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COUNCIL MEETING

Held October 6, 2020

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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, Mark Wicker, Elaine McFarland, Cheryl Friend, Jym Longstreth and Harry Strain, Jesse Mann

ABS – Wayne Lockhart, Renee Rarick

Phone Conf –Amie Sword

Guest/Other: Scott Santos, Liz Barker

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.

MINUTES

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the September 1, 2020 meeting minutes and approve September 17, 2020 Special Meeting minutes, Jym Longstreth seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

The Ashley Wornstaff Library is offering pumpkin decorating contest at the library.

FISCAL OFFICER

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve the August 2020 bank reconciliation, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 5-0.

Jim read in the Delaware Gazette about receiving grant money for the Covid pandemic. We would have to provide documentation on PPE materials. We could check into this and see how much we have spent.

We have a resolution to increase our loan to pay OHM for funds that ran over on the WWTP project. Jesse explained the amount and change orders etc. After discussion it was determined that we should get the loan for all of \$97,877.95. Cheryl made a motion to correct the amendment in Resolution 2020-002 and anywhere it says OPWC change to EPA and amount in section 1 which is currently blank should read \$97,877.95. Mark Wicker seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes. Motion Passed 5-0.

Resolution 2020-002 – Accept and enter into Loan WWTP – Read by Jesse

Jym Longstreth moved to suspend the rules, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Harry Strain – yes Motion Passed 5-0

Mark Wicker moved to declare an emergency Harry Strain seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Harry Strain – yes Motion Passed 5-0

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Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Elaine McFarland seconded

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth - yes, Harry Strain – yes Motion Passed 5-0

POLICE – Scott went over the September report. It was a busy month. Went over the highlights. Outlaws/Vengers had an issue at the Rusted Nail, we are working thru that. Scott indicated all officers are now trained. We have our full time officer off work right now because he has been exposed to covid 19. Due to the health department he needs to get tested and if he is negative and does not show any signs in 7 days he can get back to work. Andy Cotter has taken a promotion at his current employment so his last day was Oct. 1. Scott talked about some scams that are flowing thru the police department. Chief talked about Halloween and it will still take place unless we are in the red level. Jym Longstreth mentioned that he always donates candy for the School Halloween walk and since that is not going to take place he will donate to the police to pass out. Scott has written up a junk motor vehicle plan of action and discussed his plans. Jesse talked about the legal side of this proposal. Indicated a contract is not necessary as we could be liable if an accident occurred etc.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS - Nothing to report

PLANNING & ZONNING - Jim ask David Lockhart if there has been any decisions made from Rotary if they are tapping into our water or drilling their own well? David didn't think Monte has heard from Ben from Rotary. Jim has heard that Ben thinks the price is high but has not come forward to negotiate the price.

Jesse ask David about July and Aug BPA meeting minutes. TJ indicated in July that the sand filters needed replaced. Then in Aug is says it is an emergency and Jesse ask if this was replaced? Sounds like something was replaced and the real fix is out 5-7 years.

PERSONNEL – Jim has completed the reviews and will distribute to employees to review and sign and will forward to Jym Longstreth.

PARKS & RECS – Not much going on. Jim mentioned having Mark get everything shut down out at the pool. Elaine stated all pool chairs etc have been put away. No home visits for Christmas in Ashley but there will be a house decorating contest and residents will be the voters. There will be nice cash prizes.

SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS – We had a water main break at the 4 way stop. Waterline fixed and then ODOT will come and repave the intersection. ODOT will do the labor and the village will pay for the materials.

NEWSLETTER – Newsletter went out with water bills. Guidelines for trick or treat. The girls do a good job putting this together.

Next regional planning meeting is October 29th – Jim Nelson stated he would attend.

TJ did not send us an update for this meeting. Jim stated there has been an alarm go off at the WWTP plant and the guys always need to call TJ. TJ is supposed to be working on this issue to so that he needs to get this where he is notified when the alarms go off.

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Our trash contract is to expire December 2020. Jim stated that we could get the recycle picked up every other week and that could save us some money. Cheryl indicated that she could not go two weeks without picking up every week. Plus it would be confusing which week was recycle pickup. Jesse indicated Renee has started the process to get the 3 ads in the gazette to ask for bids.

Jim talked to council about trees in the right away and ask if we could charge the resident half of the removal of the tree. The cost ranges from \$300-\$500 that the village has to pay.

Jim wanted to bring this up as he has talked to Wayne Lockhart that he is ready to resign from council. We need to appoint a new member. Jym Longstreth mentioned by next year he will be resigning as well. Jim has talked to David Lockhart about replacing Wayne. The only issue would be he would need to resign from BPA to be on council. David indicated that he was interested in being on council.

Sung Lee has put together a proposal for a new phone system. We will discuss in more detail next meeting when Renee can get some more information.

Cheryl wanted to mention about the car issues in the village. It seems like Miley's has a lot of cars and stuff in front of their business and seems to keep getting cluttered. Jim indicated that Mitch has been talking to them about this issue.

Cheryl Friend made motion to pay the bills, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Mark Wicker made the motion to adjourn until October 3, 2020, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick