

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL - REGULAR - APRIL 9, 2012 - 7 PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Elzer, Tyger, Rauch, Wisser, Figley, and Hull. Wisser questioned the last meetings minutes because Cindy Clark added information that was not said at the last council meeting. When reporting on Facebook posts she (Cindy) added "even though that post did not mention the word "council" or any council members' names." Endia reported that she feels that again this is another reason that having Cindy as the clerk of council is a conflict of interest. Elzer questioned about when population of village began to decrease. Minutes from the March 26, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Rauch and seconded by Elzer. Carried. There were no agenda items. The monthly Police/Parking, Park, Building, Income Tax, Investment & Fund Cash reports were approved as presented on a motion by Rauch, seconded by Hull. Carried.

CLERK: No report (absent)

MAYOR: ZUCH No report

MANAGER: No report (absent)

LAW DIRECTOR: SHIRLEY SMITH At this point Atty. Shirley Smith read aloud resignation letters from Village Manager Gary Clark and Admin Asst/Council Clerk Cindy Clark. **See attached exhibits A and B.**

STREET: FIGLEY

SAFETY/PARK/RECREATION/CEMETERY: RAUCH explained the progress being done at the police dept and that all the officers are pulling together to help the new chief clean, paint and organize the station. He would like the public to know that this is an effort made by all officers. So if you manage to see the dept and the progress, don't just thank Pete, but every officer in the dept. Not one person should be thanked for this work but all of them and he feels they need recognized. He spoke with Pete on this in depth and Pete would like everyone to know how all of the employees of his dept came together so quickly.

Now that the letters have been read, council needs to focus out attention on what the people expect and trusted us to do and that is run the Village. The play area that had thousands of volunteer hours put in it is now being over ran by vandals. I have had man complaints and numerous people that state they will take their children to another play area in Columbiana, New Waterford and so on to avoid the foul language and behavior in Rainbow Dreamland. There is graffiti etched in the wood, contraceptives on the ground and broken equipment due to vandalism. We need now to get our city leaders to stop arguing among ourselves, the manager or clerk and get back to taking our city back from these vandals. I have been on council for 10 years and we have replaced sinks, toilets every year since I have been on. We need to get our city back.

At this point Ben Terwilliger stood and questioned why Rauch was just now bringing this up I he has been on council for 10 years since it has been going on a lot longer. Rauch said " I now chair these departments and my focus is on them now." Terwilliger said you could have put in your 2 cents at anytime. Rauch said you have been at every council meeting in 10 years. Terwilliger said I have been to many of them, Rauch said have you been at every one, Terwilliger stated he had not. Rauch said had you been at every one you would have known that in 10 years I have addressed this issue at a minimum of 20 times. So don't tell me I need to put my 2 cents in when I have deposited a lot more time than that. At this time Margo gaveled Ben and told him to sit down.

Rauch completed that he has had comments about the manager and clerks resignation but would hold his comments until executive session as "he would not "Springer" this meeting up any more than it already has been. Rauch made the comment to Elzer who stated we should Thank Gary and Cindy for their service. Rauch stated the last thing they want is to hear from this council..... I am opposed to it and feel it would be an insult.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: ELZER

UTILITY COMMITTEE: WISSER No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE: TYGER EMT/ambulance fees are still late in coming from the feds. Tyger also said the PD did a good job in assisting the State Police weigh in station project to slow down the trucks on Brookdale Ave.

VISITORS: Leanna Dugan, Mike Dugan, Sandy Wales, Barb Lynch, Kent Chapman, John & Bonnie Davis, Shirley Gorby, Shelly & Dave Vargo, Tiffany Vargo, Laura Beight, Terri Rauch, Mary Anne

Tyger, Larry & Terri Ward, Rick & Karen Gorby, Tiffany Inman, Dave Biggins, John Boley, Steve Hill, Pete Rukenbrod, Vicki Terwilliger, Ben Terwilliger, Jon Rettig Jr., John Jurjavcic, Jerry Coblenz, Rich Bolon, Park Grim, Jim Mackall, Brock Jurjavcic, Abel Figley, Dan Figley, Charles McGuire, Pam Figley, Heather Loyd, Israel Loyd, Gracie Fitzsimmons, Scott Wolfe, Kerrie Stewart, Sharon Sanko, Emery Coon, Shirley Wilson, Brent Wilson, Bill Wilson, Dan Scott, Charlie Treece, Katie Schwendemen, Marina Davis, Wendy Pander, Tom Brittain, Dianna Elzer, Tami & Bob Harris, Chief Pete Monteleone, Sgt. Kevin Dickey, Don Johnson, John Herbert attended.

LEGISLATION: A motion was made by Hull for a second reading of **Ordinance # 6-2012** by title only. (Oil and Gas Leases)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Rauch made a motion to go into executive session seconded by Elzer to discuss personnel. There were 6 yes votes for executive session. Following executive session Rauch made a motion, seconded by Elzer to return to regular session. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: No further business was conducted at this point.

Attest: _____

Signed: _____ Margo Zuch, Mayor