**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of The Regular Meeting

Held September 25, 2023, @ 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests Present: Police Officer Brandon Shuherk and Payne resident, Bill Childs.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read. However due to a lack of quorum, the minutes will be approved at the next meeting. Also, due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting was informational and agenda items were discussed but no decisions were made.

Interim Mayor Lyons introduced Payne resident Bill Childs. Bill stated that he was present to observe the meeting and that he is interested in the Council seat that will be open in January 2024. He stated that he previously served on Council for twenty years. Bill also asked that Interim Mayor Lyons and Council look at a tree on West Merrin Street near Indiana Street that is leaning.

**EMS: Coordinator Zartman** was not present and **Interim Mayor Lyons** stated that there was no report for the EMS.

**Fire Department: Chief Hefner** was not present and **Interim Mayor Lyons** reported the following to Council:

1. There have been two runs this month.
2. The painting of the Fire/EMS Station has been delayed due to an illness in the Morrow family.

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

1. Bids for the old cruiser can be listed on one platform only. Councilmembers present suggested using a local platform and setting the minimum bid at $5,000.00.

**Street:** **Interim Mayor Lyons** reported the following to Council:

1. Interim Mayor Lyons informed Council that Johnny Schwartz in planning to construct the pavilions as sunshades for the Natureworks Grant in 4-6 weeks. She also informed Council that the Paulding County Area Foundation is offering grants for community improvement. Interim Mayor Lyons suggests applying for a grant to improve the main pavilion at the Village Park, to improve the walking path and to add pickleball courts and frisbee golf. She will begin getting quotes for these items and prepare the grant form.
2. Interim Mayor Lyons informed Council that Village employee Randy Miller has offered to open the compost site on a few Saturday mornings this fall so that residents can bring brush there. Councilman Hower stated that he visited the compost site and that there is much more than brush there. There is concrete and pipes as well as dirt and old mulch.
3. Interim Mayor Lyons stated that she will ask for Council to approve paving for the area at the end of East Merrin Street near Buckeye Park and for an area on Bailey Street. The paving will be completed by Dangler Excavating. Their quote for the paving is $13.600.00.
4. Interim Mayor Lyons discussed Gavin Taylor’s resignation with Council. Also, discussed was vacation time due to Gavin.
5. Interim Mayor Lyons informed Council that Zoning Inspector Tony Gonzales is willing to help the Street and Water Departments out as needed. She also discussed moving Village employee Randy Miller to Street/Park Department. He would still be paid for any hours worked for the Water Department but his salary would not be split 50% Street, 50% Water.
6. Interim Mayor Lyons presented the quotes to repair the Street Department pickup to Council. Interim Mayor Lyons also asked if Council would like to submit a claim to insurance for the damage.

**Zoning: Zoning Inspector Gonzales** was not present.  **Interim Mayor Lyons** reported the following to Council:

1. Interim Mayor Lyons stated that an amendment for violations to the UTV Ordinance, Ordinance 2023-7, will be introduced at the next meeting.
2. Interim Mayor Lyons informed Council that she will table the discussion on the Abandon Home and Empty Building Ordinances until Village Solicitor Shane Lee reviews the ordinances.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Interim Mayor Lyons reported that she has requested a quote from Global Paving to repair the walking path at the Village Park.
2. Councilman Hower asked if the work to level the land and plant grass seed at Buckeye Park is complete. Interim Mayor Lyons stated that she believed that it was complete but would check the work and discuss with Ryan Bowman.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Interim Mayor Lyons informed Council that the cell phone plan that the Police Department has with AT&T (First Net) is at that maximum number of phones per plan. Interim Mayor Lyons will discuss adding a plan for the EMS/Fire to allow the Street and Water Department cell phones to be added to the Police Department plan at the next meeting.
2. Interim Mayor Lyons informed Council that she met with IGS Energy. They are interested in quoting the Village for energy costs for May 2024 when the Village contract ends with Palmer Energy.
3. Interim Mayor Lyons informed Council that Resolution 2023-T will be introduced at the next meeting to raise water and sewer tap rates.

**BPA: Interim Mayor Lyons** reported the following to Council:

1. A meeting is scheduled with Maumee Valley Planning and Kleinfelder on September 26, 2023 to review the Merrin Street and Oak Street Waterline Replacements.
2. Interim Mayor Lyons tabled a discussion on an agreement with Kleinfelder.
3. Interim Mayor Lyons informed Council that a quote has been requested from Lippincott to winterize the Village Park but has not been received.
4. Interim Mayor Lyons stated that Brant Heck and Tony Gonzales are building a new pump house.

**Good and Welfare:**

1. Interim Mayor Lyons and Council would like to thank Tri-County Roofing for the mum sent to the Village as a thank you for allowing them to complete the improvements at the Fire/EMS Station.

Acceptance of the financial reports and approval of the payment of the bills will be made at the next meeting.

Councilman Hower moved to go into executive session for personnel and legal reasons at 8:17 p.m., and Councilwoman Zartman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Zartman moved to go back into regular session at 8:29 p.m., and Councilman Hower seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further matters to discuss, Councilman Hower made a motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Zartman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Interim Mayor Lora Lyons Fiscal Officer Rhonda Stabler