

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2015 7 PM 85 N. MARKET ST.

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson. The minutes from the December 22, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Figley, seconded by Mr. Cohen. In reference to the December 2014 department reports Mr. Elzer noted that it was nice to see the Fire Department didn't need any mutual assistance on EMS calls that month. The December Department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Elzer, all in favor. Mayor Zuch announced that John Turner had brought a group of his Boy Scouts to the meeting to observe as they are working on their citizenship badges. There were no Agenda items.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin stated there would be a special meeting on Tue January 20th to meet with outside counsel to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Elzer stated he felt there might not be a quorum for the meeting and Mr. Cohen suggested having a committee meeting instead as it only requires two of the three members and they can still go into executive session. Mr. Tyger made a motion to change the special meeting to a Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated that the 2015 Council Committees could stay the same unless council wanted any changes. She also stated that at the December 8 meeting she had given them a list of re appointments to boards and commissions that are to be made by council and asked if they had been taken care of. Mr. Figley and Mr. Elzer asked if they could have until the next regular meeting and they would work on it. She stated there are currently a lot of problems in the U.S. and the police departments are bearing the brunt of it; she reminded everyone how much the police do for the community and asked residents to thank them.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated he had given council a written report. He then introduced Steve Baird as the new Superintendent of Street/Park/Cemetery. Monteleone stated that on Fri Jan 23 the school is having another employee appreciation night for Village employees. All employees and their families will get into the games for free.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated he is working on new legislation for upcoming meetings and also a letter of opinion for the manager.

STREET: Mr. Figley said he felt the salting and plowing has been going well and that he hasn't received any calls from residents on streets that need done. Monteleone stated that the SRTS will be under construction this summer and because of that he didn't want to pave West St. until the sidewalk work is complete, stating it may need to be done separately at the end of the season. Mr. Figley stated that street is terrible and the sidewalk construction wouldn't interfere with the paving and he would like to see it done this year. Monteleone said what he meant was that most streets are paved early in the year and that West St. may have to be done after the sidewalk is done. Atty. Beagle stated she leaves town every day before 7 am and she is very impressed with our roads and street crew, that even Boardman and Poland are not as good as they are here.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEMETERY: NO REPORT. Mr. Figley stated he doesn't feel the park needs plowed after a snow and that it is a hazard (but that the hills and entrance would still need salted) and that it is hard on the road surface. Mr. Cohen stated there are functions at the community center in the winter and asked if they could just plow one side of the circle. Atty. Beagle asked if it could be plowed only when there is a function there and Mr. Cohen stated that there are aerobics and card club there every week.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer thanked the Police Department as they had another large drug bust. He also said he would like to start a program that would welcome new businesses with a certificate from the village. He said he would get the information to council after each meeting so they can decide who gets one.

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser said she and the Manager are meeting with the engineers on Wed to go over the eq tank. She asked about the railroad tracks on Pleasant Dr. saying how terrible they are and Monteleone said he will put another call into them about getting them repaired, saying he speaks with them and they say those tracks are on the list. Mr. Figley asked who to contact about a street light being out and Monteleone said Ohio Edison. Mr. Elzer said the pole in front of Coders Insurance has been hit from both sides and it is in bad shape.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

THERE WAS NO LEGISLATION OR COMMENTS

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Mary Anne Tyger, Mark Walker, Dianna Elzer, John Davis, Joshua Mohney, Adam Ortega, Nick Garvin, Jarred Osberg, Noah Gavin, John Turner, Chief Kevin Dickey, Rick & Karen Gorby, Terri Ward, Katie White, Dan Scott, Steve Baird, Brett Todd.

ADJOURN: Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

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