

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2017

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

Motion (1) to accept the Meeting Minutes from June 22 made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Helen Borland. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

Harry Dowling of 113 North First Street was present. He said that there was settlement of the alley behind his property from a sewer line repair. Paul Collins, Twin City Water Board was present and discussed the issue with Mr. Dowling outside the meeting.

DEPARTMENTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Dave McConnell was present for the Fire Department. He asked about the decision on the Generator repair. The matter had been moved to the Finance Committee and that committee will meet on August 17 at 5:30 pm.

Chief McConnell has a quote to repair the rear shocks and springs on the Fire Department car for \$463. Greg DiDonato said he assumed that the Volunteer Fire Department funds would cover the cost.

The Fire Department has received a grant for \$500 from an EMS grant for equipment.

The Fire Department is doing a School Supply collection for the Claymont Intermediate and Preschool and Immaculate Conception. The collected supplies will be given to the schools to distribute and use as needed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Todd Beeman said there has been speeding through the Industrial Park and that there were no speed limit signs posted. 2 speed limit signs are now posted.

Officer Keller and the Police dog, Bronco were introduced to Council. They will be posted on their first duty shift on August 1, 2017.

Cameras purchased by the Dennison Rotary will be installed in McCluskey Park.

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Ordinance #2666 was presented to council for the K-9 Policy to be adopted by the Village. A long discussion was held over the compensation time for the K-9 Officer to care for the dog and the state law that provides that he must be compensated for the time. After much discussion, the Ordinance was amended to include language that would require the compensation time to be paid out of funds donated to the K-9 program and not with Police Department funds. Motion (2) to suspend the rules for Ordinance #2666 establishing a K-9 Officer Policy for the Village of Dennison, OH made by Mike Clark, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried. Motion (3) to pass the Ordinance #2666 establishing a K-9 Officer Policy for the Village of Dennison, OH made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Greg DiDonato had a lengthy discussion about trucks getting lost in the Village in an attempt to get to Aleris. He said that signage around the Depot needs to be enhanced so they can see it clearly and the Police need to cite offenders.

Greg DiDonato also said that Paving for the Sherman Street project starts on Tuesday and letters need to be sent out to all affected residents. The residents will be notified that no parking will be allowed on the street. Chief Todd Beeman requested a copy of the letter.

The old Northside School building when demolished will have the debris loaded from Welch Street. Dan Shaver will video the sidewalks to monitor any damage.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Erin Burdette was present and presented quotes for a paint sprayer and ditching bucket. A long discussion was held over purchasing the ditching bucket used. The ditching buckets are hard to find used and may not fit the equipment we have. Motion (4) to purchase a ditching bucket and cutting edge for a cost of \$1,500 from Piergallini and Son's Equipment made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

A long discussion was also held on the paint sprayer purchase and its intended uses around the Village. The cost of striping the roads is \$5,880, an increase of \$50 over last year. If a walk behind paint sprayer is purchased the street department will see if they can do the striping themselves. A motion (5) was made by Greg DiDonato to have Tusco re-line the streets. That motion was 2nd by Helen Borland but was quashed for lack of

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vote. Motion (6) was made to purchase the paint sprayer at a cost of \$5,900 by Jim Dickey, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

A long discussion was held about Harcatus workers not being available to do summer street projects for the Village because the program had been eliminated.

ZONING DEPARTMENT: Dan Shaver, Zoning Administrator, was present. He said that the property at 917 Court Street had been demolished and that the property at 719 N. 4th Street is next on the demolishing list. He is working on trying to find the heirs for the house on McCrea that is posted with the violations. The sewer issue at the 520 N. 2nd Street has been fixed by the Twin City Water and Sewer. We have 2 bids so far on the currently listed properties for sale.

FISCAL DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Officer Kathy Norman was present. She presented bills in the amount of \$16,724. Motion (7) to pay the bills in the amount of \$16,724 when funds become available made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Jim Dickey. Motion carried. RITA collections are at 59.06% to budget, they should be 58% to budget now, and the difference is \$6,663. We will look at the end of the 3rd Quarter to see if we need to decrease revenue. The bank statement has been reconciled with no outstanding receipts or adjustments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: June reports from Dennison Police and Fire departments were approved under Motion (8) made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards. Motion carried.

