**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held April 24, 2023, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests Present: Police Officer Kyle Wobler, Assistant EMS Coordinator James Weaver, Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey, Racster & Straley, LLC owners, Chet Straley, Tim Racster and Steve Racster and Jim Linder, potential new resident of Payne.

The Minutes April 10, 2023 meetings were read. Councilman Wobler made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hower seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Scheiner introduced Chet Straley, Tim Racster and Steve Racster from Racster & Straley, LLC. Mayor Scheiner also welcomed Tim Copsey, Paulding County Economic Development Director and Jim Linder. Mayor Scheiner explained that Racster & Straley, LLC is the developer for Young Acres. Tim Copsey described tax incentive financing (TIF) and how it could benefit the Village and the developers.

Mayor Scheiner, Council, Tim Copsey and the owners of Racster Straley discussed the TIF agreement and if it would be an option for the development at Young Acres. The possibility of multi-family housing in Young Acres was also discussed. Mayor Scheiner stated that multi-family housing would require the property to be rezoned.

Before leaving the meeting, Paulding County Economic Devleopment Director Tim Copsey informed Council that it is likely that more funding for the Land Bank will be available in the biennial budget to demolish commercial and residential properties.

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

1. There have been ten runs this month.
2. They are continuing to work on applying for grants. They are hoping to submit a BWC grant for a load system by April 30, 2023.
3. Mayor Scheiner provided Council with the Medicount Quarterly Report.
4. Mayor Scheiner congratulated Assistant Coordinator Weaver and the EMS Department on achieving 100% signature compliance with Medicount for February and March 2023.

**Fire Department: Chief Hefner** was not present and **Assistant EMS Coordinator Weaver** reported the following to Council:

1. There have been four runs this month.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council at the Quarterly Fire/EMS meeting with the Benton and Harrison Township Trustees he discussed the possibility of the Fire Department purchasing the 2015 cruiser for use as a fire vehicle. The townships will discuss at their monthly meetings on May 8, 2023.

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

1. The new cruiser will be ready soon.
2. The funds from the state grant to reimburse Chief Miller and Officer Wobler for 10% of their wages has been received. Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler is working with the UAN and OP&F to pay the officers the bonus.

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

1. The playground equipment was delivered today and will be installed on Wednesday. Mayor Scheiner stated that he and Councilman Hower were at the Village Park before the meeting helping Street employee Tony Gonzales remove the old equipment.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the mulch for the playground has been ordered. The approximate cost is $2,000.00.
3. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he has contacted Brooks Construction Company, Inc, to look at the Village streets to see what paving is needed this summer.
4. Mayor Scheiner stated that Ross Laukhuf from ODOT contacted him regarding a bike path grant. Mayor Scheiner believes Orchard Street could be a location for a bike path. Mayor Scheiner also discussed future paving of State Route 49 in the Village with Ross Laukhuf. Ross feels it will be 2028 or after before ODOT will pave State Route 49 in the Village.
5. Mayor Scheiner and Council discussed the locks on the restroom at the Village Park. Currently, the restroom must be unlocked each morning and locked each evening. Mayor Scheiner presented Council with timed locks from Maglocks. He stated that the cost of the locks would be $1,025.71 plus shipping. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to purchase the locks from Maglocks for $1,025.71 plus shipping. Councilwoman Zartman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. The Quarterly Zoning Meeting that was scheduled for tonight was postponed until Monday May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Scheiner stated that the residents serving on Zoning Board of Appeals needs to be updated.
2. Mayor Scheiner stated that Zoning Inspector Gonzales will begin checking license plates and zoning violations this week.

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

**Correspondence Letters: Mayor Scheiner** reported the following to Council:

1. Mayor Scheiner provided Council with the RITA Filing Season Update.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he spoke with Ben Sloan from the Ohio EPA concerning the EPA request for a letter stating why the Village did not want to go ahead with the water regionalization. Mayor Scheiner explained to Ben Sloan that the Village was conducting a study with Jones & Henry regarding the Village Water Treatment Plant and well fields focusing on if the current water treatment plant would be able to be upgraded or if it needs replaced and on a location to expand the well field if needed. He also informed Ben Sloan that the Village was not given rates or any meaningful funding to go forward with the water regionalization. Mayor Scheiner stated he told Ben Sloan the Village will respond to the EPA request for a letter after the Jones & Henry study is complete.
2. Mayor Scheiner provided Council with the Anthem Insurance renewal rates. Mayor Scheiner stated since the alternative options do not present a significant savings over the current plan, he is recommending staying with the current plan. The increase will be $615.26 per month. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to accept the Anthem Insurance renewal at a rate of $3,115.30 per month. Councilman Wobler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he will have an update on the Muni-Link notifications at the next meeting. He is planning to meet with Lindsay Moore from the BPA regarding the program.
4. Mayor Scheiner reported that Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler contact the OML regarding Resolution 2023-D that was passed by Council concerning railroad safety. OML suggested sending a copy of the resolution to their office and contacting the state representatives. Mayor Scheiner stated that the resolution has been forwarded to OML and he will send the resolutions to the state representatives.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner provided Council with an email and attachment from Tim Copsey, Paulding County Economic Development Director. The attachment is an option agreement template for potential commercial buyers. Mayor Scheiner feels this is something that the Village should consider going forward.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the interest received from January through March 31, 2023 from the Village’s Star Ohio account is $12,177.55. That is a $11,723.04 increase over the interest received January through March 2022.
3. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that LMI Surveys for West Merrin and West Oak Streets will be mailed out this week with a return date of May 12, 2023. Surveys will be mailed to 41 addresses. Mayor Scheiner stated that any survey that is not returned will require a visit to the address. Mayor Scheiner said that may require Council participation to assure that the surveys are tabulated the week of May 15-May 22, 2023 and that the application is submitted by May 26, 2023.
4. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that he was contacted by Shawn Dooley of Dooley Funeral Home concerning an indigent cremation (ORC 5121.53). Mayor Scheiner explained that a medicare resident of Vancrest of Payne passed away and the resident’s next of kin cannot pay to have the resident cremated. In this case, according to Ohio Revised Code, the Village where the person passed, must pay for the cremation. The approximate cost is $2,000.00 and there is a program to reimburse the Village for the expense.
5. Mayor Scheiner informed Council he received an email from Estee Miller at Maumee Valley Planning Organization informing the Village that it is very likely that there will be additional funding allocated for two demolition grants, the Site Revitalization and Brownfield Remediation Grants. Mayor Scheiner asked Council to make a list of potential properties that could be submitted when these funds are available. This is the same program Paulding County Economic Development Director, Tim Copsey informed Council of before leaving the meeting tonight.
6. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that at the last County-wide Mayor’s Meeting the Wednesday tornado siren tests were discussed. It was discussed at the meeting that some of the sirens do not work or do not work consistently. A suggestion was made to designate residents to say that they did hear the Wednesday siren. Mayor Scheiner said he will look into doing this.
7. Mayor Scheiner introduced Ordinance 2023-5, an ordinance for the purposes of allocating and authorizing fund transfers and distributions from the general fund and declaring an emergency. Councilman Wobler made a motion to suspend the rules. Councilman Hower seconded and the motion passed unanimously. President of Council, Lyons, read Ordinance 2023-5. Councilman Wobler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-5. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Mayor Scheiner introduced Resolution 2023-G, a resolution to amend appropriations for the Fire Equipment and Maintenance Fund (2902), the Police Fund (2903), the Water Fund (5101) and the Water Distribution Improvement Fund (5704) and declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Zartman made a motion to suspend the rules. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously. President of Council, Lyons, read Resolution 2023-G. Councilwoman Zartman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-G. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that May 3, 2023 is Bike and Roll to School Day. Councilwoman Zartman made a motion to register the Village for the Bike and Roll to School Day on May 3, 2023. Councilwoman Lyons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Mayor Scheiner provided Council with the BPA past due/shut off list.

**Good and Welfare:**

The Village of Payne Council would like to thank Street employee Tony Gonzales, Mayor Scheiner and Councilman Hower for working to remove the playground equipment today in preparation for the installation of the new playground equipment on Wednesday.

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

Before adjorning the meeting, Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to pave the portion of the street (approximately 100 feet) in front of the house that is being built by Jim Linder in Young’s Acres. The Village will require Racster & Straley, LLC to repay the Village when they start Phase 2 of Young’s Acres. The Village will place a lien on the Racster & Straley, LLC propery in the amount of the cost of the paving.

Councilman Wobler seconded and the montion passed unanimously.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilwoman Zartman moved to adjourn, Councilworman Lyons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Mayor Austin Scheiner Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler