee as the Solicitor of the Village of Payne. Mayor Scheiner stated with the passage of Ordinance 2023-4, the position of Solicitor will now be compensated as an employee of the Village. Councilwoman Speice made a motion to hire Shane Lee as the Solicitor as described in Ordinance 2023-4. Councilman Hower seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that according to the Village contract with Real Waste Disposal, the garbage rate will increase to $10.95 per month on May 1, 2023. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to approve the garbage rate increase to $10.95 per month on May 1, 2023. Councilwoman Speice seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Mayor Scheiner and Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler reported that the auditors have stated that they would expect to see an enterprise fund for water capital projects. Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler would like to establish Fund 5704 and name it Water Distribution Improvements to handle the Plainfield Waterline project and other water capital projects. Councilman Hower made a motion to establish Fund 5704-Water Distribution Improvements. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**BPA:** There was no report from the BPA.

**Good and Welfare:**

Mayor Scheiner and the Village of Payne Council would like to thank the community for the fantastic turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt this past weekend. They would also like to thank the Event Committee, the Payne Ministerial Association, Vancrest of Payne and all of the volunteers who worked together to make this a successful event.

Mayor Scheiner and the Village of Payne Council would like to thank the volunteers and those who attended the Payne Fire/EMS Pancake and Sausage Breakfast for their support of the departments.

Mayor Scheiner and the Village of Payne Council would like to thank the volunteer and all those who participated and supported the PASS Basketball Marathon held this past weekend in Payne.

Mayor Scheiner and the Village of Payne Council would like to thank Puckerbrush Pizza and Puckerbrush Brewhouse for hosting their Marketplace Bazaar last Saturday. It was a great community event.

Councilwoman Lyons 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 Wobler moved to approve the payment of bills presented, Councilwoman Speice seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Councilwoman Lyons abstaining from voting on any payments to William Lyons.

Councilwoman Lyons moved to go into executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 8:22 p.m., and Councilman Hower seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Speice moved to go back into regular session at 8:43 p.m., and Councilwoman Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to regular session, Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the electronic sign for the fire station had not been discussed when the representatives from the Fire Department were present. He stated that the department has received a quote for $2,795.00 for an electronic sign and a quote for $500.00 for miscellaneous items such as a keyboard to operate the sign. Councilwoman Speice made a motion to purchase the sign for $2,795.00 and the miscellaneous items for $500.00.

Councilwoman Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilwoman Lyons moved to adjourn, Councilman Wobler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Mayor Austin Scheiner Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler