

**EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2016 85 N. MARKET ST. 7 PM**

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger and Mr. Walker. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the December 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Walker. The December 2015 department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer seconded by Mr. Cohen. John Herbert was listed on the agenda to speak on jobs and business in the community but he stated he wanted to do additional research and would speak at a later date. There was no Clerks report.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Zuch thanked the EP School district for recognizing Village employees for their work in the community at the basketball game on Friday. She presented council with the updated boards and commissions booklet for 2016. Mr. Cohen made a motion to accept the appointments as presented seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor. Mayor Zuch then presented to council the appointees for the 2016 Charter Review Commission (Barb Lynch, Barb Kliner, Steve Hill, Kevin McKinstry, and Mike Dilworth). Mr. Cohen made a motion to accept the Charter Review Commission appointees, seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Atty. Beagle was appointed as Mayor Pro Tempe of Village Council in the absence of Mayor Zuch.

**MANAGER:** Manager Monteleone stated they are working on legislation so we will be in compliance with the Affordable Health Care Act. He said we are moving forward with LSSE and the WW issues; they have installed 5 flow meters and will be installing 4 more. They have a meeting with the OEPA on January 21 at 10 am, Councilmen Elzer and Todd will also be attending the meeting with John J., himself and Jason Stanton from LSSE. Over the years the Village has received CDBG money for the CHIP home rehab program, we are no longer eligible for that program because we are a Village. Finance Director Traci Thompson said that when someone that has been a part of the program sells their home the Village will get a portion of that money back; she said we currently have around \$84,000.00; she that money can only be used on home rehabs. Thompson said the Village is looking into creating a program to possible do two mini rehab loans a year. Monteleone said there is the option of the money going to the county for them to administer but they would like to keep the money in EP. Atty. Powers asked if the funds would be available to help fix infiltration problems, Monteleone and Thompson both said they didn't think so but they will look into it. Atty. Beagle stated she had discussed with Manager Monteleone having the department heads sit in the front row during Council meetings so they can be available to answer questions and be easily heard by all. Monteleone stated he likes it when all department heads are the meeting.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Atty. Powers stated he will soon have a resolution for Council concerning the Village's obligation to provide health insurance to part time employees.

**STREET:** Mr. Walker stated he has met with Monteleone to discuss the streets and specifically a plan to work on fixing the alleys this year. Monteleone said they are working on a plan to present to council concerning the streets and alleys, he said with the renewal of the levy we should have around \$200,000.00 for paving compared to \$160,000.00 in the past so this will be a good year to get a lot accomplished. Monteleone said there was also a carryover of around \$58,000.00. He said each alley will be addressed on an individual basis; it will depend on the condition and what the base is. Mr. Cohen thanked the Village Library for paving portions of the alleys behind and beside them during their parking lot project.

**S/P/R/C: NO REPORT**

**DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Elzer stated the Denny Griffith has retired from the Fire Department; he thanked him for his service to the community. He also called a Development Committee meeting for 6:30 pm prior to the next council meeting on January 25 to discuss changing the fees for commercial building permits.

**UTILTIY: NO REPORT**

**FINANCE:** Mr. Tyger stated that after last year's budget the debt has been paid down by \$800,920.00 and we had a starting balance for this year of \$1,385,510.00. Mr. Tyger stated they have paid down the debt almost three million dollars in the last few years. Mr. Tyger stated that they gave the Manager a vision when he was hired and he feels with all of the new hires ( Police & Fire Chiefs and Street Superintendant) that everyone is doing a great job. He said he feels the Manager is doing a wonderful job and he doesn't feel council needs to micromanage anything he does to which Atty. Beagle said she agreed. Monteleone said he passes that along to everyone that he works with and that he is thankful for all of the employees.

**VISITORS:** Chief Kevin Dickey, Chief Josh Brown, John & Dot Herbert, Jerry Coblantz, Mary Anne Tyger, John Davis, Terri Ward, Dianna Elzer, and Katie White

**THERE WAS NO LEGISLATION**

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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**MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK**

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**MAYOR MARGO ZUCH**