

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held August 19, 2019

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steve Johnston

Council Members Present: Steve Johnston, Howard Wade, Jennifer Warner, Jim King, Linda Hall, Doug Eakins and Mike Conway. Also attending were Mayor, Ray Martin, Clerk of Council, Debbie DiLeo, Public Service Director, John Mitchell, Director of Building, Zoning and Planning, Tom Hale and Chief of Police, Christopher Floyd and Parks and Recreation Director, Marci Darlington.

Council Members absent: None

Prayer: Reverend Isaac Shupe

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Eakins

Mr. Johnston announced that Sandy Latimer passed away this morning and asked everyone to remember her in their prayers. He recognized her for her professional coverage of the Village's Council Meetings for many years.

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Eakins

Roll Call: All Years

Motion carries 7-0

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the August 5, 2019 Council Meeting by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Conway

Roll Call: All Years

Motion carries 7-0

Recognition of Guests:

The Oath of Office scheduled to be administered to Murad DeLuca was postponed, due to a death in his family.

Terry Mackey, DAV Commander and Driver for the Madison County Veterans, is raising funds for a three-day bus trip to Washington DC for Madison County Veterans. This trip is similar to the Honor Flight, but the pace is a little slower to allow veterans a more relaxing trip. A similar trip was taken by Logan County and it was very successful. He hopes to schedule the trip for September of 2020 and will be hosting fundraisers to finance the trip. The cost is \$300 for each veteran and \$250 for anyone that wishes to accompany the veteran. A nurse will be with the group in case of emergencies. He would like the Village to make a donation. The Mayor and Mr. Johnston both said they would consider the request during the 2020 Budget preparation.

Tony Fink, Dunlap Hay Insurance, was on hand to explain a proposed change to the Village's commercial property and liability insurance. Our current carrier is Public Entities Pool of Ohio, which is not an actual insurance company. The pool spreads public risk over multiple entities. Their current estimated assets are \$31,000,000. Mr. Fink explained if there was a large loss for any member of the pool, the loss could be greater than the assets available. He has received a quote from Tokio Marine HCC, which will provide greater liability coverage and cost less on an annual basis. Tokio Marine HCC, has assets in the millions, specializes in public risk, is in good standing with the State Department of Insurance, and has an A++ rating. The bottom line is we will have the same coverage for our property but our liability coverage will have greater limits. Currently our limits are \$2M and they would increase to \$6M or \$7M. Mr. Johnston would like the limit to be \$10M and Mr. Fink will secure a quote for both. Mr. Eakins asked if this insurance would cover our expanding building department and it does. Mr. Fink said you could never have too much liability coverage, it just depends

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on how much you are willing to pay. This insurance will cover prior acts that may not be covered by the Public Entities Pool. The pool requires a written 60-day notice to terminate coverage. Legislation will be presented at the next meeting.

Sally Boales, a local resident, who also works part-time at the library, expressed her concerns about children asking for money to go to the pool and jumping off the bridge into Darby Creek. The Lunch and Learn program and the Library Summer Reading Program are both great, but there are still gaps in things for children to do in the summer. Many children stay at the Library the entire day because they can't afford to do anything else. She would like to see if the Village can somehow give consideration to the kids that would like to go to the pool, but do not have the financial resources to do so. The Mayor said the bridge is out of our Police Department's jurisdiction. If someone calls the County, the sheriff will run them off, but there is little that can be done to stop the jumping.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 19-103, authorizing the Village Finance Director, to transfer One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the Huntington Checking account to the Huntington Insured Cash Sweep account (ICS)

Discussion: None

Motion to adopt Resolution 19-103, by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Wade

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Ordinance 19-104 authorizing supplemental appropriations in various funds

Discussion: One of the supplemental appropriations is due to an upcoming retirement.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 19-104, by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Conway

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Resolution 19-105, setting residential rates for the collection of refuse and recycling

Discussion: As outlined, the rate will increase \$.75 per year for the next five years. Ms.

Warner pointed out that the rate the Village charges is not the actual rate that we pay to Waste Management. Mr. Mitchell said that he and the finance director reviewed the fund balance in the Sanitation Fund and they believe they can use some of the fund balance to relieve some of the burden for the residents. The last increase was six to eight years ago.

Motion to adopt Resolution 19-105, by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Johnston

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Resolution 19-106, authorizing an additional \$1,500.00 donation to West Jefferson Youth, Inc.

Discussion: The Parks and Recreation committee met last Monday and is recommending the donation to cover fees for children who cannot afford to pay. Section I of the resolution outlines the specifics of the donation.

Motion to adopt Resolution 19-106, by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Ms. Hall

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

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Committee Reports:

Finance: None

Police: None

Employee Benefits: None

Public Service: None

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: The committee discussed the donation to West Jefferson Youth, Inc. and would like to propose a voucher program for next year's budget to help cover costs for children that need financial assistance

Special Events: The Ox Roast parade will be held on August 31st. Five council members will ride in the parade. Mr. Wade has asked Brian Farley to drive the float because the Mayor will be driving the police float

Director of Finance Report: None

Director of Public Service Report: Walnut Fellows construction continues with sidewalks being installed and moving toward curbs and gutters. They hope to have some asphalt down before the festival but regardless, the road will be opened. Waterlines on US 40 are going well and they hope to start boring next week. The boring will take a week to a week and a half. Lyndon Johnson will be retiring at the end of the month. Nate Kinzy has been promoted as the new superintendent and they are conducting interviews to fill his vacated position. Ms. Hall asked if we were going to paint "West Jefferson" on the water tower. It was originally scheduled for this year but it won't be completed until next year. Possibly they will paint the new logo on the tower.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: National Night Out was a huge success despite the rain. There were approximately 400 people in attendance. Ms. Darlington recognized Sgt. Brandon Smith's for his efforts on planning the occasion. Last week there were events almost every night and every day. She estimates about 1,000 residents attended the various activities. The Family Dance was awesome. Scheduled fall activities include Line Dancing and Softball. Now the planning for next year begins. Ms. Darlington also thanked Kristi Zurbick from the Messenger, for her support. She attributed a lot of the success of the summer programs to the articles that were published in the Messenger. Mr. Johnston also noted that the purchase of the Community Center has been proven to be an asset to the community.

Mayor's Report and Recognition: The Mayor stated he would miss Sandy Lattimer's cheery disposition. There is a light at the end of the tunnel and the construction projects should be completed soon. He also recognized Becky Arnott for wise investments that earned the Village \$23,000 in interest. The Mayor will be leaving for a good will trip to Japan in early September with many other State and Local Representatives.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Mr. Johnston announced that due to the Labor Day holiday Council will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Additional Business: Mr. Mitchell announced that a retirement party for Lyndon Johnson will be held at the Community Center on August 30th from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Motion to pay the bills by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Eakins
Passed by Acclamation of Council

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Motion to approve "Then and Now" Certificates over \$3,000.00: None

**Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. King
Passed by Acclamation of Council**


Deborah J. DiLeo
Clerk of Council


Steve Johnston
President of Council