

Regular Council Meeting
01/10/2019
7:00 PM
Municipal Building

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

Mayor requested to add two agenda items under Old Business: 1) Motion to excuse Gary Bauer from 12/28/18 Council meeting; 2) discussion of Lori Byrom and letter of resignation. Two New Business items were also requested to be added: 1) Mayor's appointments; 2) 2019 Village yard sale dates.

HOPKINS/SUTTON: Motion to accept agenda with revisions. All voted yea.

Minutes from 12/20/18 were presented to Council.

HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to approve minutes from 12/20/18 as presented. All voted yea.

Minutes from 12/28/18 were presented to Council.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: Motion to approve minutes from 12/28/18 as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were presented to Council. Jewelle explained that S&H annual email charges were allocated out to respective departments in 2018 and would like to have them expensed the same way in 2019. Stephanie had been asked to obtain an updated email listing from S&H in order to expense to departments accordingly. Chad asked why the Zoning Inspector was being reimbursed more often for mileage. Mayor explained this was due to the former Zoning Inspector having access to a Village vehicle which was no longer being used and also the departments being asked to submit mileage more timely instead of waiting until several months had lapsed.

SUTTON/HOLLON: Motion to approve bills as presented EXCEPT #12 (S&H annual email charges). Roll call was made. All voted yea.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Brent Ball, Rumpke, mentioned that he had met with Don about the recycling program and stated the Village didn't have to wait for the grant for a recycling program as Rumpke offers one. Solid Waste District would still keep its drop box program in the Village. Recycling could be offered to every resident; participation would not be required, but recommended. For the elderly, there would be smaller carts available. If Council made decision, start date would be 3rd quarter this year. Tipping fees were discussed. Brent also requested the Village consider entering into a longer contract with Rumpke, preferably 4-5 years in length. Mayor stated that the Village did do a 3 year contract prior with Rumpke. Discussions ensued regarding typical payback times, recycling contamination, longer contract price increases, pickup days for regular/recycling, tonnage, and newer truck estimation dates. Brent stated he would put together a cost estimate proposal for Council to review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor reminded Council that the 2019 Council meeting schedule had been approved at the last meeting. He stressed that all efforts should be made to attend all meetings if possible by Council members.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion made to excuse Gary Bauer from the 12/28/18 meeting. All voted yea.

Mayor stated that Lori Byrom had resigned from her position on Council and he had received at least 3 possible appointments. Mayor requested an advertisement be made to the Village that by January 24th, letters of intent be presented to the Mayor's office by interested Council candidates. Mayor stated he would like to interview possible candidates after receiving letter of intent at the first February Council meeting.

Don asked if the Mayor could follow up with the man from MVECA to determine next steps. Mayor stated this would be discussed at the next finance meeting.

Don announced that Putman had not received a connect agreement for the solar panels from the BPA which was holding up their progress in installation. Ram stated the BPA had not heard anything from the school district lately and that it had been communicated the interconnection agreement would be put together sometime in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019.001 was presented to Council. Mayor stated this was for the Municipal Building playground grant.

HOLLON/GB: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019.001, Resolution Allowing the Mayor to Sign Community Recreation Project Pass through Grant Agreement with Ohio Department of Natural Resources Related to Village of Blanchester Parks Playground Improvement (Project Reference #CLIN-023). Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Mayor proposed 2019 Yard Sale dates: May 9-11 and September 12-14.

SUTTON/BAUER: Motion to set dates as proposed. All voted yea.

Mayor stated he had passed out and read aloud the committee appointments to Council. There was common consent throughout Council for appointments as presented.

Parks Board appointments were announced. Common consent throughout Council.

Board of Zoning appeals appointments were announced. Common consent throughout Council.

Planning commission appointments were announced. Common consent throughout Council.

Finance committee meeting 2019 schedule was read. Meetings would be held first Thursday of each month.

HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to adopt schedule as presented. All voted yea.

Safety committee meeting 2019 schedule was read. Meetings would be held third Thursday of each month.

BAUER/HOPKINS: Motion to adopt schedule as presented. All voted yea.

Reilly asked if a planning committee could be organized for doing things for the community for possible construction. Discussion took place regarding specifics of the planning committee. Chad noted the proposed committee could be formed as needed. Solicitor stated an informal committee is not an issue, but if a majority of council members were involved, it might become an issue. He clarified as long as no more than 2 members of Council were involved, the committee would be compliant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

None.

STREET

Wayne reported there had been several cold patches made recently, and ODOT is supposed to get back with him regarding signs. He stated that there was a prediction of a good amount of snow, and the Street Department was ready to plow if needed this weekend.

PARKS

None.

BPA

Ram stated the Dewey Parking lot lighting had been repaired. If it works well, there will be 2 more lights added. Ram stated that there had been an email about the status about the school issue mentioned earlier in the meeting. He explained that it had been communicated to the school that an application through Planning/Zoning must be made in order to move forward.

SOLICITOR

None.

FISCAL OFFICE

Jewelie presented adjustments to Council.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to accept adjustments as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Jewelie explained that 2018 year-end preparations were in full swing.

MAYOR

Mayor read a thank you note to Council from Jim Myers regarding his retirement.

Mayor mentioned that future rates from Bureau of Workers Compensation may possibly go up due to several recent injury claims, but BWC is offering to provide training to assist in lowering rates for the Village.

Mayor expressed an interest in renewing the membership with the Chamber for 2019. Chad stated that the Chamber should consider donating the membership to the Village.

HOPKINS/BAUER: Motion to renew membership with the Chamber. (See below.)

Motion was tabled until Mayor could speak with Chamber about possibly waiving annual membership fees with the Village.

Mayor thanked everyone for a rewarding 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Constable's topic was late fees.

HOPKINS/HOLLON: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Approved: 01/24/19

Mayor: John M. Carran

Attest: Jewelie Cartel