

Regular Council Meeting
10/11/2018
7:00 PM
Municipal Building

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

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

GEPHART/BAUER: Motion to accept agenda. All voted yea.

Minutes from 9/27/18 were presented to Council.

SUTTON/BYROM: Motion to approve minutes from 9/27/18. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were presented to Council. Jewelle pointed out that "Jim Hurst" should read "Jeff Hurst".

BAUER/SUTTON: Motion to approve bills w/change. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Reilly expressed a desire to continue seeing proposed bills for the Parks Dept.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Lisa Haines of Hope Warriors gave a brief background on herself and how Hope Warriors was formed in September of 2016. She stated that their mission is to raise awareness of and eliminate the stigma surrounding substance abuse. Terry Gregory, a member of Hope Warriors, did a presentation on the science behind addiction.

Kathy Ison-Lind, Vice President for Episcopal Retirement Services, spoke about planned renovations and upgrades for Friendship Acres. She stated that a total of 114 units would be renovated and that Friendship Acres Building #1 (to be renamed Westminster 1 at a later date), containing a total of 64 units, is in the greatest need of renovation due to its age. Friendship Acres Building #2 (to be renamed Westminster 2 at a later date), containing 50 units and being in newer and better condition, will be less costly as far as improvements. Phase I of the renovation project will see the Community Room in Building #1 being completely redone with new furniture, an exercise room, and all new plumbing, HVAC, and windows. The tentative timeline for renovations to both buildings is six months. Ms. Ison-Lind went on to say that HUD requirements for tenant selection criteria are that individuals must be 62 years of age or older or physically disabled. She also stated that Friendship Acres have hired the Blanchester Police Dept to conduct rounds on the campus and that officers are being paid through fundraising and grants with a donation of \$2500 to subvert illegal drug activity in the area. She said that police presence has helped significantly with this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee - Cindy stated that Jewelle had prepared a draft for the 2019 Budget and that said-draft had been reviewed. She remarked that Ron Johnson from the Parks Dept had made a few changes to the draft at the Special Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 4th, 2018. Cindy thanked Jewelle for scheduling the aforementioned meeting and for preparing the village budget.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2018.037 was presented to Council.

Ordinance No. 2018.037 regarding 2019 Permanent Appropriations was reviewed. The Mayor said the majority were happy with it and thanked everyone for their hard work in preparing it.

HOPKINS/BYROM: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.037, 2019 Permanent Appropriations, on first reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Reilly thanked Ron Johnson for all his work. Jewelle thanked all council members that attended departmental meetings this year.

Ordinance 2018.038 was presented to Council. Ram spoke about the research conducted for this ordinance. Andrew stated that this ordinance was a school-driven project and that it was important to the school in order to save money, to lead in terms of renewable energy, and set a positive example for the student body.

GEPHART/BAUER: Motion to place Ordinance 2018.038, Authorizing the Development of Customer-Owned Renewable Generation within the Village's Electric Service Territory, and Other Matters Connected Therewith, on first reading. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

Reilly noted that it was a great opportunity for the village and the schools and stated that he didn't want to rush the process.

The Mayor updated council on the ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) Grant awarded to construct a shelter at the Dewey Park. The original project amount was \$9463.00. Tissander Construction LLC provided a quote of \$8900. The Mayor asked the contractor to provide a cost to upgrade the standard trusses to an arched truss. The cost to upgrade the trusses is an additional \$300.00 making the estimate \$9200.00. The Mayor agreed to donate the additional \$300.00 to cover the cost of upgrading trusses. The Parks Department agreed to cover a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500.00. This is the difference of the ODNR grant and the Mayor's donation.

BAUER/GEPHART: Motion to allow the Mayor to enter into contract with Tissander Construction. Roll call was made. All voted yea.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

None.

STREET

Wayne talked about the Church Street railroad crossing project and that it will commence on Monday, October 15th, 2018. He also discussed several road repairs that are being done.

PARKS

Ron stated that there was a Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

BPA

Ram spoke briefly about funding for various BPA projects. He also spoke about placement of the solar panels for Ordinance 2018.038.

SOLICITOR

Andrew stated he had been working with Chief Reinbolt regarding trials for five different defendants with a variety of charges. He complimented Officer Luken and Officer Jeffers for their superior conduct in court.

FISCAL OFFICE

Jewelle presented adjustments to Council.

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

MAYOR

The Mayor thanked Hope Warriors for their participation in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Johnson expressed concerned that the Wilmington News Journal tends to associate negative incidents in the area of town close to his business. John Hamilton from the Wilmington News Journal was present and stated that police incident reports that are sent to the newspaper's office are not normally edited but they

would look into doing so in the future. Ron also expressed a desire for the parking lots to be illuminated with street lights at night and that it would help to decrease the number of incidents.

James Constable spoke about the location of Boo Bash.

HOPKINS/BYROM: Motion to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Approved: 10/25/18

Mayor: John M. Carraro

Attest: Jackie Fuller