VILLAGE OF ENON MINUTES

The Village of Enon Council Members held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call:

Brenda Sweet -Present

Rick Hanna -

Present

Cindy Leist - Present

Paul Avery -

Present

Ben Beair -

Present

Jeremy Whitacre -

Present

Staff: Kevin Siferd, Chief Holler

Guest: Elmer Beard, David Babcock, Ruth Stuart, Maxine McKee

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Howard

Welcome Cindy Leist to the council.

Any additions to the agenda - none

Motion to approve minutes of meeting on November 28, 2023

1st Mrs. Sweet 2nd Mr. Beair

Rick Hanna -

Yes

Cindy Leist – Abstain

Brenda Sweet - Yes

Paul Avery -

Yes

Ben Beair -Yes Jeremy Whitacre -

Yes

Motion approved

Motion to approve minutes of meeting on December 12, 2023

1st Mrs. Sweet 2nd Mr. Whitacre

Brenda Sweet - Yes

Rick Hanna -

Yes

Cindy Leist – Abstain

Paul Avery -

Yes

Ben Beair -Yes Jeremy Whitacre -

Yes

Motion approved

Mayor Tim Howard

Discussed Appropriation Packet distributed to council. Thanks to Kevin and Mike for their attentiveness to the budget. In 2024, we will be more involved in encumbering expenses and will do a better job of tracking expenses.

Communications

Mayor Howard

Appeal of Ashley Montgomery on a Board of Zoning Appeal regarding chickens. The Board denied her request per our ordinance. Village has 45 days to hear the appeal but the decision on the appeal does not have to be delivered in the 45 day timeframe. Mayor Howard suggested hearing the appeal at the next council meeting on January 23, 2024 at 6 p.m. Kevin will notify the property owner, the adjacent property owners, and post the public notice of the meeting.

Council members requested copies of the documents from the BZA hearing, relevant ordinances and any pertinent information about the appeal be delivered to them prior to the meeting on January 23. Mayor Howard stated that will be delivered to them as soon as possible.

Mayor Howard informed Council that the options on the appeal are to 1) uphold the decision 2) reverse the decision or 3) reverse the decision with modifications.

Staff Reports

Kevin Siferd

Final check for the Nature Works Grant has been received and the project is now over. The check for \$13,000 has been direct deposited into the Village's account.

On the park fence project, the chain link is up and the project should be completed either Friday or Monday. There was an error on the bid and the job required an additional 76 feet of fence. The contractor has agreed to charge the Village only for the cost of the materials for the additional 76 feet of fence and not charge a labor cost for the additional work.

The Village has hired two part-time Water Clerks. There were previously two staff members to fill the Water Clerk position and that arrangement worked well in the past. Tina Miller will be working Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and Pam Stapleton will be working on Monday and Tuesday. Council members are invited to stop by and introduce themselves to the new staff members.

The Cardinal water tower has been drained, repaired, filled, and back on line. The cost for this project was approximately \$11,000. The repair included a stainless steel band that will stabilize the pipe and prevent this type of problem for occurring in the future.

Booster Station Pump #1 has been transferred over. There was a minor leak in one of the compression fittings and that was fixed and the pump is working great. Pump #2 will be transferred next week.

The schedule for the 2024 Enon Blood Drives has been established. The blood drives will take place on February 21, April 24, June 26, August 28, October 23, and December 18. These dates will be posted on the Village's website and Facebook page. Donors can sign up at www.donortime.com.

Mayor Court Update: There were 6 traffic cases for the month of December. Total amount remitted in the month of December was \$4,055.00. Year to date total was \$22,506.92. Amount disbursed to the State in the month of December was \$479.00. Year to date amount disbursed to the state was \$3,763.00. Amount disbursed to the Village in December was \$3,558.00. Year to date amount disbursed to the Village was \$18,505.92. Total disbursements for the month of December was \$4,055.00. Total disbursements for the year was \$22,506.92.

Motion to approve Mayor's Court Report

1st Mr. Whitacre 2nd Mrs. Sweet

Brenda Sweet - Yes Rick Hanna - Yes

Cindy Leist - Yes Paul Avery - Yes

Ben Beair - Yes Jeremy Whitacre - Yes

Motion was approved.

Council was advised that an engineer from Donnelsville has started conversations about the possibility of the Village of Enon supplying water to the Donnelsville. This is only a preliminary discussion to explore options. Mayor Howard informed Council that these discussions started approximately 20 to 25 years ago and have been an ongoing discussion with Donnelsville. The discussions dropped off about five years ago and is being picked up again. While the Village is in a position to agree to supply the water, the primary concern is if it will be profitable for the Village to do so. Mayor Howard told the council that the discussions are in the preliminary stage and didn't want them to be caught off guard if they heard comments.

The Administrator was advised that Laura Ewing still appears on the Mayor's Report and that should be modified. The Administrator acknowledged that it would be modified.

Police Report

Chief Mike Holler

There was a regional meeting in Montgomery County concerning the total solar eclipse that will take place on April 8, 2024. It is expected to bring a large influx of visitors to the area and there are no hotel rooms or campsites available in a 100 mile radius for that weekend. The Chief will be attending meetings with the Clark County EMA and he will meet with the Administrator and various Department Heads about his concerns. The biggest concern at this time is the increased traffic volume.

WHIO TV did an interview with the Chief in early December about staffing issues in local police departments and because of that interview, the Chief had someone apply for a position with the Enon Police Department. The Chief had an interview with the applicant and it looks promising. The Chief also informed Council that Commander Weber at Clark State has informed him that the Clark State cadet class will not be able to happen in March as planned due to a low number of people who want to take the class. Commander Weber will reach out to the State to see if they can resolve the issue. Chief Holler explained that this is why it takes 12 to 18 months before a new officer will be on the street once they are hired.

Council asked Chief Holler if he will be including the monthly stats again. Chief stated that the stats will be included in the yearly report at the next council meeting and he will strive to include them in the monthly report to Council.

Community Report

Ben Beair reported that Mr. Kavanaugh is still looking into the difference between a "gift" and a "donation" for Community Park. Once the clarification is received, he will share that with the Township Trustees and the Council.

There have been 8 applications to join the Community Group and it was proposed to have a work session for the Park Committee and the Township Trustees on January 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. to discuss the applications.

Rick Hanna reported that the Motz Group met with him on December 18 to discuss their interest in the park project. The Motz Group is currently working on the remodel of the Dayton Dragons ballfield and the Fairborn baseball and football fields. They met Mr. Hanna at the park site and is very interested in our site and helping with the engineering process. The Motz Group is willing to look at plans at no charge to the Village and offer ideas and give an estimate on the project. Mr. Hanna is excited to see their input on the project.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS

None

Public Comments

None

Motion to Adjourn

1st Mr. Whitacre 2nd Mrs. Sweet

Adjourned 7:17

Approved By:

Rick Hanna, President of Council

Date: 1/23/202

Troothy Howard, Mayor