

Regular Council Meeting  
03/08/2018  
7:00 PM  
Municipal Building

Lori Byrom, Don Gephart, Chad Hollon, Reilly Hopkins, and Cindy Sutton were present. Mayor presided over the meeting.

**HOPKINS/SUTTON: Motion to excuse Gary from meeting. All voted yea.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from 2/22/18 were presented to Council.

**BYROM/SUTTON: Motion to approve 2/22/18 minutes as presented. All voted yea.**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were presented to Council.

**HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to approve bills as presented. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor introduced Richard Braley and Wendi Van Buren regarding the Tree Commission Academy. He explained that Richard graduated the academy classes and part of the graduation process involved a public presentation. Richard explained that in the past the Village has cut down trees that were damaged or dead, but has not replaced them. He gave a brief history of tree locations existing in the Village back in the early 1900's. He stated the Village has no one to look after the trees or to make sure the trees that are disposed of are replaced. He said that he had attended 50 hours of tree academy classes by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in which he learned about urban forestry, pest control, etc. He reminded that Council was presented in March 2017 with information regarding the Tree City USA Program.

Wendi Van Buren from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources presented a certificate to Richard Braley for a Bachelor's Certificate of completion on behalf of the Tree Academy. She congratulated him and explained he joins almost 1,000 people across the state that have completed the courses. Wendi said that she hoped Council would reconsider joining the Tree City program. She listed the benefits to the Village when trees are replaced/planted including air quality, water quality, etc.

Mayor introduced Mike Malott, President of the Chamber of Commerce, who directed Council's attention to the profit/loss statement that had been passed out to each member. He requested Council to exempt the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade from the fees that could incur as a result of Ordinance 2017.020. He stated that this was not a profit generated parade, and the cost would have to be passed along to those who participate in the event (business owners). He said that he thinks it is a beautiful representation of the Village to watch how everyone pitches in to participate in the parade each year. He also pointed out that the weather was excellent during the last parade which the profit/loss numbers were taken from, but if the weather includes rain, the profit would be even less.

Cindy stated that she had a lady approach her concerned the parade would be done away with as her family looked forward to it every year. Don stated he would like to see the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Memorial Day, and Homecoming Parades be grandfathered into Ordinance 2017.020. He asked Andrew if he could draw something up in order to do so. Lori stated she supported this idea. Andrew stated any exemptions would create friction potentially with a new party attempting to create a new parade, but ordinance could base grandfather clause on the fact that these parades were long-standing traditions within the Village. He said that at some point there may

be some opposition to the exemption, but he would support the revised ordinance if there were opposition. Wayne and Jim stated they were in favor of exempting these parades. Chief stated he didn't want to be viewed as the bad guy since these parades cost the police department about \$2,200 in overtime each year. Mayor stated he didn't think anyone was going to be called a bad guy, but Council just needed to put a policy in place to help our community by not burdening the community members with the historical parades that have taken place for many years. Council is aware that somehow this funding will have to be provided for the participating departments who submit an invoice.

**GEPHART/BYROM: Motion to amend Ordinance 2017.020 to grandfather existing 3 annual parades as an exemption to the fees. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Andrew stated he would have the ordinance drafted for the next meeting. Mike Malott thanked Council for passing this amendment.

Resolution 2018.014 was introduced to Council by Mayor.

**HOLLON/GEPHART: Motion to adopt Resolution 2018.014, a Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Advance \$10,000.00 to the Parks Levy Fund (2042) from the General Fund (1000). Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Resolution 2018.015 was introduced to Council. Mayor explained that the cut off time for this grant project to be completed was by June 2018.

**GEPHART/HOLLON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2018.015, a Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Advance \$26,667 to the Blanchester Playground Fund (4908) from the General Fund (1000). Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Resolution 2018.016 was introduced to Council.

**HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to adopt Resolution 2018.016, a Resolution Declaring the Necessity for a Transfer of an Amount not to Exceed \$127,750.00 from Sewer Replacement and Improvement Fund (5702) to the Sewer Bond Retirement Fund (3102) of the Village in Accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.14. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

Resolution 2018.017 was introduced to Council.

**HOLLON/GEPHART: Motion to adopt Resolution 2018.017, a Resolution Declaring the Necessity for a Transfer of an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000.00 from Water Replacement and Improvement Fund (5701) to the Water Bond Retirement Fund (3103) of the Village in Accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.14. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Cindy asked Ron Johnson to speak on behalf of the Zoning Committee. Ron recommended putting off hiring the zoning inspector for a couple of weeks until the next regular meeting. Cindy gave a report on the Zoning meeting.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief stated that the Board of Education had reimbursed the PD for some training fees. He wanted to ensure that the check would go toward the Police Fund. Jewelie reassured him that those monies would not go through the General Fund as the Police Department now had their own separate fund, but this check would be received directly into the PD Operating Fund.

Mayor pointed out there was a letter of thanks presented to the PD from a resident.

**STREET**

Wayne inquired about the fire extinguisher quotes. Mayor confirmed Irwin was the cheapest quote. Mayor stated that Stephanie could get Wayne the email that was sent out regarding the quotes.

**HOPKINS/SUTTON: Motion to go with Irwin fire extinguisher company for service for one year to be reviewed next year. All voted yea.**

Wayne mentioned Main Street winter damage at several locations and a possible meeting to be set up between Brenda Carlos (ODOT), the Mayor and himself. Mayor mentioned they needed to get a hold of Mike Loveless at the Wilmington location. Mayor stated he would contact Brenda the following day and ask her and Mike to call Wayne to set something up.

**PARKS**

Tom stated the Easter egg hunt was approaching on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 AM. Parks was still taking donations for candy and prizes. Tina stated she was looking into a grant to replace playground equipment in front of the municipal building.

**BPA**

None.

**SOLICITOR**

None.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Adjustments were introduced to Council.

**ADJUSTMENTS 03/08/2018**

FUND/DEPT	UAN ACCT #	FUND
GENERAL FUND ADVANCES OUT	1000-910-920	\$ 36,667.00
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND</b>		<b>\$36,667.00</b>
STREET OPERS	2011-610-211	\$ 3,400.00
STATE HIGHWAY OPERS	2021-620-211	\$ 956.00
SOLID WASTE OPERS	5601-561-211	\$ (4,356.00)
STREET MEDICARE	2011-610-213	\$ 344.00
STATE HIGHWAY MEDICARE	2021-620-213	\$ 100.00
SOLID WASTE MEDICARE	5601-561-213	\$ (444.00)
STREET HEALTH INSURANCE	2011-610-221	\$ 2,315.00
STATE HIGHWAY HEALTH INSURANCE	2021-650-213	\$ 434.00
STATE HIGHWAY SNOW REMOVAL	2021-620-420-0008	\$ (434.00)
SOLID WASTE HEALTH INSURANCE	5601-561-221	\$ (2,315.00)
WATER-TRANSFERS OUT	5101-910-910	\$ 11,659.17
SEWER-TRANSFERS OUT	5201-910-910	\$ 13,239.58
ELECTRIC-TRANSFERS OUT	5301-910-910	\$ 100,000.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>		<b>\$124,898.75</b>
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND+OTHER</b>		<b>\$161,565.75</b>

**HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to approve adjustments. Roll call was made. All voted yea.**

February 2018 management reports were presented to Council. Jewellie stated that the auditor had requested that going forward, it needed to be reflected in the minutes that Council had approved the management reports during council meetings. Council stated they would wait until the next meeting to approve the management reports to allow sufficient time to review.

Jewellie stated she would be attending the upcoming Local Government Training and that Marie had agreed to fill in to take the minutes at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Mayor reminded Council to make sure their mandatory trainings were current and certificates were turned into the Fiscal Office to include in personnel files.

**MAYOR**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, asked for an explanation as to why the part-time employee in the Mayor's office that received benefits. Mayor explained that the Mayor's assistant was reduced to a certain number of hours due to the General Fund budget.

Joshua Haines, Village employee of the Street Department stated that he was very uncomfortable with the public records request for all employee's W-2's. Josh wanted to let Council know that he understood this could be done, but if other information that could replace that information without the same tax information could be presented, he requested that information be distributed instead. He gave an example of his personal social security card. He stated even if the social security number was redacted from the card and given as a public record, it was still a personal piece of information.

**HOLLON/BYROM: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.**

Approved: 03/22/18

Mayor: John M. Carran

Attest: Julie Cortel