



Village of Risingsun

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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | APRIL 27, 2021

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Larry Below	Dan Connor	John Dierksheide	Jared Capelle	Linda Krotzer	Tim Woodruff
P	A	P	P	P	P

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting March 23, 2021.

1st: Linda K. 2nd: John D.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MOTION: Pay voucher #'s for April 2021:14350 to 14418 for \$49,468.38 (\$22,000.00 was for PEP Insurance)

1st Jared C. 2nd Tim W.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

GUESTS – *Darlene Dennis, Sandy Stephenson (Risingsun Area Historical Society)*

- As of February 18th 2021 Risingsun Town Hall and Opera House was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior.
- 5 members of the Historical Society visited Centec Cast & Metal in Fremont that does signage for such things as Historical Locations. Seems that they are way behind on orders so the plaque would be a few months out.
- The Society plans to purchase a 20" x 24" brass plaque at the cost of \$1350.00 to be hung to west of the main door of the hall.
- The Society is accepting donations to pay for the plaque.
- Gena will look into the feasibility of the Village making a donation toward the purchase of the plaque.
- Please follow the Risingsun Area Historical Society on Facebook for updates and information on Risingsun.
- Mayor Whetsel will put information on Facebook and Village Website.
- Who will hang the sign once it is done? Mayor Whetsel to look into this.
- Mayor Whetsel expressed how proud and thankful he and the council is for all the hard work done by Darlene and her Daughter Stacey Gable to get this over the finish line.
- Darlene and Sandy stated they will be working at the museum going thru items with plans to change displays quarterly.
- Jared to see if the Fostoria Masons would be willing to donate a corner stone for the Village.

- Darlene also wanted to thank JC Gschwind, Betty Sahs, Mike Cox, Jim Cox, and Gena for their help in the process.
- Copy of the Application and Documentation will be available to view in the Historical Museum. This was a 2 part application first approved at the State and then at the National level. As of February 18th 2021 Risingsun, was put on the registry.
- Just to put into perspective the application is 28 pages long. Darlene expressed that it was harder to complete than term papers in college.

MAYORS REPORT – Rick Whetsel, Mayor

- Street and Finance Comm. needs to let the public know when their meetings are and make sure they were publicized. Minutes will need to be documented and retained.
- Mayor Whetsel expressed that he completed the “Sunshine Law” course for 2020. The course was virtual this year. All open records will be made available. There will be a cost for copies.
- Mayor Whetsel also expressed he will be completing guidelines for employees as it pertains to leave, wages etc. He also stated that he did look into laws/regulations for part time employees and it seems it is up to the employer. This document will be e-mailed to all council members and will be reviewed and voted upon.
- Record Retention plan needs to be established per audit findings.
- Would like to establish an Employee Handbook containing job descriptions etc.
- Mayor would like the council to divide and concur to get these policies and procedure together and voted on.
- Park building restrooms. The restrooms are unsafe and unsanitary and will be locked up. The Mayor will contact Bugners to have a Porta Pot delivered at a cost of around \$105.00 / mth. Looking at only having it in the park for spring and summer. Tim Woodruff replied that the park needs a restroom facility. So, the council is looking into non-match grants etc. to possibly fund a restroom facility.
- Also, at the park there will equipment and tree removal coming this summer. Central Park fencing needs removed. Larry Below asked that the old movie theater posts remain. Council laughed as to how long ago that would have been and Larry reminisced about watching movies with Dale Loomis and Gus Cassidy.
- Garage Sales – No sign ups, will publicize at the churches. May 21, 22 will be the dates and the hours are up to the home owners.
- Cook Out With A Cop! Has been moved to May 22nd. 11:00 a.m. -1:00p.m. will be golf cart registration inspections. Cook out with games, music and food will be after from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.
- Please get any zoning issues from your zones to the hall by Thursday so citations can be written.
- Evans old property some issues with the products being used and the location of these items.
- Maple St. property we have had people complaining of the smell and critters that are coming from there.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.

1st Jared C. 2nd John D.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

STREET DEPARTMENT:

- Limb pick up will begin for the year April 29th if it should rain we will start May 6th.

STREET COMMITTEE:

- Looking into grants. Great Lakes Community Partnership (Tiffany Schaffer), WSOS (Christina Widaw) both really have nothing to offer that wouldn't require a money match to obtain the grants. Ohio Public Works / CBDG will be next we will also contact the county commissioners. USDA is only offering loans.
- Do we have a sidewalk ordinance, Yes Mayor Whetsel to supply Larry Below with a copy.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ballestra 2019 / 2020 Audit - they were in the week of April 6th scanned in numerous documents and did take some with them. Ballestra will wait until the other audit is complete to move forward. They did request phone numbers to test the roll over process with the park building. We know there was some concerned comments made on Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS:

- O2021-006 to Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2020-013 as a supplement to the 2021 Annual Appropriation, and Declaring an Emergency.
MOTION: To pass O2021-006 and Appropriate the remaining \$113.89 left from the Corona Virus Relief Grant.
1st Jared C. 2nd Linda K.
All In Favor – Yes Motion Passed

- Justin Spencer President of the Risingsun Little League sent in a statement. He stated that the 2021 season will kick off the week of May 10 with the Opening Day Ceremonies on May 15 at 12:p.m. All are welcome to come out and watch some ball game thru June. Would like to make Pine Field a grass infield this should take another 2 to 4 weeks. He will also be transforming dugouts. Please come to him with any questions or concerns. Jared C. would like to see Justin S. at a council meeting.

MOTION: To allow Mayor Whetsel to purchase weed killer and new flags for Main St.

1st Linda K. 2nd Larry B

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MOTION: To lockdown restroom facilities at the park.

1st Jared.. 2nd John D

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MOTION: To allow the General Fund to help the Park Fund pay for the Porta Pot

1st John D. 2nd Tim W.

Linda K. – Yes, Larry B. – Yes, Tim W. – Yes, Jared C. – Yes,
Dan C. – Absent John D. - Yes

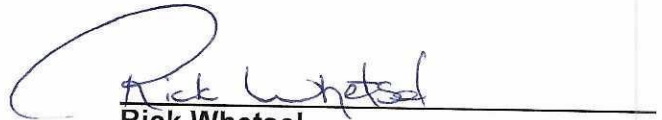
- Need to get indoor outdoor cameras working again at the park.
- Small fence around the ball fields need to discuss with Justin Spencer.
- Don't forget Cook Out With A Cop May 22nd.
- Next Finance Meeting May 25th at 6:00p.m.

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

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



Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk



Rick Whetsel
Mayor