

## Regular Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2017

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Greg DiDonato, Helen Borland, Kene Edwards and Patty Johnson. Susan Edwards and Mike Clark were absent. Kathy Norman, Fiscal Officer was in attendance. Solicitor James Ong was absent.

Motion (1) to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2017 was made by Patty Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

### GUESTS:

John Ney of Regor Energy was present and presented the Electric and Natural Gas Rates for the Village to council. He said that the Electric rate will expire in April of 2017. The current rate is 6 cents per kilowatt hour and the new rate would be 5.06 cents per kilowatt hour. The village has 15 electric meters and uses 300,000 kilowatts annually.

The Natural Gas rate is currently a monthly variable rate and right now the rate is \$6.99 per mcf, and is a variable rate set monthly. The new rate would be \$3.99 per mcf at a fixed rate. The new rate would be effective April 2017 to March 2020.

Motion (2) to accept the contracts by Regor Energy after the review of same by Solicitor James Ong made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Donna Christman and Mark Henderson were present to present AFLAC Voluntary Benefits to council. They were asking for permission to present the benefits offered to the Finance Committee. The benefits are on a voluntary for Village employees and come out of the paycheck deduction pre-tax. Motion (3) to move the proposal to the Finance Committee for review was made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**STREET DEPARTMENT:** Doug White was present. He said they have been busy doing cold patch around the village. He reported that Mark Mowrer, a Street Department laborer, had given his 2 week notice and turned in his keys. He did not give Mr. White a letter of resignation for his position. Motion (4) to accept the resignation of Mark Mowrer effective 2/28/17 and withhold advertising the position until March 1, 2017 or until a letter of resignation is received from Mr. Mowrer, and then advertise the position with a last application date of 3/10/17 at 4 pm, at that time Mr. White and Mayor Dryden should recommend from the applicants so Council can vote on 3/16/17, motion made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Dominion Gas is doing work at S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and notified Doug White that the Village Storm drain was in the way, they would replace it if the Village bought the pipe. Mr. White purchased the pipe and it was installed and tapped back into the drain on S. 6<sup>th</sup> and Deersville Ave. The catch basin was not affected.

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Patty Johnson asked Mr. White about the new tops for the trash cans. He said that they fit very tight but they did install screws in the lids at the park and on the walking trail to keep vandals from throwing them into the creek.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Todd Beeman wanted to thank the Street Department and Fire Department for their extra help this week. He also informed Council that the Police Department had received a partial grant from the Blair and Anna Zimmerman Foundation for \$3000 toward the purchase of Bullet Proof Vests. Chief Beeman purchased 4 Bullet Proof vests immediately.

Patty Johnson asked Chief Beeman about instituting a neighborhood watch program. Chief Beeman suggested that Mrs. Johnson bring information to him so that they could discuss. He said that the new cameras will not be installed until spring. Mrs. Johnson said she would get together with the Park Committee and present the ideas to him.

Mrs. Johnson also asked Chief Beeman about the betting machines and Chief said that someone is interested in purchasing them and should be here in a week. Mrs. Johnson also asked about measures to be taken to make it safer for the office personnel. Some different measures will be taken and Dan Shaver will look into putting a shield over the window at the Clerk's office. Mayor Dryden will also be locking his door so no one can enter thru to the other offices.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Dave McConnell was present. He wanted to show Council the new Thermal Imaging camera that was purchased with grant money. He said he also received grant dollars to purchase 17 new pagers.

Kathy Norman suggested that we do an updated Equipment list to make sure all of it is accounted for for insurance purposes.

Chief McConnell also reported that the repairs on the Fire truck were approved by the insurance company.

The Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on March 11 at the Masonic Lodge on Center Street from 1 – 5 pm, Free Will Donation, Eat in or carry out, Raffle.

### ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Dan Shaver was present. He said he received complements on the job the Street Department's work during the last snow storm. He also notified Council that the garage at 411 Fuhr Street is scheduled to be torn down at a cost of \$995 + clean up. The shrubs around the garage will be cleaned up by the Street Department to save extra cost. Motion (5) to allow Bridges Excavating

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to tear down the garage at 411 Fuhr Street made by Helen Borland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg DiDonato. Motion carried.

