

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: N/A

OTHER ATTENDEES: Michael Cochran

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Jacquie Price

PLEDGE

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

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held June 7, 2022. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

*Jacquie Price inquired about having the village administration maintain and update a facebook page in order to distribute more information out to the community. As well as adding contact information to the village website page which would enable emails sent directly to the administration.

*Price will seek village interest in having food trucks available on the weekends during the summer months. If interest for food trucks is shown; Price will handle the scheduling. Council agreed to proceed with the food trucks; with the exception of the weekend of the tent revival that is already scheduled.

*Price indicated that rubber mulch will be placed around the Christmas tree on the square.

*Price inquired whether fireworks would be permitted; as she has received donations for a fireworks display. Council had no objections; as long as Ohio state laws concerning fireworks are followed. The State of Ohio has recently changed the fireworks regulations; and the village has no intention in mandating any additional regulations concerning fireworks. All regulations for fireworks will be strictly set by the State of Ohio – not Port Washington Village.

*Price inquired about the possibility of updating the village signs at the corporation limits to include: Ashton Warner as the 2019 State Shot Put Champion, David Adams as the 2022 Division 2 State Pole Vault Champion and Hometown of Bob Huggins.

*Was informed by Price that the community center will be holding a meeting on July 7, 2022 at 6pm on Human Trafficking 101.

PAY BILLS

***Motion made by John Little** and seconded by Ed Steffek to pay bills from respective funds. All council members present were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER

*No Reporting - Absent

POLICE

*No Reporting - Absent

STREET

*No Reporting - Absent

ZONING

*Heard that a public hearing for a zoning variance will be held on July 6, 2022 at 7pm. This is for the Steinbach property at 201 Arch Street.

COCHRAN

*No Reporting

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*No Reporting – Absent

MAYOR

*Mayor Tom Gardner expressed gratitude for the assistance of everyone who helped with clean up from the recent storms. Gardner reported a lot of stone damage at the cemetery.

*Was reported that the property at 113 N. High Street will be advertised for sell. The minimum selling price will be \$16,000; which is the value of the property.

JOE BOURNE

*No Reporting

STEVE ADAMS

*Adams inquired whether the pig issue that was brought to council's attention at a previous meeting was resolved. No new information or update was known.

NATE PENROD

*Penrod inquired why the village does not have a four way stop sign for the village square when electric power is out. Heard that the village would need permission from ODOT for placement of a four way stop sign on St. Rt. 36/Main Street.

*Discussed the hiring/rental of Miller Creamery at \$500 per hour to set up at Gnadenhutzen for the recent power outage/storm damage clean up. Debate among council members proceeded; with Solicitor Michael Cochran intervening and advising council that spending public money on another village is not permitted.

*Discussed the possibility of Miller Creamery providing their services to Port Washington Village residents. It was stated that the perception of the community; feels that council does not do anything for the community residents. No action was taken.

*Penrod inquired whether street department hours are available for review and whether a possible part time street laborer is needed to get projects completed. An suggestion of training on equipment and volunteering time from council was also a possibility for street department help. No action was taken.

BRANDIE BOURNE

*No Reporting

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*Steffek reported that neighbors are bringing in junk.

*Heard that Steffek is still reviewing possibilities for the art sculpture project for Port Washington.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be July 5, 2022 at 7:00pm.

_____ Date
Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

_____ Date
Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer