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COUNCIL MEETING

Held July 6, 2021

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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, Harry Strain, David Lockhart, Jesse Mann, Renee Renee Rarick

Guest: Scott Santos, Sean Root and David Krock – OHM, Ameer Sword, Evan Kardasz – Julian & Grube via phone conf., Liz, Monte Smith and Mitch Richard – Zoning.

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

David Lockhart made a motion to approve the July 1, 2021 meeting minutes and July 16, 2021 special meeting minutes, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jim Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Evan from Julian & Grube is on a conf call to explain the audit for 2019 and 2020. Findings were very few this year. He went thru each finding and explained each. Renee has discussed with the auditors that we are working on a records retention schedule for the future. Evan mentioned there are some training for this if we would like more information.

David Krock is here and introduced Sean Root. Taking over for Sean Hines. He gave us some background information on himself and education etc. Jim ask about getting an estimate on paving a couple of streets in the village. David mentioned a chip and fog seal. It is much cheaper than paving that could be an option. Also discussed was the next phase of the WWTP project.

Ameer from the library purchased 2 little free libraries. One little free library will be located at the Oxford township park and Ameer wants permission to put one at the Newman Park. Jim Longstreth made a motion to let Ameer put a free little library at our park. Cheryl Friend seconded. And Mark will install at the park.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jim Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs

Ameer discussed the Farmers Market was a success. There was a lot of traffic. So we will be having the next one on July 31, 2021.

Mitch is here. Talked about garage at 310 E High Street. 30x40. He will need to change the size or file for a variance. Jim is working on the paperwork. As soon as he hears from the guy we will get it in the Gazette. Buckeye boat guy wants to purchase Bank and build a building in the parking lot, but we will need to change the zoning. Jim has not heard from the boat guy. He is waiting to hear from his attorney. Cheryl mentioned a resident having issues with a truck pulls into their yard when making the turn to go down the alley. Scott has indicated we have had a couple of trucks stuck making that turn as well. Imperial pools would like to sell his property and it is a possibility someone is interested in the pool place and trinkets and treasures. But there are issues there as well. Mitch want to discuss the signs around town as

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they are everywhere. We changed the zoning about signs with covid and now that covid is somewhat behind us what should we do to in force this issue. Jym Longstreth would like to make a motion to go back to the regular zoning on the signs. Cheryl Friend seconded. It will be posted in the newsletter and in the 5 locations. It will be effective Sept. 1

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Jim Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs**

Joe Claus wants to do a lot of stuff to his building and can't due to the zoning. First of all the parking on the side of the building. It needs to be angle parking. He wants to tear the front of the building off and redo the whole front of the building. The building is old and rotten. Mitch thinks we need to sit down with Joe and have a meeting to see what he wants to do. We need to get involved with Joe as he is a good asset to the village and his knowledge for grants etc.

FISCAL OFFICER

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve the May 2021 bank reconciliation, Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Jim Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.**

Cheryl Friend discussed some of the Records Retention information that she has sent to Renee. Renee will gather information and see what still needs to be created.

POLICE – Scott went over the police report for June. We are getting more calls to assist in other agencies. Morrow county called us in on a robbery. Medical issues are on the rise. Another theft at the PO. Same person that did it before. Cat on W. High was shot in the head. We are checking the park. Several person there after dark. Issues at the Nail. The law is back into effect about updated license plate. Scott will send Renee information to put in newsletter. Scott ask about the lockers in the bay to use for uniforms. Talked about the Chaplin and the volunteer ex-police officer. Renee to check with insurance to see if there is a liability issue.

Discussion on Salary for Scott. Dave indicated that if we make Scott salary he doesn't want Scott to take a pay cut. Jesse calculated the overtime. It comes out to be about \$3,800 avg. Cheryl ask if a nice round figure of \$50,000 would be ok, Scott indicated that would work. Mark asked the question about yearly raises. Yes, they have been cost of living raises but we have not had any merit raises for the employees.

Cheryl made motion to amend the resolution 2021-010 to make Scott salary at \$50,000 per year.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.**

Resolution 2021-010 – Make Scott Santos Salary at a rate of \$50,000 per year

Mark Wicker moved to suspend the rules, David Lochart seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.**

Harry Strain moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,
Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.**

Cheryl Friend moved to adopt, Harry Strain seconded

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Ordinance 2021-004 – Shortcuts through Lots (1st Reading)

Ordinance 2021-005– Litter Removal (1st Reading)

Discussion on property at 101 S “Harrison Street. Cheryl will ask at the Fire meeting that if we get it condemned if they would do a fire safety training and use this residence. Jim will contact Dwayne Matlack.

Cheryl Friend made a motion to amend 2021-005. Elaine McFarland seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Jym Longstreth – yes, Harry Strain – yes, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS - Jim is still looking for money to pave some streets.

PERSONNEL – We still need to hire a part-time temp person for approx. 3 months.

PARKS & RECS Explained that we are having an issue with our lifeguards taking vacation and other commitments so without them we can't open.

Jim Nelson volunteered to go to the July 29th Regional Planning Committee Meeting.

Jim indicated that TJ has given us an update out at the plant. Our guys do a water test out there everyday so they check out the place and make sure everything is running smoothly. Camera is broke and needs to be fixed. Fulton and Ashley will split the cost for the repair.

Oxford Woods have sold to a large company. Cheryl wants to make sure that deposits are to run just the way they have been. Rotary building looks to be almost complete.

Cheryl wants to discuss the meeting minutes from BPA. She wants to know about the person they want to take over for Dan Huffman. She wants to make sure he has all the license needed. She also wanted to see what type of work was done on a resident's property with the sewer lateral. Jim indicated once we knew it was not our lines we did not do any work. Cheryl indicated she talked to our auditors about the deposit account. There is a lot of money in that account. She wants the auditors to do an audit on that account.

David wanted to know if there is any news on the Lusby's property. Jim will get ahold of Sheila and discuss it.

Mark Wicker made motion to pay the bills, Cheryl Friend seconded.

Cheryl Friend made the motion to adjourn until August 3, 2021, Mark Wicker seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick