

## **EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY JULY 13, 2015 7PM 85 N. MARKET ST**

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Tyger. (Mrs. Wisser was on vacation). Also present were Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Law Director Dave Powers. (Misti Martin was on vacation so Thompson took over the duties of Clerk). The minutes of the June 22, 2015 Utility Committee and Regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Atty. Beagle. The June 2015 department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer seconded by Mr. Cohen.

**AGENDA- Jim Lynch to speak on lawns and trash:** Mr. Lynch stated that he came to council last year about high grass, trees and junk in people's yards and he was told it would be worked on but this year nothing is being done. Mr. Lynch asked Sgt. Johnson how many full time officers were in the department and if they patrolled for high grass. Sgt. Johnson said there are six full time officers and one who is specifically dedicated to that issue and if need be the Chief will help. Mr. Lynch said he has been home for three months and nothing has been done in his area and he doesn't know why and why the other officers can't help. Sgt. Johnson said so far this year they have handled 115 zoning complaints and he feels there are actually a lot more than that. The complaints consist mostly of high grass and junk cars. He said it is a lengthy process in speaking to the property owners and sending out certified letters noting the violations. Sgt. Johnson said a lot of the problem properties are bank owned, he also said he has been in the office every day and he hasn't had anyone come in to complain. He said between himself and the Chief they have any open door policy and welcome speaking to residents. Monteleone stated the policy is that a property will get one violation notification at the beginning of the year, they can either take care of the issue and mow the grass or the Village will do it and asses their property taxes. Once they receive the first notice and become repeat offenders the Village doesn't have to notify them again, we can just mow the grass and asses the taxes again. Atty. Beagle stated the property Mr. Lynch is referring to has been a problem for a long time but the police can't continually patrol one certain area. Sgt. Johnson asked if Lynch had come to the police dept. about that property and Lynch said he had last year to which Sgt. Johnson said they have to deal with each property individually each year. Atty. Beagle the problem has to be on the list to be dealt with; we can't beat up the Police Department about it.

### **NO CLERKS REPORT**

**MAYOR:** At this point Manager Monteleone and Mayor Zuch presented a certificate of appreciation to the Fireman's Association. They put on a wonderful display of fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and it was done completely in house. Mayor Zuch stated that this year 3 council seats and the Mayor seat are up for reelection and the paperwork can be picked up at the Board of Elections in Lisbon and the filing deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>. She also asked that residents not discharge grass clippings into the street as it clogs the catch basins.

**MANAGER:** Manager Monteleone stated they had received the timeline for funding through DEFA and he provided Council with a report from Gary McConnell on the I & I issues. He said they should schedule a Utility Committee meeting to go over the information. The Utility Committee meeting was scheduled for 6pm on July 27<sup>th</sup> prior to the next regular meeting. The start date for the West St. sidewalk project is July 27<sup>th</sup> and the completion date will be Oct. 9. There are some issues with the Sumner St. bridge project but they are still pushing to have it done this summer.

### **LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT**

**STREET:** Mr. Figley stated we have seven utility patches that need done and two on W. Main that need redone. He said he feels the street crew doesn't have time to do the repairs and that we outsourced the repairs last year so we should do it again this year. He felt it was done relatively cheap last year and feels we should get bids for this year. Monteleone said he feels the Village can continue to work on the needed repairs and do them proper and that we don't have the extra money to do it. Mr. Figley said they were squared off the last time with six inches of concrete and

two inches of black top and this year it has gone by the wayside. Mr. Elzer asked if there would be time to get it done this year and Monteleone said yes to which Mr. Figley said we don't even have the holes patched yet and no money is no excuse. Mr. Figley said he had previously asked the lines to be painted at the intersection Bacon Ave. and Carbon Hill Rd. because it's a safety hazard, it hasn't been done and he would like to see it done quickly. He also said that he had previously asked for a "no right on red" sign to be put at S. Market and E. Main and he would also like to see that done. Mr. Elzer said that the intersection of Market and Main floods every time it rains, last week the street department cleaned the catch basins and jetted the lines and that night it poured and it didn't flood. Mr. Figley said he has witnessed Village employees working in dangerous areas without any signs alerting traffic they are working there; he stated we need to have signs alerting traffic of work being done for the safety of the employees.

**S/P/R/C:** Mr. Cohen had no report. Mr. Elzer said that less than a decade ago the Village cancelled the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and this year from 8am to 11pm there were thousands of people in the park, we should be proud of the Village and what all of the organizations in town did at the park.

**DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT**

**UTILITY:** Mr. Figley stated that Mr. McConnell's report was excellent and that he has reviewed everything that has and has not been done. In the report he found information from previous smoke testing that homes that had been directed to make repairs on downspouts never actually did. He feels Mr. McConnell is learning the system and with the Managers help getting the guys out there to do the work we are moving in the right direction.

**FINANCE: NO REPORT**

**VISITORS:** Shirley Glavan, Chief Josh Brown, Mark Walker, John Herbert, Sgt. Don Johnson, Rick & Karen Gorby, Bruce Minamyler, Darla Conti, Jon McElroy, Ross McCoy, John Davis, Brian Rutledge, Jim & Mary Lynch, Steve Tigleman, Dan Scott, Dianna Elzer, Jerry Coblentz, Terri Ward and Katie White.

**LEGISLATION:** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 12-2015 for a second 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 appropriations for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ordinance 13-2015 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance to amend ordinance number 15-2007 regarding the providing of water & sewer services to be rendered to permanent parcel numbers 68-0427.000, 67-0384000, and 6700384.003 owned by David & Michelle Vargo.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ordinance 14-2015 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance increasing the base sewer rate.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ordinance 15-2015 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager on behalf of the Village of East Palestine to enter into a contract with Gary McConnell, as an independent contractor, on a temporary basis, for the purpose of consultation on efforts to alleviate inflows and infiltration to the sanitary sewer system.** Atty. Beagle introduced Resolution 13-2015 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution authorizing the Village Manager to make application and enter into a water pollution control loan fund (WPCLF) agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for a planning loan in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Sanitary Sewer System and WWTP Improvements.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Res. 13-2015. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y. Mr. Cohen made a motion for executive session under ORC 121.22 (g) to begin preparations for collective bargaining with village union employees, inviting the Manager and Law

Director, seconded by Atty. Beagle. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-n, Mr. Tyger-y. Mr. Cohen said there would be no further business conducted after executive session.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Cohen announced the meeting was back in regular session and then Mr. Elzer 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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**MARGO ZUCH MAYOR**