

REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2018

Greg DiDonato, acting as Mayor Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All members of Council were in attendance along with Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman and Solicitor James Ong. Mayor Jeff Dryden was absent.

Motion (1) to place James Dickey to fill the empty council seat made by Kene Edwards, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

Motion (2) to name Greg DiDonato as Mayor Pro Tem made by Tracey Bolitho, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Motion (3) to accept the Committee Appointments for 2018 made by Helen Borland, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

Motion (4) to accept the minutes from the December 21, 2017 with one correction made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Nate Quicksall was present for W.E. Quicksall & Associates, Inc. He discussed the Thornwood Paving Project that was preliminarily awarded for a total project cost of \$343,000. The project would include paving of McCrea, Miller, Johnson, Taylor and Jewett Ave. It is estimated that they will advertise for bids the weeks of June 25, July 2 and July 9th and Open bids on July 18 with a construction completion date of approximately November 1, 2018.

Scott Belcastro was present for Trebel, Inc. He said the Electric Aggregation program launched in August 2017 and 70% of eligible customers are participating in the program. Mr. Belcastro presented a post card to council that would be mailed to residents. Council reviewed the post card and did not object to it being mailed.

DEPARTMENTS:

POLICE – Chief Todd Beeman was present for the Police Department. He said the new cruiser will be on the road next week. The weather had delayed some installments on the car. Discussion was held about the 2012 cruiser and it was decided to hold off a decision of selling or keeping it until a later date.

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Chief Beeman discussed the issuance of tickets after the snow storm this week. Residents were not ticketed until Tuesday after the Friday night storm when the Ordinance states 72 hours. The Village will consider declaring a snow ban the next time we have 5 or more inches of snow to allow the Police to take quicker action on the removal of cars from the street so snow removal can be completed.

STREET – Doug White was in attendance for the Street Department. He said his office ordered 4 loads of salt prior to the snow storm last week and only 1 load was received. Cargill was trying to get everyone some salt and could not complete all the orders they received.

The Department's vehicles ran well during the plowing and snow removal but he did note the heavy weight and volume was hard on the vehicles. He said his department was also patching the larger holes and trying to make sure all the drains were uncovered prior to the melt off of the large volume of snow.

ZONING – Dan Shaver was present for the Zoning Department. A request for vacating a section of Miller Avenue had not been acted upon and needs addressed. Solicitor Ong will prepare an Ordinance and the request will be referred to the Street Committee to determine any requirements that may be required for the Ordinance. Solicitor Ong is also in the process of finalizing the annexation of the Stillwater Avenue property into the Village. The North 4th Street home demolition is being prepared but not yet started. They are waiting for more equipment for the demolition and expect it will happen later next week.

Motion (5) to accept the December reports for Zoning, Police and Fire and the 2017 Annual Reports from the same made by Kene Edwards, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

FISCAL – Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman was in attendance. She presented bills in the amount of \$22,724.71 to be paid. Motion (6) to pay \$22,724.71 in current bills made by Helen Borland, 2nd by Tracie Bolitho. Motion carried.

Mrs. Norman has received a letter from the Department of Commerce about the Liquor License for the former Kelly's Korner Grill being transferred to Thornwood

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Grill. It asks if the Village would like a hearing. After discussion no hearing will be requested.

A report from RITA shows revenue down \$88,000 from YTD 2016, the current estimate is for \$750,000 budget including tax.

The Fiscal Department is preparing for the Biannual Audit. The bank reconciliation has no outstanding receipts or adjustments.

OLD BUSINESS:

The ODOT project on Stillwater Avenue/SR 800 is not completed but the end of the road at Stillwater Circle has a large bump that is causing cars to drag over it. Larry Nardi said it could not be repaired until spring so the road will remain closed until the repair can be made.

Solicitor James Ong presented a corrected easement for Ohio Power at McCluskey Park. The easement will be shrunk on the sanitary sewer right of way. Motion (7) to allow Mayor Dryden to sign the corrected easement with Ohio Power made by Mike Clark, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato discussed the extension of the PanHandle Passage Trail. The trail would be extended through town and over to Thornwood Park. The Grant is a 95% grant. The engineering firm that did the plans for the original PanHandle Park is reviewing the plan and will submit a letter by February 2nd with an outline of the project and cost. The expected date to hear if the project is awarded is May 29, 2018. If approved, this project would happen in 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helen Borland – none

Kene Edwards – Discussed the basket ball courts that are to be redone at McCluskey Park. The work was approved to remove the fenced court and redo the non-fenced court but after discussion, it was requested to keep the fenced court and remove the non-fenced court. Motion (8) to remove the non-fenced court at McCluskey Park was made by Kene Edwards and 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried.

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Jim Dickey – asked Solicitor Ong about the softball and Thornwood Park Shelter House leases. The Thornwood Park Committee would like to add the care of the newly renovated bathrooms to the lease agreement. Jim Dickey will also present a quote for cameras in Thornwood Park to the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

Tracie Bolitho – none

Mike Clark – Asked about updates for the web page. More room on the page would need to be addressed.

Discussed the cable TV at the Over the Rails Diner and it was discovered that there are rules in place on historical buildings that affected the ability to put holes in the building.

Greg DiDonato – Discussion of an updated lease for the Dennison Rail Road Museum.

Solicitor James Ong sworn in James Dickey, Helen Borland, Kene Edwards and Mike Clark for their terms in Council.

The Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on February 15, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7 pm.

Greg DiDonato, Mayor Pro Tem

Tammie Taggart, Admin. Asst.

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COUNCIL VOTES:

1/18/18	RC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Helen Borland	P	Y	Y	Y1	Y	Y2	Y1	Y2	Y
Tracie Bolitho	P	Y2	Y1	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y
Mike Clark	P	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y1	Y
Jim Dickey	P	-----	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2
Greg DiDonato	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kene Edwards	P	Y1	Y	Y	Y1	Y1	Y	Y	Y1