

## **EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL JUNE 24, 2013 7PM PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley and Mrs. Wisser were present. Mr. Tyger was absent. The minutes of the Finance Committee and the regular meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Wisser. The monthly report for the Fire Department from May was approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Mr. Elzer.

**AGENDA: ADAM PHILIPS-EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT.** Mr. Philips stated he is planning to install his sign with a map of the park on July 20<sup>th</sup> and will need to know the location as to where council would like it by then and the size of the sign is 6x3. Mr. Elzer asked if there was anything that he needed from Council and Mr. Philips said he needed \$75.00 and it would be completely done. At this point Mr. Rick Gorby and his wife Karen stated they would like to donate the remaining \$75.00 that Mr. Philips would need to complete his Eagle Scout project. Manager Monteleone thanked the Boy Scouts for all of their work; they have done projects at the Catholic Cemetery, the Park, and the walking trail.

### **CLERK: NO REPORT**

**MAYOR:** Mayor Zuch stated we will be having the light poles on Market St. and wanted to ask everyone to please not put signs up on the poles because when the signs are removed it pulls the paint off.

**MANAGER:** Manager Monteleone said he had to pick the color to paint the poles (black or brown) by tomorrow (Tue); it has been a very long process to get to this point. He said he originally asked for them to be brown to help create a theme downtown, to match the street signs and poles and also to match the bulldog banners. Mrs. Wisser stated she is fine with brown or black but not everybody is a Bulldog, but she also feels that black is classic and old timey and would give a wrought iron feel. Mr. Elzer said he likes brown because it makes us different than other communities. Atty. Beagle and Mr. Cohen also said they like the brown idea. Rich Bolon asked if you are not allowed to put signs on the poles, why we let them do it. Mayor Zuch stated she takes them down and so does the Chief, people just do it. Mr. Bolon asked if there was an ordinance against it and Mayor Zuch said she thought there was. Manager Monteleone said it is a common problem. Mr. Bolon said what he was trying to ask was if there is an ordinance and it is violated what happens. Mayor Zuch said it depends on the ordinance as far as fines or prosecution. They have finished the Brick Pavilion. He stated he has spent the last few weeks working on an LMI survey for county grant money. Chip & seal will be starting soon.

### **LAW DIRECTOR: ABSENT**

### **STREET: NO REPORT**

**SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEMETERY:** Mr. Cohen stated he attended the last Park Board meeting and the report on DOG Days was over 400 people. A suggestion to the Park Board was to put a walking lane alongside the road, approximately five or six feet wide for the kids who walk into the park. It would be on the right side as you are driving in. Mr. Cohen asked Dot Herbert how the pool was going so far and she said it's all about the weather, they had a slow start but going very well now. Mr. Cohen stated there is a 5K race this Sunday with the proceeds going to help purchase a new diving board. The race was put together by the aquatics director. Manager Monteleone stated we are approved to have it put in and it would be on the opposite side of the slide. Mr. Cohen said they are expensive, upwards of \$9000.00. Mrs. Wisser asked why the others were taken out and Monteleone said insurance purposes.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Elzer stated three new businesses opened in town. The East Palestine Fight Club, Serendipity, and Jays Classic Cuts opened. There have been eight new businesses open in the last seven weeks.

### **UTILITY: NO REPORT**

### **FINANCE: Mr. Tyger was absent.**

At this point Mayor Zuch gave a brief explanation of legislation. Mr. Elzer asked if the PNC Bank legislation, if we would be ok to wait. Manager Monteleone stated in negotiations he explained to them that we would need until August and PNC agreed. Mr. Elzer asked if the current building would be offered for public sale, and Monteleone said yes dependant up purchase of the PNC building. Mr. Figley asked how the current building would be offered for sale and Clerk Misti Martin stated the legislation said it was to be advertised in the paper.

**VISITORS:** Dianna Elzer, Chief Dickey, Dan Scott, John Davis, Kim Sansenbaugher, Rick & Karen Gorby, Zach Gorby, John Jurjavic, Adam Philips, Chuck McGuire, Rich Bolon, Britt & Adam Ortega, Dot Herbert, Ben Terwilliger, Katie Schwendeman, and Traci Thompson

**LEGISLATION:** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 19-2013 for a third 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, 2014.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Elzer. All in favor. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 19-2013. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Figley-y and Mrs. Wisser-y. 5 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 23-2013 for a first reading seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Mr. Cohen asked why the purchase agreement was not attached to the legislation as it was listed as exhibit A. Manager Monteleone stated it was not yet available and will be attached when it is received. Atty. Beagle and Mr. Cohen asked if it was correct that the bank was preparing the purchase agreement and Monteleone stated Atty. Smith would have went over it, but it wasn't available yet, whether it was the bank preparing it or the bank and Shirley preparing it. Mr. Cohen stated that it is usually the buyer who prepares the offer and Mr. Elzer said that they do things like this every day. Atty. Beagle stated it isn't the normal process for the seller to do that. **An ordinance providing for the authorization of the Municipal Manager to enter into and accept a purchase contract with PNC Bank, National Association Successor by merger to the First National Bank of East Palestine, Ohio as to the purchase of real property known as 85 N. Market St, East Palestine, Ohio 44413, permanent parcel nos. 68-01215000 and 68-01216000.** Mr. Cohen announced to the public that the purchase price for the building is \$155,000.00 and that does not include the drive thru bank building, but the lot next to it is. Atty. Beagle introduced **Ord. 24-2013** for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance providing for the authorization of the Village Manager to offer for sale the current municipal building located at 144 N. Market St. East Palestine Ohio, identified as permanent parcel no. 68-04105000, deemed not needed for municipal use with the approval of the board, officer, and/or director having supervision thereof and/or municipal council, and in accord with methods of sale authorized by Ohio revised code 721.01 and 721.03, et seq.** Atty. Beagle introduced **Res. 6-2013** and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Elzer. All in favor. **A resolution to exclude the approval of the City of Salem, which approval would otherwise be required, for an alternate method of apportionment of local government fund and local government revenue assistance fund monies to be distributed in the 2014, and declaring an emergency.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on **Res. 6-2013.** Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. 5 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced **Res. 7-2013** and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An emergency resolution approving a new alternative method of apportionment of local government fund and local government revenue assistance fund monies to be distributed in 2014 and declaring an emergency.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on **Res. 7-2013.** Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Cohen-y, and Mrs. Wisser-y. 5 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced **Res. 8-2013** and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.** Atty. Beagle called for a vote on **Res. 8-2013.** Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. 5 yes to pass.

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

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MAYOR MARGO ZUCH

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