

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held

October 19, 2020

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President Jen Warner

Roll Call: Council Members Samantha Cahill, Mike Conway, Linda Hall, Richard King, Jeff Patterson, Howard Wade, and Jennifer Warner. Also attending were Finance Director, Becky Arnott, Chief of Police, Chris Floyd, Building and Zoning Director, Tom Hale, Clerk of Council in Training, Jimmy John Hall, Mayor, Ray Martin, and Public Service Director, John Mitchell.

Council Members absent: None.

Prayer: Rev. Jimmy John Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Conway.

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Conway and seconded by Ms. Cahill.

Roll Call: All yeas.

Motion Carries 7-0.

Motion to adopt the minutes as corrected of the October 5, 2020 Council Meeting by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Wade.

Roll Call: All yeas.

Motion Carries 7-0.

Recognition of Guests: Mr. James Graham, Mr. Larry Woods, Ms. Dee Woods, Ms. Erica Bogner, Ms. Lisa Wooton, Ms. Bonnie Hamilton, Ms. Susan Thompson, Superintendent of Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Mr. Mike Ellis, and Mr. Ricky Smalley.

Discussion:

- Mayor Martin introduced Ms. Thompson. Ms. Thompson said October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and recognized two talented guests, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Smalley. Mr. Smalley works at the animal hospital and Mr. Ellis works for Amazon. Ms. Thompson thanked Mayor Martin and the Village for helping to maintain employment for others. Mayor Martin read out loud the 2020 National Disability Employment Awareness Month Proclamation and thanked the guests. President Warner thanked the organization and the three guests. President Warner said this organization has helped her get through a lot.
- Ms. Bogner said communication between the Village and certain elderly people is lacking. The elderly population tends not to utilize social media. To begin to address this problem, Ms. Bogner made draft fliers for Council to consider. The fliers are about ten cents per copy and can be posted inside local businesses and other locations. The information which could be included would be information about the Library, County Trustees meetings, community events like the very successful 'Truck or Treat', and school information. In this way, part of the communication problem can be solved. Mayor Martin agreed to the lack of communication issue and asked for Ms. Bogner to get into contact with the Mayor's office and this is an administrative issue not a Council issue. Ms. Cahill commented things are already posted and we need to help point people to that information.
- Ms. Wooton asked if Council has reached out to American Electric Power (AEP) concerning electrical issues. Ms. Wooton asked everybody to recall the past electrical issues and compare them to this current situation. The ongoing electrical issues are becoming a constant problem. President Warner said the electrical problems with the warehouses is not an AEP but an Ohio's Electric problem. Mayor Martin said AEP is aware of the issues, they have looked at it, and in the outlying areas there is another electrical company responsible for the customer power outages, although AEP is getting the blame. Mr. Mitchell added that AEP is aware of the problems and are actively trying to locate and solve the power outage issues. Mr. King said a lot of times the power outages happen when the system is stressed at certain times of the day or night. Mayor Martin said it would be helpful if AEP knew from customers when these outages are happening. Mr. Woods said he will get a list of the dates and times of the power outages.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution 20-075, to approve generation fee abolishment for the NCO Solid Waste District.

Discussion:

- Mr. Mitchell explained the Village is part of the District and under its policy. Instead of a generation fee, the landfills will pick up the fees, namely, NCO Solid Waste District is replacing the generation fee with a designation fee with the landfill. Mr. King asked about the generation fee's replacement with a designation fee. Mr. Mitchell said it's a contract fee with the landfill.

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Mr. Conway asked if the contract can be changed at will. Mr. Mitchell said 'yes' and he will keep an eye on it but only by local, state or federal laws or regulations, disposal or processing costs.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-075, by Mr. Wade and seconded by Ms. Conway. Roll Call: All yeas. Motion Carries 7-0.

Ordinance 20-076, authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the Coronavirus Relief Fund received in the amount of \$159,674.00 and accrued interest in the amount of \$29,44.

Discussion:

- Ms. Arnott said the Village received another Coronavirus Relief Fund check, we need authorization to use it, and the State is requiring that we track this.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-076, by Ms. Hall and seconded by Ms. Wade. Roll Call: All yeas. Motion Carries 7-0.

Resolution 20-077, authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement program(s), and to execute contracts as required.

Discussion:

- Mr. Mitchell said this is the same application as last year for the Westchester subdivision. Due to the pandemic, the application was turned down. So, the Village is reapplying.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-077, by Mr. Conway and seconded by Ms. Wade. Roll Call: All yeas. Motion Carries 7-0.

Resolution 20-078, to approve the final version of the Foundation Drain Disconnect Program (FDD), and support and implement the program as part of the Ohio EPA Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit.

Discussion:

- Mr. Mitchell explained the purpose of the FDD Program is to remove rain water from the sanitary sewers. Homes are no longer allowed to put rain water into the sanitary sewer. If somebody wanted to put in a check valve, then they can do that too and it will be reimbursed. Eventually, the entire Village will be done over a period of five to ten years.
- Ms. Cahill asked if there is a list of recommended plumbers. Mr. Mitchell said they are working on that list of plumbers and reimbursement should take one or two weeks
- Mr. King asked where the \$4,000.00 reimbursement figure per residence came from. Mr. Mitchell said the figure is a higher than average cost but sufficiently covers the expense.
- Mr. Wade asked if some homes are more impacted by water than other homes. Mr. Mitchell said home installation of sump pumps are easier to install than dealing with concrete floors.
- Mr. Conway asked what is it that flows back into a basement. Mr. Mitchell said it's a sanitary backup, which we are trying to avoid.
- Ms. Hall said there is a family that already fixed this issue and can they be reimbursed. Mr. Mitchell said we can take a look at it.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-078, by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. King.

Discussion:

Roll Call: All yeas. Motion Carries 7-0.

Resolution 20-079, authorizing the purchase and installation of police body cameras from WatchGuard, not to exceed \$29,114.00.

Discussion:

- Chief Floyd said the body cameras have a built-in microphone which will replace the depleted microphones cruiser cameras. The cruiser system will sync with the body camera system. This purchase will help prevent law suits and allows for accountability. The body cameras are not Cloud based but come with a warranty.
- Ms. Arnott pointed out the installation fee of \$1,500.00.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-079, by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Wade.

Discussion:

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Ordinance 20-080, amending ordinance 19-129, passed December 2, 2019, (2020 Employee Pay Scale) by changing the rate of pay for the Assistant Clerk of Council, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

- President Warner said this ordinance is an emergency because Ms. DiLeo has been working for the Village since her retirement.
- Mr. Patterson asked about the pay rate.
- President Warner said the pay rate depends on how much Ms. DiLeo is helping out.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-080, by Ms. Hall and seconded by President Warner.

Roll Call: All yeas.
Motion Carries 7-0.

Resolution 20-081, Confirming Council's appointment of Deborah J. DiLeo to the position of Assistant Clerk of Council, and making the appointment effective retroactively to October 1, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-081, by Mr. Conway and seconded by Ms. Cahill.

Roll Call: All yeas.
Motion Carries 7-0.

Resolution 20-082, authorizing the purchase of the Speed Alert 24 Message Trailer from All Traffic Solutions Inc, not to exceed \$16,035.00.

Discussion:

- President Warner said when people see the sign on Highway 40, they are slowing down. This new speeding alert will show the vehicle's actual speed, unlike the Sheriff Department's sign. Chief Floyd said this sign can also display other warning like road closers.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-082, by Ms. Cahill and seconded by Ms. Hall.

Roll Call: All yeas.
Motion Carries 7-0.

Resolution 20-083, authorizing the purchase of police protective gear from Safeware, not to exceed \$21,899.40.

Discussion:

- Chief Floyd said when riots around the country started, the Police Department had some real concerns for the safety of each other. The protective gear is also equipped with gas masks, biological and nuclear protections. The gear also includes ballistic, bullet repellent, and riot helmets.
- Ms. Cahill asked about the effectiveness of the gas masks. Chief Floyd said they are indeed effective as they come with filters for tear gas and filters for Chemical, Biological Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) protections.
- Mr. Conway pointed out the number of helmets the Police Department currently has on hand. Chief Floyd concurred and said the Police Department has five ballistic helmets on hand. Mr. Conway said that's important and a disappointment. Mr. Conway also added the Police Department will have training with the equipment.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-083, by Mr. Wade and seconded by Mr. Conway.

Roll Call: All yeas.
Motion Carries 7-0.

Resolution 20-084, authorizing the Mayor to execute the appropriate documents to donate two (2) acres of property owned by the Village of West Jefferson, located at 177 South Frey Avenue, to the West Jefferson Township Fire Department.

Discussion:

- Mr. Conway pointed out this property is part of the school property.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-084, by Ms. Cahill and seconded by Mr. Conway.

Roll Call: All Nays.
Motion Fails: 7-0.

Committee Reports:

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Finance: None.

Police: None.

Employee Benefits: None.

Public Service: None.

Development: None.

Parks and Recreation: None.

Special Events: None.

Director of Finance Report: Ms. Arnott said the 2021 Budget is coming together. On Thursday, October 15, 2020 Ms. Arnott met with the Bureau of Workmen Compensation (BWC) our Third-Party Administrator (TBA), and was informed of a refund from 2019 of \$68,310.62, which will come back to the Village. Next, Ms. Arnott received the renewal from Delta Dental and there is no increase for 2021. Also, the City of London sent a check to the Village for contractual services in the amount of \$28,000.00. Lastly, Ms. Arnott finished the Coronavirus Relief Fund Distribution Report and submitted it to the Auditor of State. Madison County sent the Village \$159,674.00 for the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Director of Public Service Report: Mr. Mitchell said leaf pick up is delayed due to the rainy weather but will continue to provide this service until mid-November. Currently, we are preparing for the winter season.

Discussion:

- Mayor Martin said the 'Truck or Treat' event recorded about 500 young people attending. It was a success.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report:

Mayor's Report and Recognition: Mayor Martin said we do hear the public concerning the traffic problems, flooding, and speeding. We are working on all of these issues. We are also working on the electrical problems.

Discussion:

- Chris Floyd said there were 121 traffic stops and 55 of them resulted in citations.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: President Warner thanked all the Department managers.

Additional Business: None.

Motion to pay the bills by Ms. Cahill and seconded by Mr. Wade.

Passed by acclamation of Council

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

Motion to adjourn: 8:01 P.M. by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Wade.

Passed by acclamation of Council

Jimmy John Hall
Clerk of Council in Training

Jennifer Warner
President of Council