

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 18, 2017

Mayor Jeff Dryden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All Council members were present along with Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman. Solicitor Ong was absent.

Motion (1) to accept the meeting minutes from May 4, 2017 made by Susan Edwards, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Scott Belacastro from Trebel, Inc. presented the bids for the Village of Dennison's Electric Aggregation program and after much review, determined the best supplier bid to be Capital Energy at 5.629 cents for 22 months, ending in May of 2019. Motion (2) to accept Capital Energy's bid at 5.629 cents and allowing the Mayor to sign the agreement for the Village made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

Bob Michels from the Dennison Rotary said that the Rotary was planning to replace the signs at the entrance to the Village and also install Dennison Rotary signs as well. Motion (3) to approve the Dennison Rotary to repair and replace the signs at the entrance to the Village made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried. It was suggested that they also have a discussion with Mike Trimmer about the current signs.

Joel Peterson from the Twin City Cross Country Coaches presented information on the Race to be held on June 21. The Start/Finish would be located at the Dennison Yard Restaurant, who is the main sponsor. The Kid's run is 1 mile long on Center Street. The race raises money for Scholarships, the top 3 boys and top 3 girls in the county. Motion (4) to give Twin City Cross Country Coaches permission to use the streets for the Coaches Crawl 5 k run/walk and 1 mile Kids Run and the road closures from 5-8 pm on June 17 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Sharon Grove and Carol Foltz from the Claymont Cheerleaders presented a request to use the streets for a Color Run on August 5, 2017. It would be a night race from the Gazebo to the PanHandle Trail and back. They would also hold a Glo Night party with a DJ at the Gazebo for the Cheerleaders to raise money for competitions. The block of 4th Street beside the Gazebo would need to be closed for the event. Council informed Mrs. Grove that the permission for the Gazebo would need to be requested through the Dennison Depot Museum. Motion (5) to allow the Claymont Cheerleaders to close 4th Street between Grant and Center on August 5, 2017 for the Color Run made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Harry Dalton of N. First Street presented issues to Council. He said that people who attend the ball games in the evening park in front of the dumpster at the Street Department building on Welch St. and people dumping yard debris cannot get to the dumpsters. He also spoke about the condition of the alley behind his home in the 100 block of 1st Street being in very rough

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Condition. He said that he has a lot of foot traffic of people walking to the ball park and there is also a lot of speeding cars going down the alley way also.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT- Assistant Chief Jim Shamel reported that a grant from the Department of Forestry was received in the amount of \$9,700 to purchase additional radios. The department still needs 11 more hand held radios. Kathy Norman said that the levy does have a provision for the Fire Truck radio to be purchased, she would need an estimate.

ZONING DEPARTMENT: Dan Shaver reported that he was prepared to tear down 915 Court St. at the cost of \$6,843.00. Motion (6) to tear down the structure at 915 Court Street in the amount of \$6,843.00 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

222 McCook Avenue - \$500 is still owed by the estate. Peter's Tire will tow the car and trailer away for \$50. The Street Department will clean up the property and the Village will add the cost to the taxes.

115 N. 1st Street – Medical waste needs to be removed, the Health Department has been contacted and they need the property owner's permission to enter the property.

Discussion about putting properties up for sale – S. 6th Street, 520 N. 2nd, Grant St., Jewett Ave., Will hold for the release of the property at 2nd Street and then list all the properties at one time.

Motion (8) to accept the Zoning Department Report for April made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Susan Edwards. Motion carried.

FISCAL DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman presented the bills in the amount of \$31,072.89. Motion (9) to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,072.89 when funds become available made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

The bank statement has been reconciled with nothing outstanding.

RITA Year to date is \$17,000 less than this time last year. 41.736% to budget.

Mrs. Norman named Brenda Shaver, Deputy Clerk, as alternate delegate for RITA. Motion (10) to name Brenda Shaver as alternate delegate for RITA made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

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The Companies Moving In Report includes companies doing work inside the Village. It is everyone's responsibility to report them as they are seen. The report this month includes Rauch Excavating and Tucson Inc.

Kathy Norman requested that the June 15th council meeting be moved to June 22nd as she would be away on a trip. Motion (11) to change the June council meeting from June 15 to June 22 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greg DiDonato discussed the purchase of a truck for the Street Department. He said the purchase could be approved for the 2018 budget year. Specs will be needed by September and a purchase could be made in January of 2018.

Greg also wanted to see if a report could be made at RITA for who in the Village works in Uhrichsville that would not be paying the difference in the tax. He was trying to be prepared for the impact in lost tax dollars. He said that there will also be some impact from Harcatus leaving the Village, the School reconstruction changes and a possible increase employment at the Pharmacy.

Kene Edwards presented quotes to repair and replace the Generator. It was decided to send the matter to the Finance Committee for a final recommendation.

The new Pay Ordinance #2664 was presented. Changes include work schedules being provided to council upon request, adding the Vacation policy to the ordinance which was once a separate ordinance. The Administrative/Legislative Assistant job is still a separate ordinance and not incorporated into this one. The Pay Ordinance will go into effect 7/7/17. Motion (12) to suspend the rules made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried. Motion (13) to pass the Pay Ordinance #2664 to be effective July 7, 2017 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried. Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman will discuss Section 6 of the new Pay Ordinance with the department heads at their meeting.

There was a discussion about the Village Drug Policy; we will need to determine how we want the testing completed.

Mayor Dryden has received additional calls about cats. He contacted a company in Toledo who said that neutering would cost \$35 per cat and that doesn't eliminate the cats, as they would be put back in the same neighborhood they came from. There are no answers within the law as no one owns the cats. The Mayor will contact the Ohio Municipal League for some further discussion.

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Mayor Dryden then asked about the decision to not hold Mayor's Court. It was put in the Times Reporter before he was notified. Tammie Taggart had asked about the result of the meeting and was not answered. The Mayor said he has the time to do the court and court cost would be kept at \$85. He said it wouldn't cost \$7,500 for a Magistrate as it was listed in the newspaper. They would not need to have a probation department as there is no probation on traffic fines. Fees to the state are \$39. Greg DiDonato said that the rate of non-collection is 39% and a lot of times it leads to communities writing more tickets. We would need to have a Clerk, and it was never decided that the Administrative Assistant would be the Clerk. There would also need to be a Bailiff which would lead to police overtime and we would need a back up for when the Mayor couldn't do the court. We would also need another clerk to do the collections, software costs, website update for taking payments with credit cards. The Village also receives over 10,000 community service hours from Tuscarawas Southern District Court that they would not receive. We would still send cases to Southern District. We currently get 1/3 of the court workers hours and we would be required to do Supreme Court reporting. We quit the Mayor's Court previously because we were sued twice. The Mayor's Court decision was not made a motion and was suspended for lack of action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jim Dickey said the Thornwood Preservation Group was prepared to do the labor to repair the bathrooms at the Thornwood park shelter house. The cost to buy the materials is \$642.26. Motion (14) to pay \$642.26 for the Thornwood Preservation Group to repair the Pavilion bathrooms made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

Mike Clark said the dumpster at the Street Department is being blocked during baseball games and no parking signs need to be erected. Signs will be ordered and installed.

Susan Edwards said she had contacted Claymont Schools about salvaging materials from the Northside building before it was demolished and received a response that the materials would be salvaged by the construction company. Susan Edwards also read her letter of resignation to council. She is moving out of state and will resign her seat effective May 31, 2017. Motion (15) to accept the resignation of Susan Edwards made with regret by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Letters of interest in the open council seat will be due by June 9th at 2 pm.

Kene Edwards asked about the window upstairs on the 3rd floor that will need sealed from the outside, no water is inside at the present time. We also need to contact the Water Company about the left side on the first turn on Stillwater Circle that needs repaired.

Helen Borland said the Sherman Street project will be installing the retaining wall soon. She also reported that a Gazebo will be placed at the PanHandle Trail Head Park in memory of Ken Welch.

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Greg DiDonato suggested that we develop a Record Retention Policy to destroy old records. We will need to develop a Record Commission.

Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting is June 22nd.

Jeff Dryden, Mayor

Tammie Taggart, Admin. Assistant

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Helen Borland	P	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y1	Y	Y	Y2	Y
Mike Clark	P	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Dickey	P	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y2	Y	Y
Greg DiDonato	P	Y	Y1													
Kene Edwards	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y2
Susan Edwards	P	Y1	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y