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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | NOVEMBER 22, 2022

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

John Dierksheide	Ryan Caudill	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanietta Rodriguez
P	P	P	A	P	P

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting October 25, 2022.

1st: Juanietta R. 2nd: Earl M.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MAYORS REPORT – *Mayor Rick Whetsel*

- Our tax authority RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) has sent out 103 Subpoenas to delinquent payees. A lot of feedback from some who live outside the city limits etc. They need to call Members Services.
- One Ordinance this evening amending the 2021-016 Final Appropriations.
- Mayor Whetsel and his wife Louann will be putting a \$50.00 prize on the best outside holiday decorations with in the village.
- Cindy McCafferty was in to meet with Mayor Whetsel and Gena to discuss the process going forward to get out of Fiscal Emergency. We are financially out at this point however some outlying policies and procedures need to be written. So, it looks like the Spring of 2023. She also recommended eliminating the food giveaway as it is not a good use of recourses. John and Earl are concerned as we have been doing this for over 22 years.

GUESTS –Charlie Krotzer, Keith Durst (Village Little League)

- Introductions were made. Both Charlie and Keith have grown up around the village and have played ball in the Risingsun youth league in the past.
- Charlie K. outlined some of the items that the group would be eliminating and adding. He also stated that Pine field is not lost and that would be a priority.
- Dug outs will be fixed as the gentlemen have made sure they have resources to accomplish the items.
- They are aware of the struggle with club teams and low interest in small towns. They are going to work hard to establish relationships and make a strong little league presence again in the village.
- They will also be working hard to get sponsors / donations and fundraisers as they would like to offer the program free of charge to the children who want to play.

- They also understand the need to get the previous organizations information to see what can be done with the 501C3 documentation, Insurance, electricity etc. changed over.
- Mayor Whetsel spoke and he feels the village needs to try something to get the little league solid again so this new direction he feels would be a win win. He also stated that the village would send out a certified letter to the past organization and will collect paper work and keys etc. at the Village Hall.

MOTION: To turn Risingsun Youth Sports over to Charlie Krotzer & Keith Durst.
 1st: Juanieta R. 2nd John Dierksheide All in favor Yes Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.

- 1st Dan C. 2nd Ryan C.
 All in favor (yes) Motion passed

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Cox

- Hired a grant writer to try and get new updated air packs for the dept. The grant writer came highly recommended. He is located in Powell, OH. This will cost a % of the total grant as well as around \$4,000. TO 5,000. Which will be hourly however this grant has been known to take weeks to complete.
- Had the opportunity to go to Kelly’s Island and cover the fire hall while the volunteers enjoyed a banquet. It was a nice opportunity.

ZONE REPORTS –

- Earl M. stated last meeting he would get with Mr. Gallagher to see if he would be interested in talking with the village to see what we could do to take care of some of the run down properties that he and his family own. Earl M. reported back that Mr. Gallagher has no interest in discussing this matter.

STREET COMM. – John D. (Nothing at this time)

FINANCE COMM. – (Nothing at this time)

ARP (American Rescue Plan) COMM. – (Nothing at this time)

- Earl M. stated he had an electrician scheduled to come in to give an estimate in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tree lighting Dec. 2nd 6:30p. Hope to see everyone. Pastor Paul and Abe will be doing music.
- Dec. 9th 6 – 8 p at Park Children’s Christmas Party.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to accept the Ordinance 2022-009 Amending 2021-016.

MOTION: To pass Ordinance 2022-009

1st Earl M. 2nd John D..

All In Favor – Yes Motion Passed

Earl brought up and issue with ordinance so Section 1 was rescinded.

- Motion to rescind Section 1 of Ordinance 2022-009.

MOTION: to rescind Section1

1st Earl M. 2nd Juanieta.

All in favor Yes Juanitea – Y, Earl – Y, Ryan – Y, Dan – Y, John - Y

- We will get the funds appropriated to do the Bays Road project in 2023.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

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

Next Meeting: Next Meeting December 27, 2022 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk

Rick Whetsel
Mayor