

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**January 6th, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barbara J. Lloyd with the recitation of the “Pledge of Allegiance”.**

**Roll Call – In Attendance – Paul Lowe, Kim St. Clair, Ed Harlon, Ken Mills, John Roberts, and Greg Gibson**

**Election of President of Council – Council Member Ken Mills nominated Council Member Ed Harlon to become President of Council. Seconded by Council Member Kim St. Clair. Mayor Lloyd asked if he would accept and he said yes.**

**Kim motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held December 2nd, 2019. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.**

**Kim motioned to accept the minutes of the Special Village Council Meeting held December 16th, 2019. Seconded by Greg. Lowe – yea, St. Clair– yea, Harlon – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.**

**Ken moved to accept the Fiscal Officer’s report for November 2019. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.**

**Paul moved to accept the Fiscal Officer’s report for December 2019. Seconded by John. Lowe – yea, St. Clair– yea, Harlon – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor Lloyd stated the Mayor’s Statement for court fines will be presented next month.**

## **CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

**Max Harbert – 190 Rains Circle – I came tonight to talk about the raise, outrages Utility Bill, which most of it is sewer. Over 60% of my bill is the sewage bill. It amounts to a little over \$51 of the \$85 bill. I was told by the folks downstairs first of all it was a 13% raise that went into effect in September. This is the 1st month that in the 3 years plus that I have lived here that I have had a bill over \$80. I have never had anything outside of the \$70’s regardless, one time I pressure washed some stuff around the house and it was up a little bit. Understand that. But, never over \$80 and this time it is almost \$85. These two gentleman (2 council members on the right) were kind enough and we talked about before the rest of you arrived, I am a senior citizen, I’m 76 years old and will be 77 the 22nd of this month, we got a 1.6% raise in Social Security and you ask for 40% here (raise in sewer charges). That just doesn’t work. Somehow or ever we got to figure out a way as a Village that people can afford to live here. I talked with a Mayor of another Village and they allow 3,000 gallons of water with their minimum bill, we allow 1,850 gallons per the what I learned from downstairs (250 cubic feet) and I think we need to take a look at that. I think we also need to take a look at training that goes on downstairs. First thing I was told by the folk’s downstairs was that we had a 13% raise in the sewer bill in September, I did not see anything outside of a normal variation between the**

September and December bill. The December bill was a \$20 increase over November and \$20 plus over the other 2 months. I know these gentlemen said there was nothing we could do about it because we don't own the sewer system, well we can fix the training issue and you guys can do that. There is also something you can do as far as the amount that is allowed on your minimum bill. That would be a help particular for the seniors. There is 2 people in my house, me and my wife, and for us to use a lot of water, particularly in the winter time, that maybe we could make some adjustments and respectfully ask the Council to take that under consideration. Mayor Lloyd said we will do that and we will put that (assign that) to the Utilities Committee and have them look at this.

## DEPARTMENT HEADS

### Administrator – Danny Wiseman

Nothing

### Fire – Russell Taylor

For 2019 there were 793 calls for service of which 630 were EMS, 46 Fires and the balance were lift assists and other misc. calls. Are revenue budget collections for our EMS Squad was \$78,689.96. For Ohio First Responders we discussed/weighed our options on grant writing. We want to inform all of the Council Member was informed on it as a document was passed out that shows the different departments in our area that he has got grant for, which the latest one was the Cambridge Fire Department. It was the first time they used them and he got them \$187,000.

### Police – Eric Finley

In 2019 there were 422 calls for service with 23 of them being in December. Council Member Mills asked “do you have anyone in mind to take Andy's place”. Eric replied we discussed that in the Personnel Committee meeting and we kicked around some ideas.

### Water – Danny Wiseman

Layne will be in to work on the water plant on Jan. 15th, 2020 to meet the approved EPA changes.

### Sewer – Danny Wiseman

Nothing

### Street – Danny Wiseman

Nothing

## REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**Safety Committee** – Council Member St. Clair – We met tonight to discuss the Air Packs and Oxygen Bottles for the Fire Department. As long as the Packs pass inspection they are good. The Bottles they are good for 15 years as long as they pass a Hydrostatic Test every 5 years. All but 5 of our current Bottles are no longer good. We need to purchase 5 Bottles to get through which is \$1,128.00 each or for 5 Bottles \$5,640.00.

**Personnel Committee** – Council Member Gibson – We met tonight to talk about multiple issues.

First, we talked about our vacancy in our Police Department. We already have a couple of applications. We are going to hold off putting that in the paper right now till we talk about a few other things. We did talk about maybe looking into a couple of retired officers instead of a full time officer. We need to get a place to get our physicals for the police and fire department as Dr. Kalis has retired. We are going to look into the MVHC and Work Site Med Test as possibilities.

Second, was pay for Council, if you are OPERS it needs to be paid monthly.

And:

Third, we have preliminary approval for Taylor (Bennett) to go on salary with a small pay increase.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

- A. Quotes from IMAGE Computers to upgrade Computers for the Police Dept. Chris stated their computers are out of date and need new ones or upgrades because of Microsoft VII not being supported any longer after October. Paul motioned to upgrade the computers. Seconded by Greg. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.
- B. Fire Equipment quote data.
- C. 2020 Volunteer Firefighters Dependent Fund Board for the Village. Chris asked who do we need to put on the board. Names were provided.
- D. Congressman Balderson letter.
- E. Officer Andrew Love's resignation letter.
- F. New Council /Committee Listing

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**Ordinance 2020-1**                      **AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE REFUSE PICKUP RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY**

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2020-1 pursuant to statue 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Ken. Lowe – yea, St. Clair– yea, Harlon – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

**John motioned to pass Ordinance 2020-1. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yea, St. Clair– yea, Harlon – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Council Member Mills brought up that in the past 12 to 15 years Council has not had a pay raise. I think it is time to look into raising our pay. Mayor Lloyd placed that into the Finance Committee.**

**Century National Bank needs an updated Entity Authorization for all the bank accounts, signature authorizations. John motioned to approve the new documents. Seconded by Greg. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.**

**Fiscal Officer brought up that all charges for purchases has a receipt and they must be turned in. The Village can't pay the invoices unless these receipts are turned in, otherwise a withholding will be accomplished out of your pay to pay for them. This is an Audit Issue.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Council Member Lowe asked if a person is on Council and heads a Committee and you see something that needs addressed of that Committee do you call a meeting or what do you do? Chris replied do to the Sunshine Law all public meetings have to be publicized in the paper (Zanesville Times Recorder) even if it is a Committee meeting and unless it is an emergency has to be given 48 hours' notice so if the public wants to attend they can. Mayor Lloyd stated if you see something but don't need it addressed until the next Council Meeting night go ahead and tell Chris and he will set up the meeting.**

#### **ADJOURN**

**John moved to adjourn, seconded by Ken. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.**

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**Barbara J. Lloyd - Mayor**

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**Chris Kerby - Clerk/Fiscal Officer**