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TOWN HALL MEETING | PARK BUILDING | JAN. 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rick Whetsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

| Larry Below | Dan Connor | John Dierksheide | Rachel Dissauer | Jared Capelle | Linda Krotzer |
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| P | P | P | P | P | P |

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting.

1st: Rachel D. 2nd : Larry B.
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MOTION: Pay voucher #'s:13652 to 13711 For \$32,498.87

1st: Linda K. 2nd Dan C.
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MAYORS REPORT – Rick Whetsel, Mayor

- Welcome Jared Capelle to his new seat on Village Council.
- The 6 zones were rolled out. Each council member has officially been assigned a zone. Please contact them on any issue you would like to see resolved going forward. Keep in mind we currently DO NOT have a zoning officer for the village at this point. The mayor asked that the council members do not approve and/or promise anything until it is brought before council for approval. The zone posters will be posted at the hall and at the usual locations around the village.
- 4 things to discuss in new business. 1) Appoint President of Council. 2) Appoint a Finance Comm. 3) Appoint Street Comm. 4) Mesh the Finance / Street Committees to work on the 5 year recovery plan for the Auditor of State.
- CDBG Sidewalk Update: Poggemeyer worked with the state to keep the funds in the Village. They will be in town to hand pick the areas most in need of sidewalks along the North Side of Main St. All costs will be taken out of the 67,000 (state money) no cost to the Village.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk

MOTION: Accept reports and financials from December 2019.

1st: Linda K. 2nd Jared C.
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

QUESTIONS: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominations for Council President.
Rachel D. - Nominated Linda K.
Dan C. - Nominated John D.
Both received 3 votes a piece leaving Mayor Whetsel to make the decision.
Therefore, an Executive Session was called 1st: Linda K 2nd Larry B. @6:42p.m
@ 6:47p.m. The council returned 1st Linda K 2nd Jared C. All were in favor.

Mayor Whetsel ended the tie therefore appointing John D. as President of Council.
1st: Linda K. 2nd Larry B. All in favor motion passed.

- Finance Comm.: Linda K (Leader), Jared C, Rachel D.
1st: John D. 2nd Larry B. All in favor motion passed.

- Street Comm.: John D. (Leader), Dan. C., Larry B.
1st: Linda K. 2nd Rachel D. All in favor motion passed.

- Cross over teams for the 5 year plan are as follows:

| Finance | Street |
|----------------|---------------|
| Linda K. | John D |
| Dan C. | Jared C. |
| Rachel D. | Larry B. |

** Mayor Whetsel reminded everyone to post their meeting times/place and take notes to present to the village citizens.

- Gena to provide any directives, which come out of the Auditor Mtg. coming the 29th of January. John will be attending the meeting with Auditors as they finalize our reconciliation.
- John D. brought up his recent visit to the TMACOG General Assembly. He has brought information back about the upcoming 2020 Census and all it can do for our village's tax dollars. He urged everyone to fill out the 2020 Census stating that there is an online portal to register. Information is available at the hall for anyone interested.

- Big Thank You goes out to Jeff Holcomb (Gibsonburg Fiscal Officer) and the Village of Gibsonburg for allowing Jeff to visit and aid in the transition into 2020.

RITA / Income Tax Discussion:

Many citizens were in attendance. Some comments outside the Income Tax arena were about the zones set up for council. Some feel that the council member's zones should be out of the area that they reside. Mayor Whetsel addressed the concerns and will look at the productivity and possibly change going forward.

Some concerns about imposing of the 1% were brought up. Council addressed this by stating we can no longer operate under the current financial revenue. Therefore, using their authority was the only thing to do to keep the village out of the States clutches. There were some conversations about letting the state take over.


Conversation also led to what other villages are paying. Most are at 1.5% others are higher.


Concerns over where RITA obtained their information was a concern. Brian from RITA stated that the information was obtained from the NWWSD (sewer bills). Brian also stated he will keep the council informed during the initial start up to keep everyone in the loop. RITA Ohio.com

Public records are always available at the Town Hall (T, W, TH 8-12 / 1-5).

MOTION: To Adjourn 1st Larry B. 2nd John D. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: February 25th @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall


Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk


Rick Whetsel
Mayor