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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | JUNE 27, 2023

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	Juanieta Rodriguez
P	P	P	P	A	P

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting May 2023.

1st: Dan C. 2nd: Juanieta R.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

MAYORS REPORT – *Mayor Rick Whetsel*

- Tim W. and Mayor Whetsel will get the LED lights at the park installed. They will be doing this as time permits between rentals.
- Cook Out with A Cop will be this Saturday July 1st from 12 -2p on the West side of the Town Hall. Come out and support the Police Department and enjoy some music, cornhole, bounce house.
- Limb pick up will be Wednesday the 28th with mosquito spraying to be done on the 29th.
- Codification is nearing completion Mayor Whetsel and Gena R. will be working with C. Speweik to review the editorial research and see what changes need made.
- Park grant material has arrived. It is as always, the same 3 tier system of funds with the deadline of Oct. 20th. Council needs to discuss what projects need completed. Also, they did change the amount copies that need sent in for review to 7. Along, with the park grant Mayor Whetsel reached out to the sewer district to see what if anything they could do to maintain their entrance to the treatment plant.
- Council meeting needs changed to July 18th so proper documents can get to the county.
- A big thank you to the little league. The new management has done an exceptional job this year. They have hosted at least 50 home games. Need to work on some parking issues and pine field going forward.
- 1 Resolution for necessity for the RENEWAL of the 1.3 operating levy.
- 1 Ordinance Tax Budget for the 2024 calendar year
- Need Motions to accept the Fixed Asset Policy.
- Need Motions to accept the Materials and Supply Policy.

GUESTS –Evan Cain

- Evan and His wife have purchased the properties on Elm Street which spans the entire length of the street. Evan is requesting an address for the property and was hoping to have 1428. Chief Mike Cox brought up that dispatchers would assume they were outside of the village with a 4-digit address and Chief Shaun Beckley agreed. Therefore, for the safety of the persons and property Evan was asked to come up with a three-digit number that they would like.

Mayor Whetsel then asked for a motion from council to approve his 3-digit address number.

MOTION: To allow Mayor Whetsel to approve a 3-digit address for the Cain properties on Elm St. John D. 1st and Juanita 2nd the Motion all were in favor and the motion passed.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.

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

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Shawn Beckley

- Cook Out with a Cop 12 – 2p July 1st - Ice Cream truck, bounce house and plenty of food.
- OVI checkpoint for this year is pending getting additional resources from neighboring villages.
- Man power is an issue as with many departments. Chief Beckley stated the department is still looking for new officers.
- Chief Beckley stated he was looking at becoming a member of the Ohio Collaborate to help set standards regulations at the state level. This is made possible thru the departments achievements in becoming a Gold Member of Lexipol. The department has worked very hard to achieve the Gold status.
- The state has also added an additional 24 hours of training to the yearly continuous education the officers are currently working on getting this training achieved.
- The department would like to upgrade Tasers, Body Cams, and Radios.
- The department is also requesting the council to seriously look at upgrading the 6 year old cruiser to a Chevy Tahoe. Chief Beckley stated that a Tahoe fully loaded and equipped would run around \$60,000. He also stated to council that there is \$13,000. In his capital funds and that the old cruiser could hopefully yield \$10,000 from resale. Mayor Whetsel asked Chief Beckley to get a date setup to discuss.

FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.

- Cancelled drills this month due to attending a funeral for George Stahl.
- Waiting on information on the grant. Hoping to hear something by the first of the year.
- Railroad wash out by the fertilizer plant. Needs new culvert. Railroad is currently just adding stone. Chief Cox assured the council that the EPA, State Representatives, and the Governor have been contacted about this matter.

ZONE REPORTS – Dan Conner

- 1st Zoning Board Meeting was held June, 23. Several addresses and items of concern were brought up by the members.
 - Trash build up around the burnt houses on Maple Street. Dan. C stated that he seen video and no one should have to look at such a mess.
 - Fines are to low and don't make clean up a priority. They just pay fines. Mayor Whetsel asked to get a new fine schedule / strategy together to discuss with council.
 - Tree trimming. What if anything can we do.

STREET COMM. – John D.

- Nothing

FINANCE COMM. –

- Nothing to report


OLD BUSINESS:


NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to pass 2023-004 an Ordinance to adopt the 2024 tax budget for the village and pass as an emergency. 1st reading.
MOTION: Juanieta R. 1st . 2nd. John D
Roll Call: Juanieta – Y, Earl – Absent, Tim – Y, Ryan – Y, Dan – Y, John - Y
- Motion to pass 2023-003 a Resolution of Necessity to renew the 4 year 1.3 mill levy in excess of the ten mill limitation which was passed Nov. 5 2019 to provide funds to operate the village and to declare an emergency.
MOTION: John D. 2nd Dan C.
Roll Call: Juanieta – Y, Earl – Absent, Tim – Y, Ryan – Y, Dan – Y, John – Y
- Motion to change the July's council meeting from the 25th to the 18th to meet deadlines to the county.
MOTION: To change July's meeting from the 25th to the 18th.
Ryan C. 1st Tim W. 2nd All in favor (yes) motion carries.
- Motion to accept the Fixed Asset Policy
MOTION: To accept Fixed Asset Policy.
John D. 1st Dan C. 2nd All in favor (yes) motion carries.
- Motion to accept the Materials and Supply Policy
MOTION: To accept Materials and Supply Policy.
Dan C. 1st John D. 2nd All in favor (yes) motion carries.

MOTION: To Adjourn 1st Juanieta R. 2nd Ryan C. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting July 18, 2023 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall
Finance Meeting: July 18th @ 5:45p.m.


Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk


Rick Whetsel
Mayor