

MAY 3, 2016

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION.

PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Doug Fehrman, David Snider. Eric Huston was absent. Also present were Mayor Tom Johnson, Kelly Beem, Jane Foulk, Chief Vandermark, and Solicitor Will Flautt.

Guests included John McGaughey, and Casey Sargel, from Tribune.

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES FOR APRIL 5TH AND APRIL 19TH. There was no discussion on the minutes that were mailed out. Doug motioned to approve both minutes, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye, except Eric E, abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

OUTDOOR WOODBURNERS: Tom asked Kelly to check Villages in our area for ordinances.

TOBACCO DISCUSSION: No discussion.

ST. JOE'S LAKE: Kelly is waiting on Andy Knisley to do the right of way easement so she can forward to title agency. The closing will be set when that is done.

STREETSCAPE I: Dave reports that everything has been planted, and the hostas's have been replanted. Everything is looking good.

NEW BUSINESS:

STREETSCAPE II UPDATE: Tom states that this has been deferred till Spring 2017. He shared the sidewalk extension on each direction. The budget will also include Signage.

BABB HOUSE: The Historical Society received Grant money from The State and CDBG. John McGaughey tells Council that the Architects are designing the Floor Plans, and it should be finished by June. They are envisioning the Babbs house as a museum, and the basement an Art center. Also Hocking College is looking at the property at 111 as Appalachian Heritage classes.

Bill Mohler received an estimate to repair the exterior steps going upstairs from Weld Pro. The estimate was for \$3,200.00 to repair 2 stairs. Dave motioned to approve the repairs, seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye.

APPALACHIAN FOUNDATION: There has been an anonymous donation made, and would like to have more added to this. Dave is waiting on more information.

Dave received an estimate to remove 2 trees on Summit Street that is a hazard to public safety. The trees are dead and leaning toward the street. Mike Lally says its common sense to remove the trees for the safety and immediate danger they pose. Tom asked Jane to contact Ann Bonner to examine the trees before removal.

Tom states that The Library Architects want to meet on Wednesday May 18th at 7pm in their annex. They would like Council members to be there. Jane is to contact the Zoning Board as well.

Police Chief Vandermark stated that the crime volume is up 123% from last year. Most are drug related charges. He states that his officers participated in a Drug Awareness Class recently. Kudos to Matt May. He went to an armed robbery on Twp. Rd 22 tonight and apprehended 3 suspects.

Chief also stated that they received free desktop computers from Hocking College. He received free Tasers from Fairfield Task Force.

A motion by Bill, and seconded by Doug to suspend rules and enter into executive session. All voted Aye.

Bill motioned to go into executive session to discuss a real estate transaction. Mike seconded his motion. All voted Aye. They entered executive session at 8:25pm. 8:50pm they returned from executive session with a motion by Bill, and seconded by Dave. All voted aye. No action was taken.

Tom talked briefly on the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

Tom states that we received budget to plant trees from AEP. There remains \$1,000.00 to plant more trees. Doug motioned to use the \$1,000 to plant trees, and Bill seconded his motion. All voted Aye. Research needs to happen to find priority streets and types of trees to plant. Jane is to start the process.

Tom states that in Logan, they have tile planters/trash bins. They are very attractive. Eric E. will get pictures and quotes by the next meeting and share with Council.

PAY ORDINANCES 16-08 AND 16-09. Council reviewed the payables. With no discussion, Doug motioned to approve, and was seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION: Dave motioned to give \$2,000.00 toward the purchase of fireworks, as has been done in the past. Bill seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

Doug thanked the Fire Department for taking care of a couple cemeteries in town. The cemeteries were the Lutheran and Market St.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm with a motion from Bill, and seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

Mayor Tom Johnson

President Dave Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem