

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Ed Steffek, Brandie Bourne, John Little, Nate Penrod, Steve Adams

ABSENT: N/A

OTHER ATTENDEES: Rick Swiger, DJ Meek

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, John Bourne, Jacquie Price

PLEDGE

The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gardner.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held April 18, 2023. All council members present were in favor.

JOINT MEETING-HELD ONCE A YEAR-FIRST MEETING IN MAY

Joint meeting with representatives from Salem Township, Union Cemetery, Delaware Fire District, Village of Port Washington and Tri-County EMS.

*Heard from representative of Tri-County EMS – John Bourne – No Reporting – Everything running smoothly

*DJ Meek & John Bourne were present as Salem Township Trustees – No Reporting Everything running smoothly.

*Mayor Gardner present for Union Cemetery – No Reporting

*John Bourne present for Delaware Fire District – No Reporting

VISITORS

*Visitor/resident Jacquie Price inquired whether the village would be interested in the electric aggregate; as the electric will be increasing on June 1, 2023. Price indicated that Dennison is locked into electric rates with Trebel at 6.6 KW and Newcomerstown has locked into electric rates with Trebel at 7 KW. Electric costs are projected to be at 11KW as of June 1, 2023.

Mayor Gardner indicated that the village does not participate in any type of electric aggregate, but each individual property owner can select their own electric supplier.

*Mayor Gardner and Price discussed some drainage issues across from the village hall and also in the area of the Post Office/LampLighter. Heard that Gardner has already contacted the Post Office about a solution for drainage in that area.

*Price requested the usage of the Park Pavilion on July 2nd for an event for the Community Center Organization. Council and Mayor approved the Community Center event at the park pavilion - at no cost.

PAY BILLS

***Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Nate Penrod to pay bills from respective funds. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Ed Steffek yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Nate Penrod yay, Steve Adams yay.

FISCAL OFFICER

*Heard from F.O. Lute that the audit for year 2021 & 2022 will be wrapping up in the near future. The state auditor representative indicated that the audit is in the final review stage.

*Heard that there were no bids received on the 113 N. High Property. All bids were to be received and opened at 7pm at the May 2nd council meeting. Lute will contact the county auditor's office on doing a reappraisal for the property since it is now a vacant lot. The home was demolished last fall. Once a new appraisal from the county is received, the village will attempt to sell the property again.

*Heard that the 2022 yearly required ARPA Reporting was completed for the Village ARPA Projects.

*Was reported that Lute will be on vacation and out of town from May 7 through May 14.

POLICE

*Chief Dusenberry absent – but monthly reporting was submitted. Heard that there have been 4 clean up notices issued and there were 16 call outs.

Council member Nate Penrod inquired about the hours worked for the month of April; as there were no hours reported for payroll purposes. Fiscal Officer Lute indicated that patrolman Bishop texted in his hours – but she has not received a hard copy of the hours yet. Lute has not yet received any hours for April from Dusenberry, Lambert and Lawver to process for payroll.

STREET

*Graffiti was reported on the boys dug out at the park. Gray paint will be needed to cover up the graffiti.

*Discussed filling in a hole with gravel or blacktop in the area of the Post Office/Lamplighter Crosswalk. This is on Main Street right off of the intersection of the square.

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*Heard one permit was issued for a fencing.

COCHRAN-SOLICITOR

*No Reporting

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*No Reporting-Absent

MAYOR

*Heard that St. Paul's UCC Church will be hosting a roast beef dinner event Saturday May 6th from 4-6pm.

*Gardner attended the Mayor's Meeting recently in Tusky. Guest speaker was newly elected County Commissioner Zemis.

*Heard that council member John Little will be honored Thursday – May 4th at 6pm for his efforts for the towpath work of 30 plus years. The event will be held at Sharon Moravian Church in Tusky.

MAYOR-CONT'D

*Gardner indicated that he has attended a couple of meetings spearheaded by Newcomerstown's Mayor – Pat Cadle, for transitional improvement grant funding. Heard that there is 80-100 million dollars available for 6 different counties. Projects such as installing new decorative street lights, repainting of buildings, boat docks, sidewalks & curbs, etc were mentioned. Transitional Business Improvement Grants are for restoring old to new and improving your business district. Gardner encouraged ideas for Port Washington to be brought to council for review. Gardner will continue to gather information and attend future meetings in hopes of obtaining grant funding to make improvements in Port Washington Village.

JOE BOURNE

*Bourne reported 5 calls for the Delaware Fire Dept for the month of April.

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Heard that the Chicken BBQ at the Delaware Fire Dept on Memorial Day will be begin at 12pm.

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*Heard that progress on the Love Tusc. Sculpture is being made. Steffek is the artist for the sculpture project.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be May 16, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

Date

Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer

Date