Tammie Taggart, Administrative Assistant, gave the results of the recent Grant Street Parking Survey.

Motion (9) to accept the Tuscarawas County Mitigation Plan, Ordinance #2667, for the Village of Dennison made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Mike Clark. Motion carried.

Tammie Taggart discussed the plans for the upcoming 922 Day event which will be held on Friday, September 22 at 5:30 pm at McCluskey Park. It is a free event for all residents of Uhrichsville and Dennison.

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Jim Dickey discussed a recent meeting he attended for the upcoming 2020 Census. Tammie Taggart was nominated to handle the update for the Village of Dennison.

A letter was forwarded by Wendy Zucal of the Dennison Railroad Museum asking the Village to accept the bid for work on the Depot Phase 8 Project received from ODOT, Resolution #2668. Motion (10) made by Greg DiDonato, 2nd by Kene Edwards to accept the bid and pass Resolution #2668. Motion carried.

Paul Collins gave the Twin City Water Board report. Jim Dickey asked him to assist them with finding the water shut off valve at Thornwood Park.

A discussion was held about the ball teams and the condition of the fields at the end of the season. Jim Dickey said he would contact them.

Kene Edwards said the Concession Stand window had been rolled up all summer. It was also noted that the Little League had had a change of officers and we would like to be notified who those people are. A discussion was held about amending the Little League lease to include the new field, that request was referred to Solicitor Ong.

There is a meeting scheduled July 26, 2017 at ODOT for the Stillwater Avenue project. Greg DiDonato and Helen Borland will attend on behalf of the Village.

The CDBG Grant recently submitted for the S. 2nd Street sidewalks and curbs was approved.

A long discussion was held about Residents with unpaid trash collection accounts. A few years ago Solicitor Ong drafted an Ordinance for the citing of residents for not having trash collection but it was not adopted at that time. Solicitor Ong will send a copy of that drafted Ordinance to Council for review and later discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jim Dickey – no report

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Mike Clark – Dennison Depot had their Strategic Planning meeting and updated their future plans. Kene Edwards asked about the restaurant, Mike Clark said there were 9 refusals so far but talks are still underway with others.

Kene Edwards – Asked about the window upstairs in Village Hall, the repairs have not been made as we have no way to reach the window from the outside with existing equipment. A discussion was held about scaffolding for painting in the interior of the building or asking Jack Wardell to complete the painting.

Kene Edwards also mentioned the new BBQ pavilion installed by Dennison Rotary. He asked that we put it on the Web page and the Village Face book page and send a letter to Dennison Rotary thanking them for the Pavilion and new cameras for McCluskey Park.

Helen Borland – Cemetery Plots are up for sale if anyone is interested. The Cemetery is also looking for ways to purchase a new dump truck.

Paving on Sherman Street begins next Tuesday. Helen contacted the school about parking during the paving and having the gates closed during the demolition of Northside School. St. Mary's Festival will not be affected by the paving schedule. She will make a call to see about the striping of the newly paved streets.

Greg DiDonato – Discussed the possibility of doing a road project in Thornwood Park for streets and curbs.

A Finance Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17 at 5:30 pm.

We have received a bid price for Fette Rd. It is slightly higher than originally quoted.

Greg also expressed his concern over Mayor Dryden permitting an AFLAC agent to meet with Village employees and to obtain personal, confidential information from them. The concern centered on the fact that Council had not approved the Village making AFLAC policies available to Village employees. It was noted that several AFLAC agents had inquired about Council permitting them to meet with Village employees, but such permission had never been granted by Council. A discussion was held regarding the proper procedure in such matters, and it was noted by Solicitor Ong that such procedure must be strictly followed.

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Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting is Thursday, August 17 at 7:00 pm.

Jeff Dryden, Mayor

Tammie Taggart, Admin. Asst.

COUNCIL VOTES:

7/20/17	RC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Helen Borland	P	Y2	Y	Y	Y	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mike Clark	P	Y	Y1	Y2	Y2		Y	Y	Y	Y2	Y
Jim Dickey	P	Y	Y2	Y	Y		Y1	Y2	Y	Y	Y
Greg DiDonato	P	Y1	Y	Y1	Y1	1	Y	Y1	Y1	Y1	Y1
Kene Edwards	P	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y2	Y	Y2	Y	Y2
Tracie Bolitho	P	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y