

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held April 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  
Guest: Scott Santos, Mitch Richard, 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**

Chery Friend made a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 meeting minutes, Mark Wicker 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**

Mitch talked about the Luby's property. Jim Nelson indicated we should wait and see what the Health Department and Prosecutors are working on. Foreclosure probably in the works as they owe \$19,000 in back taxes. Another option would be to condemn the property then the Village would need to take over.

Jim Nelson mentioned the Amish farmers market will be here again this year in the same location. They plan to open early May.

Jim Nelson is going to send Gary Hubbard another letter about the front of his building. The blinds have fallen down and looks horrible.

Jym Longstreth indicated the grass is growing thru the sidewalks. Jim mention that mark is working on emergency lighting for the fire inspection. But we will get started on spraying uptown. We had our fire inspection and had 2 write ups. An exit sign at the pool needs to be replaced and the emergency lights out at the WWTP.

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

Renee put direct deposits in the everyone's to have coucil's checks direct deposit. Please complete and return to Renee.

Cheryl Friend made motion to approve the February 2021 bank reconciliation, Jym Longstreth 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.**

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**POLICE** – Scott went over the March report and touched on some of them. Jim ask about the police vehicle. Scott indicated everything has been ordered. Some items have come in. Once all items come in they will schedule with PAR to get equipment installed. The First Common Wealth Bank will not loan a municipality money any more. Jim will check onto other financing. Jim wanted to talk about junk vehicle ordinance and get some of the vehicles out of the village. Scott has everything lined up with Bill's towing and Don's towing and get these vehicles moved out. Scott is going to move forward on this. First thing Scott will do is sent out certified mail. Cheryl ask what if they do not pick up certified mail? The officers will hand deliver.

Scott talked about his part time officers leaving. Scott worked on some numbers to get some full time officers hired and some equipment that is needed. He suggested a 5% raises for all officers to keep them with the village. He would need an additional \$51,000 from general fund to operate.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS** - Jim is going to send a letter to the county commissioners to see if we can get some funding for paving in the village.

### **PLANNING & ZONNING** –

**PERSONNEL** – Jym indicated that Mark is doing a great job.

**PARKS & RECS** – Elaine talked to Mark about getting the pool ready for the season and some restrictions we need to go by. The trout will be delivered on the end of the month. We are still looking for lifeguards. We need to put an ad in the Delaware Gazette. Jim indicated to call Candy Nelson to help out with the pool.

**SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS** – We need to get the crosswalks painted at the school.

**NEWSLETTER** – Liz wanted to thank Renee for the history part in the newsletter.

We would like to have the May meeting in person. There is an update in your packet from TJ for the sewer plant. Mark been working on the tractor and not having any luck getting it started. We thought about seeing if Eric could look at it for us.

**Ordinance 2021-002** – Accepting 2021-2023 Trash Rates with Waste Away

Chery made motion to amend O2021-002 to section 2 to read effective Jan. 1, 2021, David Lockhart 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.**

Jym Longsteth moved to suspend the rules, David Lockhart 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.**

Elaine McFarland 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, David Lockhart - yes. Motion Passed 6-0 abs.**

Jym Longstreth moved to adopt, Cheryl Friend seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker - yes, Elaine McFarland - yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
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Next regional planning meeting is April 29th – Jim Nelson volunteered to attend.

David Lockhart made motion to pay the bills, Elaine McFarland seconded.

Jym Longstreth made the motion to adjourn until May 4th, 2021, Harry Strain seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick