

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Ed Steffek, James Thornton, Michelle Green, Brandie Bourne, Steve Adams

ABSENT: N/A

OTHER ATTENDEES: Rick Swiger, DJ Meek

VISITORS: Hugh Thomas-BL Companies, Nancy Bourne

PLEDGE

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

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by James Thornton and seconded by Brandie Bourne to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held July 20, 2021. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

*Visitor Hugh Thomas from BL Companies was present and inquired about the vacation of the unnamed- & unused alley for the construction of the Dollar General Store in Port Washington. Maps and questions were reviewed and addressed by the village council of the proposed Dollar General Store.

Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Joe Bourne to proceed with the vacating of the unnamed and unused alley that runs parallel to Route 36 for the construction of the Dollar General Store project. Roll Call Taken As Follows: Joe Bourne yay, Steve Adams yay, James Thornton yay, Brandie Bourne yay, Michelle Green yay, Ed Steffek yay. Follow up ordinance and paperwork for this vacation will be handled by Solicitor Michael Cochran.

PAY BILLS

***Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Steve Adams to pay bills from respective funds. All council members present were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER

*Heard that a duplicate title will be needed for the sale of the 2003 Street Dept. Truck. Lute could not find the original title.

POLICE

*No Reporting

STREET

*Reviewed the proposed advertisement for the sale of the 2003 Street Dept. Truck. All council members present were in favor of the proposed advertisement for sealed bids. Bids will be accepted through September 11th and opened on September 21st at the council meeting held at 7pm.

ZONING

*Heard that an amended zoning permit was issued to Cory Garbrandt for his shed.

COCHRAN

*No Reporting - Absent

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*No Reporting - Absent

MAYOR

*Heard that the prosecutor was called concerning a sheriff's sale on the property located at 113 N. High Street. This property is a forced sheriff's sale by the Village of Port Washington. Heard that the property is scheduled for the sheriff sale at the end of September.

*Mayor Gardner received a call from Jeff Eaton which is a representative of United Survey who may be contracted to clean out the county owned sewer system. Eaton inquired about the usage of water for this project. Fire Chief John Bourne will work with them to flush as needed.

JOE BOURNE

*Reported that the Delaware Volunteer Fire dept. had three calls for the month of July. The fire department is seeking volunteers.

*Heard that Bourne will contact the attorney firm concerning the proposed projects for the usage of the American Rescue Plan Money. The village has two proposed projects which need approval to see whether they qualify for the usage under the guidelines of American Rescue Plan Money.

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting

JAMES THORNTON

*Thornton presented a proposed quote from Newton Asphalt for the paving of Cemetery Road for a total of \$24,200.00

Motion made by James Thornton and seconded by Brandie Bourne to proceed with the quote from Newton Asphalt. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. This project will be completed either this fall or early next spring.

*Thornton indicated that the village should get information out to the residents concerning the proposed ½% municipal income tax increase; which will be on the November Ballot. He has received several complaints and concerns about the increase. Council member Brandie Bourne agreed as such. Residents appear to be unhappy about the increase. Fiscal Officer Lute will work on putting together a fact sheet concerning the increase and what the monies will be used for.

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Bourne inquired whether the passage of the ordinance/resolution for the council member's wages will cover the incoming terms for the four seats that are open. Fiscal Officer will review the current ordinance/resolution to verify the wage for all council members.

MICHELLE GREEN

*Green informed village council that she will be moving out of the village and will be resigning in the near future.

ED STEFFEK

*Steffek inquired whether the Historical Society could have access to the village Wi-Fi. Council agreed. Fiscal Officer Lute will give Steffek the information needed for logging onto the Wi-Fi.

TREASURER'S REPORT

*No Reporting

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be August 17, 2021 at 7:00pm.

		Date
Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor		

		Date
Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer		

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Motion moved by Joe Bourne and seconded by James Thornton to pass as emergency basis **(RESOLUTION 12-2021)** for the amending of the 2021 Appropriations. All council members present were in favor. **Motion moved** by James Thornton to enact said **RESOLUTION 12-2021** as stated. Motion was seconded by Brandie Bourne and all council members present were in favor.

Motion moved by Joe Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams to pass as emergency basis **(ORDINANCE 2021-7)** for the authorizing of the sale for the 2003 Ford Street Dept. Truck. All council members present were in favor. **Motion moved** by James Thornton to enact said **ORINANCE 2021-7** as stated. Motion was seconded by Brandie Bourne and all council members present were in favor.