

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY JUNE 24, 2014 85 N MARKET ST. 7 PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present were Finance Director Traci Thompson, Law Director Dave Powers, and Clerk Misti Martin. (Manager Monteleone was on vacation). The minutes of the June 9, 2014 Safety/Park/Rec/Cem and Regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor.

AGENDA: DAN SCOTT-TREES. Mr. Scott asked why if we are a Tree City USA that we are losing more trees than are being planted. Mayor Zuch said it was probably because people are having trees removed and not replacing them. Mr. Scott stated we need more trees even if they are smaller. Mayor Zuch said there is a program where trees are purchased and planted however they are so small that most of them are lost. Manager Monteleone has switched to buying larger trees but less of them and has started planting them at the park. Mr. Scott said he would like to see more trees planted alongside the curbs. There was no Clerks report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch reminded council that they still need to make an appointment to the Board of Housing Appeals to replace Dan Boggs. Mr. Elzer asked if Katie Schwendemen would put it in the Journal and asked that interested parties send a note to the Municipal Building. Mayor Zuch said you must be a resident of East Palestine and the board doesn't meet very often. Mr. Elzer suggested a deadline of the next meeting for interested parties.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone was on vacation but provided a written report to council. Mayor Zuch gave a brief overview of his report. Mrs. Wisser asked about the work at the Historical Society that had been done by the water department. Mayor Zuch stated the land is leased by the Historical Society from the city and last year they had a small car cruise in conjunction with the Apple Butter days, this year they would like to expand a little so they water department leveled out the area.

LAW DIRECTOR: Law Director Dave Powers stated there discussion at the Arch Board meeting about permitting and he checked our existing codes and found that everything that is needed is there, it just needs to be enforced. Mr. Cohen said he had previously commented that there are a lot of ordinances that could be used for these purposes. Mr. Powers stated he didn't see a fee structure and Clerk Misti Martin stated building permits are \$25.00. Mr. Figley asked if that was for all permits and Mayor Zuch said permits for new construction are more. Mr. Elzer said Atty. Powers is helping come up with standards and a checklist for if someone wants to build something we have all of the information to give them at one time. Mr. Elzer for a business or industrial standpoint the village has never required anything, only the state. Atty. Powers said the state doesn't care about what it looks like they care if it is safe. Atty. Powers said he gave council a draft of an oil & gas lease for review. Mr. Cohen asked what the next steps would be and Powers said it would be to schedule a public hearing but we aren't to that point yet. There has to be notice to any land owner within 500 feet of a lease property which is going to be a large task involving mapping and finding all property owners who will need to be notified and that he doesn't have all of the leases in hand yet. Mr. Cohen asked if there should be a first reading for the ordinance and then have the hearing, and Atty. Powers didn't see anything wrong with that. Mrs. Wisser asked the purpose of the public hearing and Atty. Powers said it is to voice their opinions, whether it be opposition or in favor and to give information to the public. Atty. Powers said the most important section states" the lease does not include surface use or operations", which means there are no surface operations at all on any property. Mr. Elzer stated this property is not contiguous and Atty. Powers said that is correct.

STREET: NO REPORT

SAF/PARK/REC/CEM: NO REPORT. Mrs. Wisser said there was a water leak on the upper ball field.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT, Mr. Elzer congratulated Chief Kevin Dickey on the drug bust last week.

UTILITY: NO REPORT

FINANCE: NO REPORT

VISITORS: Dianna Elzer, Mary Anne Tyger, Dan Scott, John & Bonnie Davis, Chuck McGuire, Chief Kevin Dickey, John & Dot Herbert, John Martin, Pam Figley, Mark Walker, John Jurjavcic, Melody Gustofson, Park Grim, Katie Schwendeman, and one illegible signature.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION, however Finance Director Traci Thompson stated she would answer any question on the supplemental appropriations and also that she and Clerk Misti Martin attended a Sunshine Law meeting in Akron, and had listed all of councils names and the Thompson and Martin as being their designates for the meeting. Mr. Figley said he had been told the Sumner St. Bridge wouldn't cost the Village anything and now it's going to cost \$27,000.00 and asked where the money was going to come from and Thompson said the Street Levy. Mr. Figley said this is an example of how they can come up with money for something (like the High St. Sewer issue) if it is truly needed).

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 9-2014 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance providing for the authorization of the Municipal Manager to advertise for public bid the drilling of an additional water well and to further award and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder as relates to the contract, pursuant to the specifications and bidding requirements as determined by the Municipal Manager, and in compliance with law and to appropriate funds.** Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 9-2014. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y and Mrs. Wisser-y. 6 YES to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 10-2014 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the budget and estimated resources for the City of East Palestine, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 11-2014 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance approving and ratifying the Columbiana County Economic Development Department agreement to replace the Sumner Street Bridge, and to appropriate the required matching funds.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 12-2014 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriation for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014.**

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

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH