

**EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL APRIL 11, 2016 6PM 85 N. MARKET ST.**

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, and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the March 28, 2016 meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor. The March department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer seconded by Mr. Cohen. There were no agenda items.

**CLERK: BARB KLINER-CHAIR OF 2016 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION** Ms. Kliner stated the committee met four times and discussed each section of the Charter. She said the commission unanimously decided that there were no changes needed to the Charter. She said they reviewed note from the previous commission and concluded that the issues either resolved themselves or were address by the ORC/Ohio Ethics Commission. She stated the Charter is a well written working document that it is an outline and they didn't want to recommend changes that would fall more under policies and procedures and administrative guidelines that fall more to council and the manager. The Commission felt that the Charter is doing its job well.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Zuch thanked everyone on the Charter Review Commission for their service. She also thanked Katie White of the Morning Journal for the article in the paper about the Rockenberger Museum.

**MANAGER:** Monteleone stated they are getting ready to submit the CDBG paperwork for the new water well with location decided by the OEPA. He said it was put to bid and Southwind Drilling Company was the low bidder. He said today was to be the final walkthrough for the Sumner St. Bridge project but realizing there were some water issues on Rebecca St. they are now going to MS Consultants come in the check the grades and possibly re pave the entire road before the project is signed off on. He said they are in the process of completing the summer hiring. He also mentioned the sign issue at the Mexican Restaurant; he said zoning code doesn't allow blinking/flashing lights on a sign (written in 1973). He said they are looking at removing that section of the code because there are LED signs in town including the sign at the Park however Council should look at some type of restriction so it isn't too bright. Mr. Todd said that is measured in lumens per square inch. Mr. Cohen stated he didn't want to see the business in question held up in putting up their sign. Mr. Elzer and Atty. Beagle asked about giving them temporary approval for the sign permit until the zoning gets changed. Atty. Powers said he would research the code sections and report to the Manager what options there might be. Mr. Elzer asked if there were any updates on the flow monitoring and Monteleone said nothing had been reported lately. Atty. Beagle asked about the Spring Clean up costing around \$2500.00 and if the Village paid that. Monteleone said CSI Volunteers their services to pick the trash and the Village pays the tipping fees to dispose of it. Monteleone said there was less trash this year compared to previous years however it rained all night the night before so every was soaked and weighed a lot more. Atty. Beagle said CSI does an incredible job in town.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Atty. Powers stated he will be doing a resolution to start the renewal process for the police levy. He gave council a document from the Ohio Ethics Commission as there had been some discussion through Council & the Charter Review Commission about nepotism. It states that no one in city government can participate in the hiring of a relative, he said that may not cover everything that has happened over the years but he wanted to bring this to everyone attention because there are some serious criminal liabilities involved. Atty. Beagle asked if anything specific needed done, Atty. Powers stated he will write a report for the next meeting. He said there is a situation created recently and there are some steps to be taken as far as the evaluation process to avoid any issues.

**STREET: NO REPORT**

**S/P/R/C:** Mr. Cohen asked Monteleone to speak about his plans for the pool opening this year. Monteleone said the cracks around the heater system for the pool are bad this year, he said they

usually have a company from out of town complete the repairs but this year they have checked with Lynn Gould and his price is actually a little less than the other company. Mr. Gould also told them some public pools leave the water in the pools, we drain ours every year. If left the water in you would still drain it and clean it in the spring and the Gould told him the longevity of the paint would be increased and after inquiring with the insurance company there is no increased liability either. He said they are doing more research on leaving the water in the pool and he would report it to council. Additionally they are researching a better quality of paint for the pool. Atty. Beagle asked if the pool would have to be covered if it had water in it all year and Monteleone said no because it is fenced in and locked up.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Elzer stated the Village needs to have a development plan and called a Development Committee meeting for 6pm prior to the next meeting on April 25, 2016.

**UTILTIY: NO REPORT**

**FINANCE: NO REPORT**

**THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION**

**VISITORS:** Larry Wales, Sandy Wales, John & Dot Herbert, Kent Chapman, Dianna Elzer, John Davis, Terri Ward, Dan Scott, Chief Josh Brown, Jon Rettig Jr. John Martin, Barb Kliner, Katie White.

**LEGISLATION:** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 9-2016 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **Adopting a procedure for the evaluation of the employees of council.** Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 9-2016. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y. 6 yes to pass.

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

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**MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK**

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**MAYOR MARGO ZUCH**