

Regular Council Meeting  
01/24/2019  
7:00 PM  
Municipal Building

Gary Bauer, Don Gephart, Reilly Hopkins, and Cindy Sutton were present. Mayor John Carman presided over the meeting.

**BAUER/GEPHART: Motion to excuse Chad Hollon from meeting. All voted yea.**

Mayor requested to add Appointment of Vice Mayor for 2019 to this meeting's agenda.

**BAUER/SUTTON: Motion to accept meeting agenda with revisions. All voted yea.**

Minutes from 01/10/19 were presented to Council.

**HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to approve minutes from 01/10/19 as presented. All voted yea.**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were presented to Council. Mayor stated that the General Fund portion of the submitted S&H invoice needed to be stricken from the list. Reilly noted the Village was spending on the elevator again.

**BAUER/GEPHART: Motion to approve bills with revision. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Taylor Stucker, Clinton County Regional Planning, was introduced to Council by Mayor. Taylor spoke about Safe Routes to School, a program ensuring there are safe routes for children provided to walk to school daily. He stated he had spoken with the Mayor and others in the community about the possibility of applying for a grant for this program (max of \$400,000). Taylor confirmed this is a big project, requiring a lot of work to commence and wanted to ensure that Council was aware of the magnitude of the project before confirming the desire to participate. The order of project requirements would be: 1) school travel plan; 2) engineer's estimate for project; 3) submit application to ODOT (maximum \$400,000-anything over this cost the Village would be responsible for); 4) if approved, right of way plans are created. Grant application is due by 3/4/19. Taylor stated ODOT does not fund sidewalk repairs as such repairs are considered a local issue. Various ideas for a proposal travel plan were introduced. Transportation Alternatives funds was mentioned as another option to consider as a supplemental fund, but Taylor noted it would be unwise to go into a project believing the Village would receive both grants as that is no guarantee. Reilly asked if there is a radius involved. Taylor stated a 2-mile radius is what is viewed. Reilly also asked about a time lapse with the TA grant. Taylor stated there was not. He reiterated he did not recommend focusing on both grants at once. Don stated he believed that for Putnam the grant would be appropriate as there are sidewalks lacking in that area. Mayor stated if Regional Planning was willing to cover the cost for the engineer's estimate, this would help to allow the Village to see the project's true cost. Taylor stated he believes that ODOT has a desire to see more applications coming in from the smaller communities. He requested that there be an email sent by mid-next week to see what the priorities would be for the potential project. Mayor and Cindy stated that the finance meeting might be the time to get the list together (1/31/19). Cindy asked if there was an in-house engineer; Taylor confirmed there were several.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reilly gave a report on the last Safety/Service meeting. Leaf collection was discussed as well as the roads being salted. Chief had drafted a parking ordinance for the street that would be presented to Council.

Reilly and Gary agreed they were in favor of moving forward with the Safe Routes for Children.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor opened the floor for Vice Mayor nominations.

**HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion made to nominate Cindy as Vice Mayor. Roll call was made. Cindy abstained. All others voted yea.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor stated that Council had allowed to apply for infrastructure grant. Amy Shockton had sent an email stating that the Village had been awarded as one of the recipients for the project.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief announced that Miami Valley contract services renewal is going to be paid by the Trust Fund.

**BAUER/HOPKINS: Motion to renew contract renewal as presented. All voted yea.**

## **STREET**

Wayne inquired when the bids were scheduled go out for the Fancy Street project. Ram stated he hadn't received the agreement yet. He stated it would be paid 50/50 by both BPA and Street departments.

Wayne stated he was still looking to get some more salt. He only has about ½ the load that's coming remaining after the last few snows. He stated there is a shortage in the county and state. He stated that he had found a place that would have to be paid outright. It takes 10 hours to plow the roads and he said on the bigger storms, they didn't have the manpower to keep ahead of the storms. Mayor stated he had a reference that could be contacted to see if they had salt options.

## **PARKS**

Russ stated that a concrete pad had been approved by the Parks Board in the front of the concessions (~\$2,500), a new shelter from BDK (~\$7,000), new covers and gates from Farm Supply (~\$2,700), and used ice machine (~\$700).

## **BPA**

Ram passed out Choice One Engineering documentation for the Fancy Street project. He requested Council to review the documentation in order to authorize the Mayor to sign at the next Council meeting. The project extends from South Broadway bridge past Main Street and involves street paving and water main replacement. \$535,000 estimated cost with funding of \$484,400 being approved. Local share would be \$25,296.50 each by the BPA and Street departments.

He stated that there had been a water main break and wished to apologize to all water users. One reason for the break was the age of the line (~1930's). Additionally, the fire department was trying to put out a fire at the time and the line collapsed. BPA tried to make repairs without shutting down the water to customers. He gave a brief synopsis of the repair timeline when the water main broke. Mayor expressed his appreciation for the employees being out in such cold weather to repair the break.

Ram stated the renewable energy interconnection application was ready for Andrew's review. He stated he had emailed the schools regarding this matter.

Ram gave updates on Water Treatment Plant Phase 3 loans and the parking lot lights being installed and fixed in the Dewey parking lot. If needed, lights may be upgraded to emit more power.

## **SOLICITOR**

None.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

None.

**MAYOR**

Announced that he has received 3 letters of intent for appointment to fill open Council seat from Richard Simpson, Bob Morgan and James Constable. The plan is at 2/14/19 council meeting to conduct interviews with each candidate, following which there will be a decision made to fill vacancy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

James Constable's topic was year-end balances.

**GEHART/BAUER: Motion to recess to executive session 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, inviting Mayor and Solicitor. Roll call was made. Council recessed at 8:04 PM.**

**Roll call was made. Meeting resumed at 9:01PM.**

**HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to move Jewellie Casteel from Step B to C and to move Ted Sharp from Step H to I on pay scale respectively effective immediately. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

**HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.**

Approved: 02/14/19

Mayor: John M. Caanan

Attest: Jewelie Casteel