

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: DJ Meek, Donna Meek

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Michelle Green, Jason Kehl, Tom Mansfield, Paul Harvey, John Bourne

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 August 2, 2022. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

\* **Motion made Steve Adams** and seconded by Joe Bourne for approval on resident Carol Starcher's lot split. (request made by Michelle Green-daughter of Starcher) Further paperwork will be needed to finalize the split. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

\*Heard from resident Tom Mansfield and Jason Kehl concerning the opening of a car lot in Port Washington (404 E. Main St.). The property in question for the lot is not zoned for car sales. Therefore, a request will be needed to change the zoning. (from B1 to B2) Once a formal request is received and neighbors are contacted concerning the change, then the zoning planning commission will review the change and advise the village administration of their decision to approve or deny the zoning change.

\*Heard from Pastor Paul Harvey on the status of the upcoming tent revival. The tent revival is scheduled for next week. Every evening @ 7pm. The revival will be held on the lot adjoining the Fire Department.

\*Fire Chief John Bourne submitted the invoice for the recent installation of the new generator for the fire department and village hall. The generator will be paid from the American Relief Fund.

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, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Steve Adams yay.

FISCAL OFFICER

\*No Reporting

POLICE

\***Motion made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams** to appoint Jeff Stearns as the Assistant Police Chief. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. At the last meeting Stearns had stepped down as Chief and the council appointed Rocky Dusenberry as Police Chief.

## STREET

\*No Reporting

## ZONING

\*Heard that 3 permits were recently completed (sheds & pool deck).

## COCHRAN-SOLICITOR

\*No Reporting

## INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

\*Was reported that 30 individuals have not filed for 2021 municipal income tax returns.

## MAYOR

\* Heard that there were no bids received for the sale of the property- located at 113 N. High St. This property was advertised for sale with a minimum bid of \$16,000.

**Motion made by Joe Bourne and** seconded by Ed Steffek to proceed with demolishing of the vacant home and shut off the sewerage service line. The village will seek possible grant funding for the demolishing. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. Council approved a quote for \$9200 from Lafferty Contracting for the demolishing of the home.

\*Was reported that Mayor Gardner, DJ Meek and Joe Bourne will meet Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Union Cemetery to reset several headstones.

\*Discussed the 400 block of N High St. in which several lots of land are for sale. If property is sold; the village would be responsible for installing a road and sewerage lines.

\*Council reviewed a proposed ordinance for slow moving vehicles.

**Motion made by Joe Bourne and** seconded by Ed Steffek to proceed with drafting of an ordinance for slow moving vehicles. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. Solicitor Michael Cochran will draft the ordinance for passage at the next regular council meeting.

## JOE BOURNE

\*Reviewed a quote for \$7000 for a 66" brush cut (brush hog) for the street dept. No action was taken.

\*Discussed the need for limestone and gravel for several alleys in the village.

## STEVE ADAMS

\*No Reporting

## NATE PENROD

\*No reporting

## JOHN LITTLE

\*No Reporting

BRANDIE BOURNE

\*Bourne received a complaint was received concerning a large amount of trash at 109 Saint Clairsville Street. Pictures were available. Mayor Gardner will speak to the police dept on the issue.

\*Discussed getting estimates for the installation of a new air conditioning system (air purification system) in the village hall. Bourne will submit estimates at a later date.

**Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Ed Steffek to proceed with installing an air conditioning system in the village hall and use American Relief Funding for the project. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

ED STEFFEK

\* Discussed and reviewed the Tusc. Love Art Sculpture with artist Ed Steffek. Council agreed with the design that Steffek has created and agreed to proceed with the project. The project will cost \$6900. Fund raising is being handled through the Tusc. Love Art Organization. Donations for Port Washington can be made by going online to the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership Website for the Love Tusc. Project.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\* No Reporting

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be September 6, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer

**RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

**Motion made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Brandie Bourne** to suspend the rules and pass on emergency basis **Resolution 13-2022** to amend the permanent appropriations. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

**Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod** to enact the said **Resolution 13-2022** as stated. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.