

## **EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 7PM**

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 Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, and Clerk Misti Martin. (Law Director Powers was on vacation). At this point Mayor Zuch swore in the new Fire Chief Josh Brown and then Manager Monteleone presented a plaque to former Fire Chief Brett Todd. The minutes from the September 9, 2014 were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mrs. Wisser. All in favor. The Fire Department report for the month of August 2014 was approved on a motion by Mrs. Wisser, seconded by Mr. Cohen.

**AGENDA: JOHN HERBERT .** Mr. Herbert stated he had given council an article from a magazine about problems with geese. He said about two weeks ago he counted around 250 in the pond at the park; the smell during the summer is terrible because of them. He said people are still feeding them; he said it's the wrong thing to do as it attracts more ducks and geese and could lead to the possibility of contamination or bird flu, especially to the children playing around the feces. Mr. Herbert stated that using loud noises would scare the geese away; he said there was an incident where a dog scared the geese away but the owner was fined for having the dog in the park. Mr. Figley asked Herbert what he thought should be done and how, Mr. Herbert said they should get rid of the geese, with noise makers or a dog and do it repeatedly until they stay away. Mr. Herbert also said these are not migratory geese, they stay here all year. Mayor Zuch said not feeding them would help them leave, Mrs. Wisser asked if there are signs prohibiting the feeding. There were no clerks or Mayors report.

**MANAGER:** Monteleone thanked Rick Gorby for taking over as interim Fire Chief during the transition with Chiefs Todd and Brown. He stated he and Mr. Figley assessed some roads for the paving plan next year, he said if anyone had questions or roads that needed looked at to let him know and that he would have a plan to present to council in the next few weeks. He had put a picture of the potential first mural for the Municipal Building in his report and stated he spoke with the art teacher at the high school about the class doing it. There is an issue with the a bending traffic light pole at the corner of Market and North Ave, the light itself is dropping below the legal height limit and they are working on getting it repaired. He stated there a couple applicants to replace Fran Ross whose retirement is coming up. Monteleone said the Street Levy Renewal is coming up in November and council either needs to use the street committee or form a committee to get out informational pamphlets to the public. Mr. Cohen stated that Village resources cannot be used to promote the levy. Mayor Zuch stated that in years past Scott Rauch had chaired the committee and all of council put in \$20 to print the flyers. Finance Director Traci Thompson stated that the committee must file paperwork with the Election Board. Mr. Elzer suggested a Street Committee meeting Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and everyone agreed. Monteleone said he met with the engineers on the bike trail project and that it is planned to be on the road in the right of way.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Atty. Powers was on vacation.

**STREET:** Mr. Figley stated he is again asking for input from the citizens on suggestions for streets for next year. He also said he is working on a report for Kemple Dr. stating the people there have contacted him about the condition of the road. He stated that they should possibly chip and seal the road next year and fix the holes.

**SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: NO REPORT**

**DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Elzer stated he has been here for seven years and has seen two structure fire and two accidents and John Jurjavic has been at all of them taking care of people and property. He thanked Jurjavic for his years of service on the fire department. Mr. Figley asked if they were working on replacing Fran Ross at the WWTP. Monteleone said they are working on it; they have a couple resumes and have done interviews.

**UTILITY: NO REPORT**

**FINANCE: NO REPORT.**

**VISITORS:** Dianna Elzer, John & Dot Herbert, Tracy Hager, Larry & Sandy Wales, John & Bonnie Davis, Zach Gorby, Jerry Coblentz, Rick & Karen Gorby, Larry & Terri Ward, Chuck McGuire, Kent Chapman, Jon Rettig Jr., Mark Walker, Chief Kevin Dickey, Dennis Stock, Jon McElroy, Park Grim, Katie White.

**LEGISLATION:** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 14-2014 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, 2014.**

**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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