Bridges Excavating also gave a bid to tear down 4 houses/structures in the Village. The Village would save \$2,300 by bundling the work together. Chase Bank has cancelled the lien on the building at 520 N. Second Street. Motion (6) to accept Quote #4141-A in the amount of \$36,671.00 for the demolishes of 917 Court Street, 719 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 308 Woodland Ave. and 520 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St. made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried.

### FISCAL OFFICER:

Kathy Norman was present and presented Council with the bills in the amount of \$31,633.98 to be paid when funds become available. Motion (7) to pay the bills made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

The RITA collections were \$118,911, 14 ½ % to budget, 70.39% above YTD. The Westfield Insurance Bond was renewed. The Associate notes are completed for the year at a \$350 expense, and then we are able to close out 2016. The finalized budget for 2017 will be brought to a meeting in March. The Escrow account for the Sherman Street project has been set up and Twin City Water Department has made its payment which has not yet been posted.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Tammie Taggart, the Mayor's Administrative Assistant has completed her probationary period effective February 3rd. Motion (8) to move Tammie Taggart off of probation made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion (9) to approve the monthly reports from the Fire Department and Zoning Department made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Council discussed the open seat on the Twin City Water Board. Two applicants have applied for the position that expires October 1, 2018. The two applicants are Paul Collins and Tim Still. Council decided to defer the vote until the next council meeting so a full vote could be made.

Helen Borland has contacted Superintendent Rocchi to find out about the expected timeline of the demolition of the Northside building and the concern over how it could affect or be affected by the Sherman Street paving project. Helen Borland said the paving will not be happening until July.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The Twin City Community Yard Sale dates have been set in conjunction with Uhrichsville. They are scheduled for Thursday, June 1, Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion (10) to

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approve Community Yard sale days and defer permits for June 1, 2 and 3 made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Johnson. Motion Carried.

The Rail Road Festival requested Street Closures for June 4<sup>th</sup> thru June 11<sup>th</sup> for the set up and running of the Rail Road Festival on Center, First and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Motion (11) to approve the Street Closure request made by Helen Borland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

The Community Shred Day, in cooperation with the City of Uhrichsville, is scheduled for May 13, 2017 from 10 am – 12 pm at the Panhandle Trail Head Park (the former City Auto lot). Dennison's share of the cost is \$250. Motion (12) to approve Shred Day and pay Dennison's share of the cost made by Greg DiDonato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Dennison Clean Up Days will be held on Tuesday, May 9 and Wednesday, May 10. Village residents may call the Mayor's secretary to set up a time for pick up of large items. Motion (13) to approve Clean Up Days made by Helen Borland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Mayor Dryden discussed the ongoing cat problem. There will be no attempt to control by the Village of Dennison.

Tammie Taggart, Administrative Assistant, reviewed to Council the results of the recently sent trash account letters to delinquent residents. Some progress was made with payments on accounts. The Village's next move with regard to residents who didn't respond will be determined at a later point.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Patty Johnson – Bing's memorial may not be able to be included in the Veteran's Day celebrations because of time needed to prepare. Other options may need to be considered so that Bing's remains are handled in a respectful manner.

Kene Edwards – The Basketball court at McCluskey Park is in need of replacement. It is hooved up and the surface is destroyed. We will check into where the material is recyclable and could be replaced with Recycled Grant funds.

Helen Borland – The Cemetery Board had its meeting and no new tractor is needed for mowing as the tractor has been repaired under warranty. The Superintendent of the Cemetery has plotted 100 new lots that will be available for sale.

Greg – none.

Motion to Adjourn. Next Meeting is March 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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Jeff Dryden, Mayor

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Tammie Taggart, Admin. Asst.

## COUNCIL VOTES:

	RC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Helen Borland	P	Y	Y2	y	y	Y1	y	Y2	y	y	y	Y1	y	Y1
Mike Clark	A													
Greg DiDonato	P	Y	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y2	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1	y	Y1	y
Kene Edwards	P	Y2	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y2	Y2
Susan Edwards	A													
Patty Johnson	P	Y1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y