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COUNCIL MEETING

Held May 2, 2023

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The Council convened at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Office. Mayor Jim Nelson called the Council session to order with the following members present:

COUNCIL: Jim Nelson, Cheryl Friend, Dean Mosier, David Lockhart, Jesse Mann

Guest: Chad Wogan, Josie Bonnette, Ameer Sword, Monica Conners & Tyler Lane; Del Co Eco Dev., Scott Santos, Joe & Stephanie Clase, Katie Downing, Sean Hines

Abs: Mark Wicker, Elaine McFarland, and Jim Detter

We do not have a quorum to vote on anything at this meeting, but we will proceed to discuss other business.

The audience and council were reminded to silence all cell phones. The audience was informed that they were to state their names any time they wanted to talk during the community comments and requests section of the meeting or at any other time during the meeting.

Council was reminded to state their names when making a motion and when they seconded the motion. The person making the motion would write the motion down so it could be read again prior to a vote and then the written motion would be given to the Fiscal Officer for the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Monica Conners and Tyler Lane from Delaware County Economic Development. Monica talked about herself and where she came from. What do we want to do with our community and what do we want to see in the future? Tyler Lane talked about himself and wants to help out with our community in any way he can. Dave Lockhart indicated that Tyler was involved in the Vine Street property and he helped out with that. They both wear a lot of hats and have a lot of balls in the air. They work with a lot of different agencies. They talked about funding, grants, and where the money comes from. Discussed land and zoning and number of jobs it anticipates. Jobs Ohio just launched its site program. There was a lot of discussion on the opportunities here in the village. The village is going to grow and we need to be ready. We really need to follow up with Monica and Tyler.

Ameer talked about the summer reading program. It starts June 5 – July 17. It is not just for kids, it is for adults also. Ameer and Megan went to Ohio State and had lunch with Senator Andy Brenner to advocate money for libraries. Ameer was not at the Friends of Ashley meeting and they did not have a quorum. So, we have not decided on a price for the new sign, but the check was issued to purchase the sign. Will discuss the next meeting cost for businesses. Jesse asks when the movies on the street will be. Ameer indicated they will be on the 3rd Friday of June, July, and August. Jesse is looking at a vendor/fundraiser during the movies.

Josie talked about focus group volunteers. So if you are interested there are two sessions, one at 10:00 and one at 2:00 on Tuesday, June 20th. Josie also indicated that the Health Department Mini-grant for creating healthy communities was awarded to the Village of Ashley. Josie is really excited about this. Jim ask if they have moved yet. Josie indicated they are closed on May 12th and May 15 so those are supposed to be the days we will be moving. Dave indicated a big thanks needs to go to Ameer for her input on the application.

Joe & Stephanie Clase are here along with Sean Hines the new manager. They are here to talk about the new business and the programs they are offering. They are working on a bingo permit. Joe talked about DORA. They have that in Delaware and it works great. It would be nice to have that here in the future. They are in contact with the Health Department about the opportunities for food sales etc. Cheryl indicated a potential for a parking problem. They would be competing with the downtown parking. They will be sending out mailers to residents to advertise events.

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FISCAL OFFICER – Nothing to report.

POLICE – Scott went over his April. Scott indicated there was not a lot to report. RB Powers is having issues with someone dumping trash in their dumpster. They forgot they gave them permission. Still having an issue with thefts at the Dollar General at the self check out. One suicide attempt. That is about all. Scott has put together an activity report so he doesn't have to remember everything to bring to the council. Scott directed the Easter Bunny around town. The bicycle rodeo is this weekend. We have several helmets to give away.

Scott talked about body camera storage. Talked about backups on the server. There is something Allison does and changes out a cartridge but the cartridge stays here and it is not taken off-site, and no not in a fireproof safe. That could be an issue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS – No updates from OHM regarding funding.

PERSONNEL – We have a no smoking policy in vehicles and in the shop etc. We have a resolution that we need three reads. **Resolution 2023-006** Modify the employee handbook. 1st read.

PARKS & RECS – Due to health concerns, Jim Nelson has a letter from Elaine McFarland has submitted her letter of resignation effective immediately. Talked some about the pool. Needs a lot of cleaning. The pool cleaning machine is in and the parts are in for the one that needs to be fixed. Dean will go up and pick it up. The fish will be here on Friday and the fishing event is May 13, 2023.

ZONING – The gas station will be tearing everything down and a new building and gas tanks will be installed. They want to push back a bit but Jesse will be meeting with all the neighbors to make sure no one has an issue with it. Joe Clase submitted a signed review and Jesse approved that. They also want to put up an electronic sign in the window. Will need to work on this some. Over at Extreme Motors had a little festival. They told the mayor they were having a family birthday party with a slide and a food truck. They were selling tickets to this event so Jesse will investigate this. Larry Mickey wants to put a new house on West High. They completed the proper paperwork. Jesse reviewed everything and he is ready to go. Jim Nelson indicated the mayor of Ostrander called and indicated he wanted to meet with Ashley and discuss issues with both villages and strategies to fix them.

Regional Planning Meeting is May 25th. Jim indicated he will attend.

Jesse talked about the old township hall. We have the right to use it anytime for \$1. They want to sell the building but they can't because we are listed on the deed. They offered us \$1,000 to sign off on it. The food pantry pays rent where they are now. If we could take over the building we would not have to pay rent.

TJ came in with an update. The EQ tank is now working. We think it was plugged up. He drained it and cleaned it. It is now running like it is supposed. The main pump may need to be pulled and replaced. Jim indicated to TJ if the pump needs replaced then lets get it replaced. Jim has talked to Jeff about getting the boxes made for the samplers. TJ indicated that there are pillars in one of the tanks and the tank needs to be drained and the pillars need cut off and pulled out. Dave contacted EPA about the emails that are submitted when the reports are submitted. We would like to be on that email so we know when the reports are submitted we get notified.

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We will need to have a special meeting so we can vote on the things we did not get passed this evening. It was decided to meet at 6:00 p.m. on May 23, 2023.

We decided to vote for a new council member at the May 23rd meeting. We will put it on FB to let everyone know there is an available seat. They will be appointed and it will go thru 2023. They will need to be on the ballot in November 2023 if they are interested in continuing.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick