

VILLAGE OF EAST PALESTINE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPT 23 2013 7PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. The minutes from the Sept. 9 Regular Meeting and the Special Meeting on Sept. 17 were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor.

AGENDA: AUSTIN HUFFMAN-EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT GLENVIEW CEMETERY. Mr. Huffman stated his project consisted of two new signs at the entrance of the cemetery and a sign at the chapel with some additional landscaping. Mr. Cohen stated that he did a good job and it looked nice. **NOAH TANCER-EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT ON THE WALKING TRAIL AT CITY LAKE.** Mr. Tancer stated his project consisted of improving the trail by adding a picnic area with mulch and some benches. Mrs. Wisser stated it looks very good. Mayor Zuch stated we have had 4 Eagle Scout projects this year and the Village has benefited greatly from them and that it is nice to see these young men interested in scouting and their community.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin announced that the next council meeting on October 14 would be at the new building at 85 N. Market St. which was the old PNC Bank building at 7pm; however this would just be for council meetings. The offices will not be moved until later in the month. Mrs. Wisser asked if there was going to be an open house and Martin stated that they are trying to plan something before the meeting on the 14th but they don't have the details worked out yet but that everyone will be notified when it's finalized.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch announced there will be a flu clinic on Thursday October 10th at the Community Center from 9 to 11 am sponsored by the Columbiana County Health Department. She stated the Manager had given Council a memo about Rotary requesting use of the Park on weekends beginning November 16 thru January 3rd for a Christmas light display and live nativity the weekend before Christmas. Mr. Elzer said he thinks it is a great idea and that the Chamber has a race Thanksgiving morning at the park so they will have to coordinate. Monteleone said it would only be in the evenings and that they would possibly line the trees along the entrance to the park and along the picnic shelters and that the Village could also put up some of the old decorations they have. Atty. Beagle stated she felt that the Village needed to start using its committees and that this should have at least gone through the Park Board. Monteleone said this was just mentioned this week and he gave council the memo as a heads up. Atty. Beagle stated that the Park Board should be advised ahead of time. Monteleone said he agreed but that this wasn't him saying it was going to happen, this was just him introducing it to council. Atty. Beagle said she is trying to make sure things are following the correct procedure because everything is coming out on the council floor, things should come up to council not from council down. Mr. Cohen said he would bring it up at the next Park Board meeting but that he was sure it would get a favorable reaction.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated they were looking at replacing a 1999 GMC truck from the Water Department and that they are looking locally. Mr. Elzer asked about the drug bust Monteleone had previously mentioned. Chief Dickey stated that it was good police work by Patrolman Elser, Officer Johnson and K-9 Toney and that it would probably go to the Grand Jury next month.

LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT

STREET: NO REPORT

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen requested that Atty. Smith prepare an ordinance to incorporate the changes to the fee schedule for the next meeting. He reminded everyone that the haunted trail will be open every Saturday in October from 7:30 to 10pm. In reference to the evaluation for the manager it was a general understanding that under the Charter this was required to be done every year in October by the Mayor Pro Tem. After searching the Charter he couldn't find anything but he found it in the Managers contract. Mr. Cohen stated he has no problem doing

an evaluation but that he doesn't have any authority to do it because the contract states "council shall review and evaluate the performance of the employee" and that council shall establish the criteria and they have not done that. He stated that council needs to decide who they want to do the evaluation and what criteria to use. Atty. Smith stated there are a few options, they could do an addendum to the contract to dispense with the evaluations all together, council could appoint someone to come up with the criteria, or they could review the form the Manager uses and possibly use that. She felt the easiest thing to do would be to review the Managers form for possible changes, appoint a committee to determine what the form would look like and then have council review it, give it back to her and she would present the findings. Mr. Cohen stated they need guidelines on how to proceed with this on a yearly basis and he felt it should be done in the form of an ordinance. Mr. Cohen stated this a good tool to establish the criteria for his job and also to set goals for specific things that should be accomplished in the upcoming year. Mr. Cohen stated that Atty. Smith was to present the findings to the Manager and Mr. Tyger said they could go into executive session to discuss the findings and then talk to the Manager about it.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer stated Flowers Straight from the Heart has been sold and is under new management, and that the new chiropractor took over Dr. Ortenzios practice.

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser asked if there was any new on the light poles being painted and Monteleone said yes, he heard from Ohio Edison today and that the paint is in and they will be starting soon and then put the banners up. Mrs. Wisser also asked if Monteleone had heard anything from Buckeye Mineral, he said he calls them every week or two for the last two months and hasn't got a call back. Mrs. Wisser stated they had a Utility Committee meeting earlier to discuss the need for a water study and council needs to approve the cost of it. Mrs. Wisser made a motion to approve the cost of the study at \$22,330.00, seconded by Mr. Cohen. 5 in favor, Mr. Figley abstained. Motion carried.

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger stated it was a great turn out for the Harvest on Market and Main Saturday night. For the budget for next year concerning the Electric light Fund they would like to suspend the payment but put the money received for the sale of the two lots into the fund. The money is needed for the budget. That legislation was tabled so it would have to be brought back. Atty. Smith asked if the legislation would be the same or would it need revised regarding the lot money. Mr. Tyger said it would have to be revised. Finance Director Traci Thompson stated there is already separate legislation for putting the sale of the lots into the fund. Mr. Elzer said the previous legislation was to cancel for five years. Mr. Tyger said he would like it for one or two years and Atty. Smith said she would make the change.

Mr. Elzer asked about the tabled legislation for the concession stand. Mr. Cohen said it was tabled because there were a lot of blanks on the ordinance. Mr. Elzer said it wasn't for a specific person; it was to give Monteleone the ability to do it if he found someone. Mr. Cohen said he doesn't have the authority to lease it but he can always be looking for someone. Monteleone said he felt Mr. Elzer was trying to streamline it so they could get it leased this year. Mr. Elzer said it would provide a service and it is a money maker. Atty. Smith said council could give Monteleone the authority to offer it for lease under certain criteria and if they could determine what they would accept then he could do it under those terms. Mr. Elzer said EPYSA has expressed interest in running it.

VISITORS: Jerry Coblentz, Chief Kevin Dickey, Dianna Elzer, Dante Fiorino, John Jurjavcic, John & Bonnie Davis, Chuck McGuire, Noah Tancer, Austin Huffman, Kent Chapman, Rich Bolon, Emery Coon, Traci Thompson, and Mark Walker.

THERE WAS NO LEGISLATION

ADJOURN: Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Wisser.
