

REGULAR MEETING

February 3rd, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM 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

Kim motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held February 3rd, 2020. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson – yea. Motion Carried

Ken moved to accept the Fiscal Officer’s report for January 2020. Seconded by John. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to dispense with the Fiscal Officer’s report for February 2020 because we are awaiting the bank statement. Seconded by Kim. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson – yea. Motion Carried

Mayor Lloyd asked Council to review the Mayor’s Court Statements for January and February 2020.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Vicky Tyson – 3650 Sunset Dr. (Owner 80 Shawnee Ave.) – I am here to discuss a mowing job that was done on my property without my knowledge. I was not notified by the Village, I was not notified by the Auditor (County), I was not notified by any neighbors and neighbors have my phone number to let me know if there is anything going on. I did not find out about it until I got my Property Taxes and I had a \$640 mowing bill added to my Property Tax. During this time the mowing job was done in July and during this time I had a contractor working for me to fix the place up because it pretty much was an eyesore. The contractor said while I’m working on your place don’t worry about the grass I will take care of it. Well come to find out this contract had 4 felony indictments in Licking County and I did not know that and by October the man was sentenced to 39 months in prison. So he ripped me off for about \$22,000 trying to fix up this property. Now I spoke to the Fiscal Person (Chris Kerby) and you had informed me that no one could get ahold of me, that’s not true, I had a land contract with people living in that house before they vacated it. Mayor Lloyd asked when did they vacate the house. Ms. Tyson stated they vacated in January of 2019 I believe. But while they were there in either 2017 or 2018, I was notified by whoever sends these notices out that the property needed cleaned up. They were under land contract so they were the ones that were to take care of the property. So I went to him and said get this grass mowed, get these weeds taken care of, and he took care of it and there was no problem. My problem with this is you guys, someone, were able to contact me then and I’m still at the same exact address I was then and this time I was not contacted. The stuff was done. Mayor Lloyd said I have a copy of the letter that was sent and Chris Kerby added that the letter sent was returned to the Village by the Post Office. Ms. Tyson said it went to the vacant house down here and came back here and the thing is who I believe called had my phone number and I did ask that person, hay if anything is

going on please let me know, if there are any problems please let me know, and you (pointing at Chris Kerby) repeated to me a sentence that her repeated to me when I saw him in person. So I pretty much know who the person is and he didn't even think to call me, he called you guys. He has caused me problems ever since I had that contractor there. But anyway I'm just here to ask if there is anything that can be done about it since I was not given notification of it, none what so ever, I mean the contractor was telling me I am here every day, I will mow your grass for you so don't worry about it. I did find out that he was a con man till September. So I have charges against him in Muskingum County. Mayor Lloyd said the only thing we can tell you is to put those charges against him to because there is nothing else we can do; you should have been maybe checking on your property more frequently. Ms. Tyson said when you trust someone that is there working every day and their saying I'm going to do it. Mayor Lloyd said I think I would still want to go and see what they are doing. Ms. Tyson said I did a few times and every time I was there the grass was mowed, but he wasn't there, and the one time I did check and the grass was high I got on him and said get the grass mowed, and he did get it mowed. So I assumed most of the time things were being taken care of, but just that one time I was completely overlooked by the city, by the neighbor's, by the county and then someone mowed it, and I get a nice pretty bill of \$640.00. Mayor Lloyd said I'm sorry there is nothing we can do about in ma'am. Ms. Tyson said Ok, I'm hoping to sell it so I won't have to deal with South Zanesville anymore. Council Member Lowe asked her last name. She replied Tyson.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Danny Wiseman

Nothing

Fire – Russell Taylor

There were 57 calls for service in February, 45 were for the squad. That brings the Year-to-Date amount to 144 total call for service. We had 4 EMT's graduate from Advance EMT School and they will be taking their state tests soon.

Police – Eric Finley

For January there were 14 call for service and in February there were 12 for a total of 26 Year-to-Date. Council Member Mills asked why is the State Patrolman sitting here all the time? He just picked my neighbor up coming out of the bar for DWI, which I can't argue with the DWI, but he is sitting right there waiting for someone to pull out. Eric replied that is a completely different entity and I can't control were they are. Why they are here I have no idea. I know they have been working the pike heavily all the way to the county line and down ST. Rt. 93. Council Member Lowe said they are working this Pike hard and they are probably working because of the accidents up and down Maysville Pike like crazy and it has probably been targeted by the Ohio State Patrol I'm guessing as a problem route, therefore their going to patrol. I would like to see them more personally. Eric added the hours that I am not here in the evenings and wee hours of the morning that is the time the criminals are here and if they see the patrol working here heavily, the sheriff's office, I know the sheriff's deputies were in town on several calls last night well after we would normally leave if we had somebody out, so we need the presents.

Water – Danny Wiseman

Just want to give you an update on the Water Plant since we started the new chemical, the lowest our lab can detect is 20, which anything below that they call an ND (Non-Detectable) and the last 3 weeks' test have been ND which is way below the standards we need for the EPA. So with the chemical we are running right now the water is where it should be.

Sewer – Danny Wiseman

Nothing

Street – Danny Wiseman

Nothing

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee – Council Member Gibson – We talked about the property at 15 W. Berkley, we have been going back and forth about price, I think we have settled to \$62,000 for both properties, with immediate possession. They will take care of getting rid of all the tenants, everything he wants out of the place and then it's ours. So the price started out in the higher \$70,000's to \$80,000, we countered with \$60,000 and ended up at \$62,000 so it was a pretty good bargain. Century National has the lowest interest rate so we would be looking to go with them for the loan and it is not even close. Mayor Lloyd asked for a motion to approve the financing the property of through Century National Bank. Kim motioned to finance the property through Century National Bank. Seconded by John. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

We also discussed the 2020 Budget, which includes all the salaries and vehicles that we needed to have in there.

Personnel Committee – Council Member Harlon – The hiring of a police officer is on hold to see if we can get more coverage for in the evenings.

We also meet to review the new section of the Personnel Policy, Section 128 for Department Heads and the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief must work 20 per month to collect their pay. Mayor Lloyd said they must use time card stamps to prove they are working those hours. Greg motioned to approve Section 128 and amend the Personnel Policy. Seconded by Kim. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson – yea. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

- A. Copy of Section 128 of Personnel Policy
- B. Gas Aggregate Meeting Info
- C. Vehicle Purchases – We purchased a new Vehicle for the Administrator and anyone else that will be traveling (us a vehicle), it is a 2020 Ford Edge. We would also like to purchase a 2019 Ford Ranger with the extra cab from Fink’s. Kim motioned to purchase the Ford ranger. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.
- D. 15 W. Berkley info
- E. Pool – go out and vote for the levy.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2020-5 **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY**

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2020-5 pursuant to statue 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Kim. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson – yea. Motion Carried

Kim motioned to pass Ordinance 2020-5. Seconded by Ken. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, Roberts – yea, and Gibson – yea. Motion Carried

Resolution 1061 **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Resolution 1061 pursuant to statue 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Greg motioned to pass Resolution 1061. Seconded by John. Gibson – yea, Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Gibson asked what is the timeline of when the roads that were chip & sealed last year's going to be paved? Is that spring or fall? Dan answered when we get the money. We are going to go out for CDBG money to do that his year.

Council Member Roberts added the intersection of E. Main St. and Pembroke Ave. needs to be looked at, they need to cut that thing out and make it right as it has hump in it. I sit here at the meeting when they were putting that down and I said it was going to be too high, it has to be because water is going to be running down the sidewalk. The intersection needs cut out and redone. Main Street is too high.

NEW BUSINESS

The County Commissioners offer on the sewer – Mayor Lloyd said we, Danny and myself, met with them (Commissioners), and there is a package given out tonight to read. Council Member St. Clair asked what happens with the amount that they were trying to collect from us? Mayor Lloyd said that was just going to be absolved. Mayor Lloyd asked Dan to talk about the high point of the meeting. Dan said more less what they offered is to take over the system and the billing. They would then take care any expense as far as maintenance and upkeep. They would no charge us, it is more less a wash, they will not charge us anything to take it over and we would not charge them anything so far as any of the agreements as to renegotiating the contracts and such. As far as the water we do give them we will not charge them and they will not charge us for the sewer that comes out of the Water Plant for the backwashes or the Municipal Building. The residents fee, they will not pay any more than the county residents already pay. The money left over in the Village Sewer Fund and it will cover any of the outstanding loans we currently have such as the 2 loans we have that the Sewer Department is paying a portion of. Council Member Roberts said I read that thing about the pumping station on South Ave. and we had to pay our portion of it. Dan said we have to pay them up to 50% of that maintenance and that could change when we renegotiate the contract within the next 10 years. Council Member Lowe asked will we get the money they owe us. Dan replied no one will owe anything to each other, they will just take it over. Dan continued if we keep the sewer system we will have to raise the rates in order to have money for repairs. So far in the last month we had 3 different lines plug up and we don't have the equipment to jet them out so it cost us \$2,200 just to pump out 2 100 foot lines. Had a pumping station that acted up again this morning, it has 1 pump in it and the other pump needs torn apart and we need a confined space person to go down and re-plume that it. Your talking several thousands of dollars to do that. If we have anymore issues with the lines that needs replaced, infiltration, the meter vault normally runs about 100 some gallons a minute but on a rainy day it runs 500 to 600. We are paying for every gallon of water that goes through that meter. Council Member Roberts asked what do they (county residents) pay, Chris said \$97 every 2 months. Dan added that with the water he uses he pays about \$80 a month. Council Member asked would the businesses save money and Dan replied yes a lot. Chris reiterate that the property that the vault is on at South Ave. will stay ours because that gives us a negotiation tool if something comes up later. Council Member Lowe said originally this whole controversy was about money owed, years and years ago. What I don't understand is we don't have enough documentation to prove anything. Dan replied there is not on our part. Council Member Lowe continued so we are never going to get any money out of the County and if you did it would not even cover one iota of what it is going to cost us to keep this sewer system running if something major goes wrong. It would bankrupt the Village. Council Member Roberts said the only other thing is we are losing something else and it is just another step of being Zanesville south.

Mayor Lloyd said we need to set up a meeting prior to the next Council Meeting to discuss this further. Chris asked Kevin, the Solicitor, to review the letter from the Commissioners before we have a meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Roberts asked Fire Chief you said you have 4 new squad members. Russell said we have 4 current people that passed the Advanced EMT schooling. Council Member asked if there was a reason can't be getting out anymore? Russell said we only dropped 4 calls out of the 57 in February. Council Member Roberts said there was no one here on Sunday or Saturday. Russell replied that is why we're trying to hire more. Council Member Roberts asked when ValueCare comes in and they hall them in do they get the money? Russell said if they take the patient to the hospital they get the money.

ADJOURN

John moved to adjourn, seconded by Ken. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Barbara J. Lloyd - Mayor

Chris Kerby - Clerk/Fiscal Officer