

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Michelle Green

OTHER ATTENDEES: Rick Swiger

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Nate Penrod

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 Ed Steffek to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held August 3, 2021. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

\*Heard that resident & visitor Nate Penrod was in attendance just to observe the proceedings of council; as he is currently running for a council seat.

PAY BILLS

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

FISCAL OFFICER

\*No Reporting

POLICE

\*No Reporting

STREET

\*Heard that Street Supervisor Rick Swiger removed a tree at the cemetery that had fallen.

ZONING

\*No Reporting - Absent

COCHRAN

\*No Reporting - Absent

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

\*No Reporting – Absent

## MAYOR

\*Heard that the hot spot for Wi-Fi is up and running at Belden Park. This service was at no expense to the village; as the Tuscarawas County Library assisted in applying for grant funding for the Wi-Fi.

\*Heard that the new urinal at Belden Park is not working correctly (flushing problem). Council member Joe Bourne will contact Peterman Plumbing for repairs.

\*Mayor Gardner addressed council and read a letter of appreciation for Council Member James Thornton. Council and Mayor expressed gratitude for the service that Thornton has given to the village as a council member.

## JOE BOURNE

\*Heard that the Delaware Fire Department will hold a breakfast on September 11, 2021 from 8-11am at the fire station. This is the first breakfast since the beginning of COVID19.

\*Heard that there will be a square dance hosted by the Fire Department on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-11pm.

## STEVE ADAMS

\*Was reported that the street dept. needs an 8ft. ladder.

**Motion was made by Steve Adams** and seconded by Brandie Bourne to approve the purchase of a ladder for the street dept. All council members present were in favor.

## JAMES THORNTON

\***Motion was made by Steve Adams** and seconded by Brandie Bourne to accept James Thornton's letter of resignation as council member. Thornton is moving out of village limits and can not hold a council seat. All council members present were in favor.

## BRANDIE BOURNE

\*Was reported that Tri County EMS handled 223 calls in July.

\*Bourne will follow up on the scheduling with the contractor; for the concrete work project at the front of the village hall and fire department.

## MICHELLE GREEN

\*No Reporting - Absent

## ED STEFFEK

\*No Reporting

## TREASURER'S REPORT

\* **Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Joe Bourne to accept the July 2021 Treasurer's report with the following: \$463,002.81 General Fund, \$64,229.90 Street Construction, \$2,676.23 State Highway, \$13.41 Cemetery Fund, \$31,561.82 Permissive Vehicle Tax, .84 Coronavirus Fund, \$2,317.34 Capital Project, \$140.00 Mayor's Court. With a total of all funds \$563,942.35.

Reports included the bank reconciliation report, bank statements, detailed receipt report, fund report, appropriation status report and payment listing. All council members present were in favor.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be September 7, 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 **(ORDINANCE 2021-8)** for vacating an unnamed & unused alley for the construction of the Dollar General Store in Port Washington Village. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. **Motion moved** by Brandie Bourne to enact said **ORDINANCE 2021-8** as stated. Motion was seconded by Ed Steffek. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

**Motion moved** by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams to pass as emergency basis **(RESOLUTION 13-2021)** for authorizing to retain additional legal services for the handling of ARPA Funding Projects. All council members present were in favor. **Motion moved** by James Thornton to enact said **RESOLUTION 13-2021** as stated. Motion was seconded by Ed Steffek and all council members present were in favor. Letter of engagement was also approved and signed for the legal services of Baker, Dublikar Law Firm at a cost of \$140 per hour.

**Motion moved** by Joe Bourne and seconded by Brandie Bourne to pass as emergency basis **(RESOLUTION 14-2021)** for the accepting of American Rescue Plan Act Funding and comply with all regulations involving the funding. All council members present were in favor. **Motion moved** by Joe Bourne to enact said **RESOLUTION 14-2021** as stated. Motion was seconded by Steve Adams and all council members present were in favor.