**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held May 8, 2023, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests Present: Police Chief Rodney Miller, EMS Coordinator Travis Zartman, Assistant EMS Coordinator James Weaver, Dylan Worden from Mid-States Solar and Jennifer and Brad Rust, residents of the Village of Payne.

The Minutes April 24, 2023 meetings were read. Councilwoman Lyons a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hower seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Scheiner welcomed Jennifer and Brad Rust, residents of the Village of Payne. The Rust’s stated that they were attending the meeting to observe. Mayor Scheiner also welcomed Dylan Worden from Mid-States Solar. Dylan presented Council with a packet explaining the system details, energy storage system details, rebates and incentatives for solar panels at the Water Treatment Plant and at a the higher energy usage lift stations. Dylan stated that he spoke to AEP and they will not allow solar energy to operate streetlights. Dylan suggested using a law/accounting firm that Paulding is using for the tax credits to make sure the agreements are completed correctly. Dylan assured Mayor Scheiner and Council that he will notify them when for open window for the USDA funding begins. Dylan did mention that the required environmental study could begin anytime.

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

1. There have been four runs this month.
2. The EMS classes are continuing. One person has dropped the class.
3. A grant has been awarded from the BWC for a power load system for the backup squad. The amount awarded is $22,783.00. Assistant Coordinator Weaver stated that the last quote received for the purchase of a power load system was $28,000.00. Assistant Coordinator Weaver also noted that a coversion kit will need to be purchased for the cot. An estimate has not been received for the cot.

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

1. There has been one run this month.
2. Mayor Scheiner reminded Council that last month a motion was made to purchase a LED sign for the Fire Department. However, the motion did not include purchasing the LED sign with ARPA funds from Fund 2153. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to purchase the LED sign with ARPA funds from Fund 2153. Councilwoman Zartman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Eight certified letter were sent out for litter complains. Six high grass signs were posted. Two junk car compaints were mailed. And two yard waste complaints for blowing mowed grass into the street were mailed.
2. Mayor Scheiner reported that he will post the February and March 2023 on the Village website tonight.
3. Mayor Scheiner reported that the new cruiser is in service. He also reported that Chief Miller had an incident his cruiser last Friday. An insurance claim has been opened.

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

1. Mulch will be delivered for under the new playground equipment this Wednesday. Tony Gonzales from the Street Department will work to get the mulch spread under the playground equipment this week.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed that Street employee Tony Gonzales submitted his two week notice on Monday May 1, 2023. His last day with the Street Department will be May 15, 2023. Tony will continue to be the Village Zoning Inspector.
3. Mayor Scheiner stated that he did meet with Brandon from Brooks Construction Company, Inc. regarding potential streets and alleys to be paved this summer.

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

1. Two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals have moved from the Village. Mayor Scheiner stated that he has had one person express interest. Any others interested should contact the Mayor.

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

1. The Village of Payne Garage Sales will be June 2, 2023 through June 4, 2023. The sign up dealine is May 25, 2023 to be included on the map of garage sales.
2. Mayor Scheiner discussed the concrete drive for Buckeye Park. The stone drive would be replaced with a concrete drive, a parking area would be added and an area for the Fallen Solider plaque. Nick Longardner gave a rough estimate of $25,000.00. Nick believes he could do the work late in the summer. Mayor Scheiner stated that the estimate is greater than expected and that perhaps paving the areas with asphalt should be considered. Mayor Scheiner stated that he would like to get an estimate on the final grade and seed at Buckeye Park.
3. Mayor Scheiner discussed the bleacher shade quotes with Council. The quotes from Delphos Tent and Awning and DWA Recreation. The quote from DWA Recreation is over $28,000.00. All the quotes have all been much higher than the grant of $8,672.00. A suggestion was made to build pavilions over the bleachers. Mayor Scheiner said he will call Dee at ODNR to see if the grant would allow pavilions.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that 37 responses have been received on the LMI survey. Sixty-nine surveys were mailed. The survey requires 59 responses. If the required 59 signatures are not received, Mayor Scheiner stated that he would need assistance from Council to go door to door to complete the survey.
2. The Land Bank opportunity that was available last year is being funded again. This opportunity allows the property owner to retain ownership of the property while having the house or trailer demolished. Mayor Scheiner asked Council to submit any properties that felt would qualify for the opportunity.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that AEP damaged a sewer line on East Merrin when installing a pole last month. An invoice has been forwarded to AEP.
2. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the garbage rates did increase from $10.00 per month to $10.95 per month on May 1, 2023.
3. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the quarterly Credit Card Compliance is due. Councilman Wannemacher is the compliance officer. He will contact Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler for the form to complete the compliance at the May 22, 2023 meeting.
4. Mayor Scheiner informed Council that the 1.7 mil Fire Levy could go on the ballot in Novemeber 2023. Councilman Wannemacher made a motion to start the process to put the 1.7 mil Fire Levy on the ballot in November 2023. Councilwoman Zartman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Mayor Scheiner stated that it is time to plant the flowers in the pots in the downtown area. Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to purchase flowers for the pots. Councilwoman Zartman 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 Paulding County Master Gardeners for the beautification work at the Village Park.

Mayor Scheiner and Village of Payne Council would like to thank Street employees Tony Gonzales and Gavin Taylor, Water/Sewer employee Brant Heck, Councilman Jason Hower, Brophy for their time and assistance in installing the new playground equipment and mulch at the Village Park.

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.

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

Council asked Mayor Scheiner for the status of the street construction at Young Acres that was discussed at the Council Meeting on April 24, 2023. Mayor Scheiner stated that he has not heard from Chet Straley, Steve Racster or Tim Racster from Straley and Racster, LLC. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Hower made a motion to put the stone base of the street down on Evard Street to allow the construction of a new house. Councilman Wannemacher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Wannemacher moved to go into executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 8:36 p.m., and Councilwoman Speice seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Wannemacher moved to go back into regular session at 9:19 p.m., and Councilman Hower seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilwoman Lyons moved to adjourn, Councilwoman Zartman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Mayor Austin Scheiner Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler