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**** Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2019 ****

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. Regular Council Meeting @ Town Hall by Mayor Rick Whetsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Larry Below	Dan Connor	John Dierksheide	Rachel Dissauer	Jim Essman	Linda Krotzer
P	P	P	A	P	A

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting.

1 st :	Dan C.	2 nd :	John D.
All in favor:	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	Passed: <input checked="" type="radio"/> N
Opposed:			

MOTION: Pay voucher #'s:13454 to 13519 in the amount of \$64,597.97

1 st :	Dan C.	2 nd :	John D.
All in favor:	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	Passed: <input checked="" type="radio"/> N
Opposed:			

GUESTS:

Joy Sterling
 Steve Yonikus

MAYORS REPORT – Rick Whetsel, Mayor

- Mayors Court Report:
 - 22 Cases = 2,198.00 to General Fund
- Town Hall Style Meeting for next council meeting. RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) and County Commissioners will be on hand for the income tax discussion. Meeting will be at the Park building at 5:45p.m. in addition, a regular council meeting will follow.
- Looking at having a Saturday Town Hall Session as well. This will accommodate the residents who work during normal council meeting times. Will invite RITA back if needed.
- Mayor informed council he will be dividing the Village into 6 Zones, and each individual council member will have a zone. The zone approach will be to the benefit of the citizens. Giving them a go to person within their area to address issues in a timely more concise manner.
- Finance meeting needs to get on the calendar. It will not be scheduled adjacent to any other meeting going forward.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk

- Special assessments are due to the county by Sept. 10. To my knowledge, there are only two. 1. Street Lighting 2. Railroad Yard Mowing.
- Budget meetings with finance committee have started if any department head would like to be involved with your particular fund please let me know. In addition, in October we will need to vote to approve the “Amounts and Rates” given to us from the county.
- I will be attending a 1-day class in Dec. to help me navigate year-end activities within my office. In addition, I will be attending a class in Sept. on grants given thru Poggemeyer.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Joy Sterling: Poop at Park

- Joy created a system for keeping poop bags at the park for the local dogs. She will also work with Mike to install. Joy will take care of keeping them stocked. Good idea was the council opinion and gave her the ok to proceed.

Steve Yonikus: Blocked Alley

- Steve is a landowner who was not informed of a closure that took place earlier in the year. He is currently renting the property and was not notified. He stated six vehicles now share one end of the alley and that is a big issue. He stated he would like it removed. The Mayor stated he would monitor the issue and make sure it was removed.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT: *Shawn Beckley, Police Chief*

- Hired a new officer Raymond Noone he has plenty of experience he has been in law enforcement since 2008. He will be part time and will be riding with Sgt. Osborne to get familiar with the village.
- Chief attended a training class the week before the meeting. He created a mission statement, core values, and training for the dept.
- Chief is adamant to get the policies and procedures up to par in the department. He has decided to use a service called Lexipol, which will keep the department compliant and up-to-date on state and local standards. This will limit the village's liability as well as aid the village in the event there would be litigation. He is going to look into getting some of the annual fees picked up by PEP our ins. company the cost will be \$1500./year. Jennifer Cox added that perhaps it would be advantageous for the Fire Dept. to look at this service as well.
- The in car ticket printer has been installed and will be operational in the very near future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: *Mike Cox, Fire Chief (Jennifer Cox)*

- Toledo Fire will be coming out to the department for additional training in the upcoming month. This has proved to be highly beneficial for the dept.
- 828 "Willy" sold to a company out of Bowling Green. It sold via online auction (Don Rose) for \$12500.00.
- Auxiliary is having a craft weekend October 4, 5, and 6th. This will be at the Park Building. Times to be announced.
- Gun Raffle sales are also wrapping up see your local firefighter to get in on the action.
- Scott Township will be leasing the old fire truck for 3 years and will be carrying the ins. on it as well. This will be a win / win for the township and the fire dept.

STREET DEPARTMENT: *Mike Shultz, Street / Facilities Manager*

- Limb pick up will be delayed until Sept. 3rd.
- Park building is in need of some small repairs.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: *Denise Beck, Historical Society*

- Tractor ride was a success.
- Bowers family visited from California and allowed us to copy information and pictures.

ZONING DEPARTMENT: *Jack Hindall, Zoning Officer (Mayor Rick Whetsel)*

- Mayor is meeting with Jack to get up to speed on citations and other issues.

TAX COMMITTEE: *Denise Beck, Tax Committee Member*

- Flyers will be going out next week Sept. 3. Also, Jennifer and Mike are making signs to put up locally so the Town Hall Mtg. Sept. 24, will be a success.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Onsel Properties – No new news as of meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 867 for street lighting was discussed no need for a vote as it is in effect until voted out or limitations are met.
- Ordinance 878: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN NUISANCE ABATEMENT TO THE 2019 TAX DUPLICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** this is for the railroad property mowing.

1 st :	Larry B.	2 nd :	Jim E.
All in favor:	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	Passed: <input checked="" type="radio"/> N
Opposed:			

- Park bathroom building is falling apart to the north where the storage area is. Rick is going to get with Justin to see what can be done short term.
- Larry brought up getting an army surplus generator to run park ballpark lights. Council to bring ideas to the table.

MOTION: To adjourn meeting.

1 st :	John D.	2 nd :	Larry B.
All in favor:	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	Passed: <input checked="" type="radio"/> N
Opposed:			

Next Meeting: September 24, 2019, Town Hall Style Meeting then Regular Council Meeting
Location: Park Building 550 Salem St.

Signature on file

Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk

Signature on file

Rick Whetsel
Mayor