

REGULAR MEETING

February 1st, 2021

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, and John Roberts
Absent – Greg Gibson**

Kim motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held January 4th, 2021. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yea, St. Clair, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, and Roberts – yea. Motion Carried

Ed moved to accept the Fiscal Officer’s report for December 2020. Seconded by Kim. Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Ken moved to dispense with the Fiscal Officer’s report for January 2021 because we are awaiting the bank statement. Seconded by John. Lowe – yea, St. Clair, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, and Roberts – yea. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lloyd asked Council to review the Mayor’s Court Statement for January of 2021.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Danny Wiseman

Nothing

Fire – Russell Taylor

For the month of December, we had a total of 71 calls for service as follows:

Fire - 8 Calls	EMS – 63 Calls
2 Fire Calls	36 Transports
1 Hazmat Call	10 Refusals
3 Good Intent Calls	8 Mutual Aid Calls
2 False Alarms	6 No Pt of Contacts
	3 Lift Assists
	10 Dropped Calls (5 due to 2nd run in progress)

New Air Pac's are in the trucks. We have a training class coming up with Eric Waltimere to review the changes in Air Pac's. The old Air Pac's have been packed up (boxed up in the boxes that the new Air Pac's came in) and we will be putting them in storage tonight for whatever the Village, Council, decides what to do with them in the future. Mayor Lloyd asked if there was anybody we could donate them to? Chief Taylor said the bottles are all outdated, so they can't be used legally. Mayor Lloyd asked not even for training? Chief Taylor said we will use some for training but I would advise not to use them. Mayor Lloyd asked should we destroy them then? Chief Taylor said either that or turn them into lamps. There is a program every year or every other year where they ask all county Fire Departments take out old fire equipment and ship it overseas so that would be an option.

Fire training started back up, we called it off for the last 2 or 3 months due to COVID. So they are starting small tonight.

So far for the month of January revenue for the ambulance we have collected \$10,330.35. Chris and I was talking today that this a little low because people are meeting their deductibles again.

Council Member Lowe asked what does those new Air Pac's do? Chief Taylor stated The NFPA rule's tell us how long we can use an Air Pac's. Bottles have to be hydrostatic tested every 5 years and after 15 years they are no longer any good. Council Member Lowe asked how long does the air last in the new tanks? Chief Taylor said the old ones lasted 30 minutes and the new ones last 45 minutes. Council Member Lowe asked if a Fireman goes down is there a GPS on it. Chief Taylor said the tracker system is built into the Pac and we are currently working on those with money left over from the grant. Originally when we got the grant the GPS portion of the request was not approved, but now we are requesting authorization to get them with the balance of the grant money that was not spent. So if you go down in a building, regardless of where it is at, or in the woods it will take you straight to where your sitting. Council Member Lowe said I think we need that. Council Member Roberts said that is an important thing now, but I'm going to tell you if you follow the hose in and you always go in with somebody else, unless both of them go down. Also, those places down in West Virginia that lost everything in floods would probably take anything we gave them.

Police – Mark Ross

The Police Department handled 130 incidents in January. Out of those incidents recorded we conducted 64 traffic stops (2 to 3 stops per day), 3 property damage accidents, 63 criminal incidents, assisting MCSO, and service calls.

We filed 3 misdemeanor charges ranging from Domestic Violence to Drug paraphernalia possessions and 8 felony charges. The Felony charges resulted in Grand Jury Indictments, that included but not limited to, 2 Defendants of 1 count engaging in Pattern of Corrupt Activity F/1, 4 counts of Possession of Drugs F/3, Possession of Drugs F/2, 15 counts violations regarding drug data base F/5, 36 counts of theft M/1, 18 counts Illegal Possession of Drug Documents F/4, 12 counts Deception to obtain Dangerous Drugs F/3, 3 counts Deception to obtain Dangerous Drugs F/4, and 1 count of Possession of Drugs F/5. This case came from an incident that was reported to the Department in January 2020 and I finished the investigation when I took over as Chief.

In a separate case, 1 defendant was indicted out of a Domestic, Kidnapping F/1, Felonious Assault F/2 and Domestic Violence M/1. Another defendant was indicted for Possession of Drugs F/5, Possession of Drug Instruments M/2, Resisting Arrest M/2, and Obstructing Official Business M/2. There were two defendants indicted out of the Storage Hutch Building B&E, all indictments on that case were F/5 and M/1 thefts. The rest of the Felony cases were 2020 cases of Drug Possession F/5 as Lab Reports started pouring in.

At the last meeting Council Member Roberts brought up about the trash cans not being removed from the curbs after trash pickup. I went around through the village the following day and actually the following days. Went and talked a few people, approximately 8 residents that I gave them the Ordinance and as you can tell on N. Pembroke you don't see those trash cans. I have 1 person that I'm not sure that he is going to comply. So if he doesn't then he know I gave him a copy of the Ordinance and fair warning.

As of today we have a new Auxiliary Officer, Michael Shankle, he has been with other departments, he is a good guy, has a good background, an older gentleman, that I would like to use him to help out in the evidence room.

Water – Danny Wiseman

I need your approval to post the Water Tower bid in the paper. John motioned to post the Water Tower Bid in the paper. Seconded by Kim. Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Street – Danny Wiseman

I think the guys did a pretty good job with keeping up with the snow and ice the last few days. We finally got to use some more salt but we still don't have enough room to get what we ordered.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee – Council Member Lowe – We talked about the 2021 Permanent Appropriations Budget was gone over and it includes a new cruiser.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

A. Rob Guentter – Letter supporting for LE lighting through PUCO and AEP.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2020-25

AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH KEVIN VAN HORN, ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACTING AS THE VILLAGE'S LEGAL ADVISOR

Paul motioned to pass the third reading of Ordinance 2020-25. Seconded by Kim. Lowe – yea, St. Clair, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, and Roberts – yea. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2021-2 **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 31,2021 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY**

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2021-2 pursuant to statue 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Ken. Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Ed motioned to pass Ordinance 2021-1. Seconded by Paul. Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Resolution 1072 **A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER A TOTAL OF UP TO \$58,380.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEBT SERVICES FUND**

Ed motioned to pass the third reading of Resolution 1072. Seconded by John. Lowe – yea, St. Clair, Harlan – yea, Mills – yea, and Roberts – yea. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trailer at 87 S. Pembroke Ave. – Chris Kerby stated Kevin (Solicitor) sent us a letter today in regards to the trailer today which needs approval to send to the resident. This letter will be delivered by Chief Ross if approved. Ed motioned to send the letter. Seconded by Paul. Roberts – yea, Mills – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Intersection at E. Main and Pembroke – Mayor Lloyd stated Dan and I are still trying to get a meeting. Danny stated that he had talked to Todd Young of Shelly and Sands and as soon as the weather straightens up we will get together.

Council Member Roberts stated that the Fire Department had a run the other day out on Willow Drive, car on fire. Why could they not take the fire truck? Russell asked Chris Kerby to answer that but he had no recollection of the incident. So Russell answered that when there is an ambulance crew is working and both of them are not double carded and unless someone comes in to get on the truck we don't have 2 fire people to put on the truck. Not everyone that we have to work the ambulance is double carded. Council Member Roberts said you mean the people that was working was not double carded. Russell stated "right". Council member asked neither one of them was? Russell said one was, Cody Ketcham. Council Member Roberts said one was the other wasn't. Mayor Lloyd said one person cannot take the fire truck. Russell added they took the fire extinguisher off the ambulance and had the fire out before the city got there. Council Member Roberts said "no they didn't, it was fully engulfed" I got there the same time the Zanesville Fire Department did. Russell said "I was working, I don't know, I just went by what I was told". But when you don't have 2 double carded people on a shift you can't

take a truck out with 1 crew. Council Member Roberts said you don't send a truck out with one person then? Russell stated the only way is if someone calls in for mutual aid for a tanker. Council Member Roberts said that is what I was getting ready to say, on Friday you had 1 guy. Russell said he took a tanker for mutual aid. Council Member Roberts asked if he knew how to operate it? Russell said yes. Council Member Roberts said no he didn't. Russell asked how he knew that. Council Member Roberts said a mutual aid person. Russell said he drives and operates it all the time. Council Member Roberts said you know who I am talking about that took the truck. Russell said yes, Chad Cunningham and he know how to operate it. Council Member Roberts asked "then why did the other guy from the other Fire department have to come and operate it because he said he didn't know how to operate it"? Russell said I wasn't there and he has operated it before. Council Member Roberts said "I'm just telling you". Russell said my next question is how do you know what when on? Council Member Roberts said I know everything. Russell said your grandson comes back and tells you everything that we do. Mayor Lloyd cut in and said that is enough. Mayor Lloyd asked Council Member Roberts why didn't you bring this up when we were talking to the Fire Chief? Council Member Roberts said because I was letting that other thing go, should I have brought it up then? Mayor Lloyd asked why do you go to every seen? Council Member Roberts said I'm coming to you from now on. Mayor Lloyd said that would be great, let's do it that way. Council Member Roberts asked what days do you come down here (office)? Mayor Lloyd said about every day but Thursday. Council Member Roberts said I have one more thing to say, every time I say something to him he either calls the Sheriff's Office to try to get him fired or he calls Roseville to get him fired. Russell replied I have never called Roseville sir and I would swear on my mother's dead body I never called Roseville. Mayor Lloyd said moving on.

Council Member Mills said on this lighting deal is this going to cost the taxpayers any money? Chris said supposedly this will allow the village to pay less. Mayor Lloyd said they are going to put the lights in and we don't have to pay for installation and it will cut our bill way down. Council Member Mills said great.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Lloyd asked Chris to explain about the upcoming audit and its cost. Chris stated that the State Auditor's Office contacted me a couple of weeks ago and asked for some information regarding our upcoming audit. There are 2 types of audits that we have always dealt with is a regular audit which is a full blown audit. These audits happen every 2 years but if you have your crap together and you don't have any errors on your previous audit they will do an Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) audit, which means they are in and out type audit and it only cost about a 3rd of the normal cost. The estimated normal audit cost was \$13,940 and the estimated cost of the AUP audit is \$5,400. This is a savings of \$8,540 for this coming audit. Which this money can be used for a lot more important things than an audit. Mayor Lloyd said I would like to thank you Chris because I know it is your book keeping that has allowed us to get this. Chris replied everyone has helped and everybody has to take a lot of gruff from me when I say no.

Council Member Lowe said I don't like this tension at all. I think we ought to work together and not against one another and so I just don't think it is good when you have a horse pulling this way and a bunch going the other. Council Member Roberts said I think you only here one side of the stories, I don't think he tells you everything that goes on within the Fire Department. Council Member Lowe said first off I don't talk to Russ hardly ever, he is a neighbor up the road 4 houses, but we don't talk to one another very often at all except to ask him if he needs his driveway cleared or whatever. Council Member Roberts said you do know can't run. Council Member Lowe cut him off and said I'm not going to argue I'm just saying that let Russ get in there after he passes this physical and have that carded person and we will have 2 people probably most of the time that we can run a pumper, but I'm not taking sides, it just strikes me peculiar. Council Member Roberts said if I don't bring this up nobody knows about it. Russell asked why don't you call me when there is an issue? Council Member Roberts replied because I hate your guts. Russell said well there is your problem. Council Member Roberts said I'm not talking to you Russ, only here because I'll punch you out. Mayor Lloyd said that is not fair to the rest of us so from now on you talk to me and I'll talk to Russ if it has to be that way or we will come together and talk all 3. Council Member Roberts said something is going to happen, somebody is going to get hurt and get hurt bad. You can't run this thing (fire department) with 4 people. You have a fire run and you never get out, you send 1 guy with a fire truck. Russell said with a tanker. Council Member Roberts asked why did you send 1 guy up to the other fire? Russell replied because we just had the 1 guy, everyone else works during the daytime. Council Member Roberts said you had a guy on the ambulance. Russell said of course because of the levy. Council Member Roberts said what about the times you only have 1 guy working anyway? Russell said that very rarely happens. When we first got started it took time to get people hired, get them on, and get them through their training in order to in order to get them processed. It takes time, from the time they put an application in it could be 3 weeks before we get all the information back on them. Kerby has a whole process of information that he has to go through. Council Member Roberts asked "how many you got" on the squad, I mean how many you have on the Fire Department? Russell replied "total everything 28 to 30" paid staff and all. But everybody works day shift, I mean there is no, everybody has a job. Council Member Roberts said that is why you have to have volunteers; this has never happened before until you got on. Russell said if you can find me volunteers I would like to have them. Council Member Roberts said that's your fault, you're the one that is supposed to be getting them. Council Member Harlon said "most of your Fire Departments are going paid anymore so it is hard to get anybody to volunteer". Russell asked "when was the last time you seen Newton Township ever put a thing out asking for people to apply because they are so shorthanded". Doing the day, they have a 3-man crew every day, but they can only get 1 truck out, they can't even get a rescue out to go to their own rescue. Council Member Roberts said they drive back and get the fire truck and take off. Russell said no they don't, they get on the scene on a wreck and then call for either us or Roseville for Mutual Aid for a wreck. That is ow short Dresden is, they are begging, everybody is begging for people, Washington Township is begging and they have a 24-hour staff and they still can't get anybody. Last week 4 days out of the week he only had 1 person working. Council Member Roberts asked "do you know why"? Only certain ones get to work, everybody doesn't get to work. Russell asked "what do you mean"? Council Member Roberts said "you only have 2 on the squad, if everybody goes and takes their test and you know how it was before, you go and take your test and certain ones keep running all of the time. Russell replied "but for the squad it is set up with 2 people on it and there should be 3 per day. But until we can get the budget to where it can be 3 per day then we can get any truck we have out, until then we can't. It is all about the money. Council Member Roberts said you take 3 guys and don't even wear fire gear to the fire. Russell asked which 3 guys? Council Member Roberts replied "you". Russell replied "I'm in charge". Council

Member Roberts asked what about your little buddy” Russell replied if you’re in charge or driving we have a thing that if you are driving that fire truck you do not wear that big bunker gear on or the boots because the gas pedal and brake pedal being side by side, it’s a safety issue.

ADJOURN

John moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Chris Kerby - Clerk/Fiscal Officer