

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, Donna Meek

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Kathy Sullivan, Ted Harrison, John Bourne, Jacquie Price, Dan Sullivan

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 July 19, 2022. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

\*Resident/Fire Chief John Bourne requested that the voting polls return back to council chambers. The voting polls have been held for a number of years in the fire station. However, the council chambers is more feasible then the fire station at this time. The village hall entrance has been updated for handicap accessibility and provides adequate space.

**Motion made by Steve Adams and seconded by Brandie Bourne** to host the election polls within council chambers if approved by the Board of Elections. All council members present were in favor. John Bourne will notify the Board of Elections for final approval.

\*Discussed with Historical Society Representative Kathy Sullivan the possibility of installing a restroom in the Historical Society Building. The village is open for the possibility; but will need plans before approval.

\*Resident Jacquie Price inquired whether the new Dollar General Store is required to have sidewalks placed on their property. Heard that no sidewalks had previously been on the property and nothing in their plans required sidewalks. However, the village is seeking funding to install sidewalks throughout the village and this area may be part of that project.

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

\*Heard that the village website is currently down; as updated payment information was not submitted. Fiscal Officer has attempted to contact website contractor Jessica Daniels but has not gotten any response back. Lute indicated that Joe Krockner is attempting to update the village website with new payment information.

## POLICE

**\*Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod** to accept Police Chief Jeff Stearn's resignation effective immediately. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. Stearns will stay on with the village as a patrolman.

**\*Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams** to appoint and hire Rocky Dusenberry as police chief. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. Dusenberry brings 22 plus experience as he currently is a full-time officer for New Philadelphia.

## STREET

\*No Reporting

## ZONING

\*Heard that 3 permits are currently in process.

\*Discussed Wood St. Ext. with Dan Sullivan who is a contractor for Jim Whitman. Grading and gravel is needed for Wood St. Ext. Council indicated that the village is responsible for the cost of grading and gravel. Heard that two other alleys in the village also needs maintenance of gravel and will be taken care at the same time. Resident Ted Harrison also addressed and discussed this issue for the alley near his property. He also requested snow plowing be done during winter months.

**Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams** to purchase approximately 100 tons and stock pile it at the Salem Township Building. Cost is estimated at approximately \$2000. All council members present were in favor.

## COCHRAN-SOLICITOR

\*No Reporting-Absent

## INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

\*No Reporting

## MAYOR

\*Mayor Gardner reported that the camera security system has been installed by DJ Meek at Belden Park. Meek will be reimbursed for all expenses involved with the installation.

**Motion made by Joe Bourne** to pay Meek \$500 as a bonus for the installation. A second was not received; motion fails.

**Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Joe Bourne** to pay Meek \$800 as a bonus for the installation. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

\*Mayor Gardner reported the need for the camera system citing numerous vandalism incidents at the park.

## MAYOR-CONT'D

\*Mayor Gardner indicated that he spoke with the Tuscarawas County Library concerning the Wi-Fi hot spot which was installed by the county library at Belden Park. In a previous meeting; it was discussed about possibly moving the hot spot to the community center. Gardner reported that the current Port Washington location is the top 3<sup>rd</sup> spot of usage in the county per Brian(T.C. Library). It was the consensus of council that the wi-fi remain at Belden Park.

\*Gardner distributed a copy of a proposed ordinance for authorizing utility type vehicles on village streets. Gardner asked the council to review and discuss further at the next meeting.

## JOE BOURNE

\*Bourne reported 2 fire calls for the Fire Department in July.

\*Bourne expressed gratitude for all the volunteer tree removal work at the cemetery.

## STEVE ADAMS

\*Adams reported that he will not be able to attend the County Public Health Meeting scheduled for Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>.

## NATE PENROD

\*No reporting

## JOHN LITTLE

\*No Reporting

## BRANDIE BOURNE

\*No Reporting

## ED STEFFEK

\*No Reporting

## TREASURER'S REPORT

\* **Motion made by Joe Bourne** and seconded by Brandie Bourne to accept the July 2022 Treasurer's report with the following: \$477,518.33 General Fund, \$50,028.72 Street Construction, \$2,650.62 State Highway, \$448.71 Cemetery Fund, \$13,991.64 Permissive Vehicle Tax, 31,892.76 American Relief Fund, \$3,012.63 Capital Project, \$0 Mayor's Court. With a total of all funds \$579,543.41. 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 August 16, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

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Date

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Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer

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Date

**RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

**Motion made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek** to suspend the rules and pass on emergency basis **Resolution 12-2022** 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 12-2022** as stated. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.