

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, Darlene Pena

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 Ed Steffek to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held May 2, 2023. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

\*No Reporting

PAY BILLS

\***Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Ed Steffek 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

\***Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Nate Penrod to accept the renewal insurance liability and auto policy with Whitaker – Myers Insurance Agency. The yearly renewal fee is \$8192.00. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

POLICE

\*Chief Dusenberry absent-No Reporting

STREET

\*Heard that Street Supervisor Rick Swiger has been working in the cemetery preparing for Memorial Day Services.

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

\*Discussed a possible project for grant funding. Distributed copies of new LED Street Light Poles and comparison costs for electric for the proposed lights. This project is for 32 decorative street light poles along Main Street. **Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams** to proceed with the grant process for decorative poles with banner hangers and round led lights. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. Mayor Gardner will be attending another meeting at Newcomerstown on May 26<sup>th</sup> for discussion on the transitional improvement grants available.

COCHRAN-SOLICITOR

\*No Reporting

## INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

\*No Reporting-Absent

## MAYOR

\*Mayor Gardner indicated that he will be attending a meeting with the Tuscarawas County Economic Development Dept on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion will be the usage of CDBG Funding. Many villages had used the CDBG for paving projects. The paving projects are no longer permitted with the CDBG Funding. Discussion will be looking at other options for paving projects and uses for the CDBG Funding.

\*Heard that the Memorial Day Events are being finalized. The following is planned for Memorial Day: Cemetery Services at Noon, Chicken BBQ Dinner at Delaware Fire Dept. @ beginning at noon, Parade following the services beginning at the cemetery, Guest Speaker is Jason Miller who is a member of the Newcomerstown Honor Guard, The Historical Society Organization will be honoring Milton "Doc" Gossett during the services.

\*Discussed the failed "Renewal Cemetery Levy" on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> election. The village has two .6 mil cemetery levies. Both levies will need to be placed on the November Ballot for renewal or replacement. Council agreed that combining the two levies and making one as a replacement is what is needed for the village. It was noted that if the levy fails; finances will be taken from the General Fund to maintain the cemetery.

## JOE BOURNE

\*Discussed the dates for the Community Yard Sales. Community Yard Sales will be held the first Friday and Saturday in June (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>). A second community yard sale event will be held on Labor Day Weekend (Friday thru Monday). Residents can also have their own individual yard/garage sales during the summer (3 times max)

## STEVE ADAMS

\*No Reporting

## NATE PENROD

\*Penrod indicated that he is seeing progress with several properties getting cleaned up.

## BRANDIE BOURNE

\*No Reporting

## 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\* **Motion made by Steve Adams** and seconded by Joe Bourne to accept the April Treasurer's report with the following: \$533,872.18 General Fund, \$60,626.83 Street Construction, \$2,247.86 State Highway, \$4,232.38 Cemetery Fund, \$17,850.74 Permissive Vehicle Tax, \$3,012.63 Capital Project, \$0 Mayor's Court, 2,207.19 Local Fiscal Recovery/ARPA Fund. With a total of all funds \$624,049.81. Reports included the Bank Reconciliation Report, bank statements, payment listing, receipt detail report, fund status report, appropriation status report. All council members present were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be June 6, 2023 at 7:00pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date  
 Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

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 Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer