

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY APRIL 14, 2014 85 N. MARKET ST. 7 PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Mr. Elzer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Atty. Beagle and Mr. Figley were absent. Also present were Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director David Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson, and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the March 24 Safety/Park/Rec/Cem and Reg meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mrs. Wisser. The March Department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer, seconded by Mr. Cohen.

AGENDA: BOB DURBIN-COLUMBIANA COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE ON CHIP & SEAL. Mr. Durbin stated chip & seal has not gone well for EP with one good year out of the last three. He said that chip & seal is a single layer of asphalt that is used to keep water out of the roads. Water gets into the cracks and causes pot holes, to prevent that you can either put a hot mix on the roads or use a chip & seal on lower volume roads. With chip & seal the emulsion seals the cracks and the chip is there to keep the traffic from tracking the emulsion all over the village. In our area chip is usually slag and that is a byproduct of making steel, limestone can't be used because it's too soft. Last year the Village used 6M slag that they county recommended which is a uniform half inch material and that helps it lay better on the roads for a smoother surface. He said the year prior the Village used a number 8 material which is a three eighths inch material which takes less asphalt with the same result. Mr. Durbin stated a few years ago the village received material that was very dusty and when that happens the emulsions adheres to the dust and not the chip which causes a lot of loss in material. Slag has been used for the last 35 years with no problems, with the decline of the steel mills slag straight right from the mill is hard to come by. The mills used to take the material from the mill to an offsite location and bury it and that is where the slag came from last year. They found out that the material from last year had softness to it so the roads started falling apart. He said at the point the County tested all of the asphalt and there were no issues with it but as the calls continued to come in they found all of the counties with problems used the same slag from Sharon PA that had been buried. He also stated another thing that has to be checked are the charges, the emulsion they use has a positive charge so they test to make sure the material has a negative charge and the charges were fine. In checking the roads all of the crowns had lost their material and with the double the plowing this winter they feel the material was crushing and the plows were pulling the material out. He stated there were approximately eight communities that were having the same problems. This year the County has taken two samples of slag and samples of limestone from different locations and took them to be tested so they don't have the same issue this year. Monteleone stated that the Village ordered the slag early last year because he knew it would be hard to come by. Mr. Durbin stated that when the county would 25,000 tons of slag that was considered a large amount but with the oil & gas industry the place orders for upwards of 150,000 tons. Monteleone stated this year he is not going to order anything until after the county has it tested and we will use what the county will use. Mr. Durbin stated that is what they advised all of the communities to do and that the new source of slag is coming from Cleveland and has never been buried. Mr. Elzer asked if the emulsion is what seals the cracks does it really make a difference other than the "ride" when the chip comes off. Mr. Durbin stated if effects the traction and when it gets hot this summer there would be tracking on the road but the seal is still there. Mr. Durbin said most of the roads they saw lost 15% of the chip but some lost upwards of 40% to 50% and some even close to 90%. Mr. Elzer said the chip & seal they did with larger stone on Sumner St. a couple years ago held up extremely well. Mr. Elzer asked if they roll the streets after they are chipped if that would show that the material is crushing? Mr. Durbin said they first use a rubber tire roller to get in all of the joints and then they use a steel roller to crush the top layer of material to crush them into the cracks so if there was additional material cracking due to softness they would not be able to see it. Mr. Elzer asked if the temperature of the road made a difference and Mr. Durbin said yes, the hotter the better and a little water doesn't affect anything. Mr. Cohen asked when they get a batch of slag if they could see that it's dusty. Mr. Durbin stated that every load has some dust, and all of the moving and loading and unloading also creates dust. Mr. Durbin stated it is advised to sweep off the newly chipped roads about a week after it's done. Mr. Elzer

stated that he and Mr. Figley had discussed the possibility of chipping and sealing newly paved roads to preserve them. Mr. Durbin said they have done that for the last five years, it saves money and helps prolong the roads. He said paving is around \$140,000.00 per mile and chip & seal is around \$13,000.00 per mile. Mr. Durbin said the newer paved roads that have been chip & sealed are six to seven years old. Mr. Durbin said with single layer asphalt that crack sealer reacts to the heat of the asphalt and swells up and puts wrinkles in the road. Mr. Cohen asked if the wrinkle was permanent and Mr. Durbin said it is.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin reminded everyone that the Architectural Design Board meeting was Thursday the 17th at 6pm.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch reminded everyone about DOG Days on May 10th and that volunteers are needed to work, and donations of food and money would be appreciated.

MANAGER: Monteleone stated he had given Council a written report. He stated he met with Atty. Powers on some junk property issues and will be introducing new legislation on that issue tonight. Working on maintenance at the reservoir dam for an upcoming inspection. The paving project is out to bid. Pool opening is on track and he stated that Tricia Scott had gotten a new job in Oklahoma but he has someone who has already worked at the pool for three years and has the schooling for the position. They did some work at the park where they took the trees out last year and planted the new trees. There are brick around all of the new trees and they are also going to resurface the area by the pool. Mr. Elzer stated that Mr. Cohen had mentioned last year about making part of that area a walkway and Monteleone stated he still intends to do that. Monteleone said the spring clean up went well and that there were some light poles damaged last week and they are working on getting them repaired and replaced. Monteleone also said he hired John Simon as the new part time building and zoning inspector. He said the police had budgeted this year to replace one of the old cruisers and a price thru state purchasing for a Ford was \$23,844.00 and Chief Dickey stated they would keep the old one for a spare. He is also working with Rotary on possibly putting in a dog park in the park and Mrs. Wisser suggested the area right below the pool.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated after reviewing property ordinances he found that it wasn't complete as far as filing complaints against property owners and he has drafted new legislation for tonight. He is also working with Finance Director Traci Thompson on an accurate inventory of Village owned property. Mr. Elzer asked why the legislation was an emergency and Atty. Powers stated there was a complaint filed and there were concerns on the way it was started and he wasn't confident going forward. There are several situations that need addressed and that council could go three readings but he felt it would be best to move it forward.

STREET: Mr. Figley was absent.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen reminded everyone of DOG Days and that he was going to mention the already discussed walkway at the Park.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser stated if there were anymore demolitions done and that it looked a lot better with the houses being gone. Monteleone said the County is looking at a land banking program that would give them more money to address additional properties and hopefully there will be another round of funding for the demolition program.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

At this point Mayor Zuch gave an explanation of the legislation.

VISITORS: Jim William, Dot Herbert, Terry Keresty, Chuck McGuire, Mark Walker, Terry Bolam, Kathy Bolam, Dan Scott, John Martin, Mary Anne Tyger, Jerry Coblenz, Emery Coon, Chief Kevin

Dickey, Dianna Elzer, John & Bonnie Davis, Larry & Terri Ward, Bob Durbin, Becky Foster, Katie Schwendeman, and one illegible signature.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Mayor Zuch introduced Ord. 8-2014 and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. Mayor Zuch made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Mayor Zuch called for a vote on Ord. 8-2014. Mr. Elzer - Y, Mr. Cohen - Y, Mr. Tyger – Y, Mrs. Wisser-Y. (Atty. Beagle and Mr. Figley were absent). 4 YES to pass.

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

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH