

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL OCTOBER 14 2013 7PM -85 NORTH MARKET ST.

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order (note this is the first Council Meeting at 85 N. Market St.). Present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present was Village Solicitor Shirley Smith, Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the September 23 Park Committee, Utility Committee and Regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mrs. Wisser. The September department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer and seconded by Mr. Cohen. There were no agenda items.

CLERK: Council Clerk Misti Martin stated that although council meetings will be held at the new building at 85 N. Market St. from now, Village offices will remain open at 144 N. Market St. until the end of October when they will close the 31st and November 1st for the move. They will reopen at 85 N. Market St. on Monday November 4th.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated she had given council a report on the Boards and Commissions that will need re appointments. She said the ones to be appointed by council are three from the Library Board and one from the Zoning Board of Appeals and if they are happy with those candidates, that is fine but if they would like people to apply then they could ask Katie to put an article in the paper. Mayor Zuch stated she would like council's decisions by the last meeting in November. Mr. Elzer said asking the public is a good idea. She also stated the Park Board are Managers appointments and the Planning Commission are Mayors appointments with council consent and she is planning on re appointing Mr. Doll & Mr. Linhart as they have a lot of experience. Mayor Zuch asked Katie to put an article in the paper asking for letters of interest to be sent to the Municipal office by the middle of November. She thanked Flowers Straight from the Heart for the flowers they brought to help brighten up the new building. She stated we are very fortunate to have this new building and it is an asset to the citizens and the town.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated he has been very busy the last two weeks preparing the building for tonight. He stated that the police are applying for a Byron Justice Assistance grant for new phone systems for the Police Department and that they are working with OMEGA on it. He stated he gave everyone a letter from ODOT for a proposed landslide repair project on SR 170 South of East Palestine. The letter that he needs to sign states that he agrees with the minimum impact of this project. Atty. Smith stated it is a small amount of property that they are taking a permanent right of way and a smaller area with a temporary right of way. By signing the letter it means that we agree that it is a de minimis undertaking. The project will eliminate a rock fall problem and there will be no cost to the Village.

LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT

STREET: NO REPORT

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: NO REPORT

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer asked if in the future if any or all new hires could be introduced to Council and Monteleone said yes and he would take care of that.

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser said the painted light poles look great. Monteleone stated they have been working and look good and they have gotten the banners up from Rebecca to Main St. and they will continue to put more of them up.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

At this point Mayor Zuch gave a brief explanation of the legislation.

VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION: Mr. Figley asked what would happen if the ordinance to delay payments didn't pass. Atty. Smith stated that the payments would have to be

made. Mr. Figley asked what the payments would be because he thought the payments were as money was taken in for the sale of a lot. Finance Director Traci Thompson stated that she would still be re paying money from the lot sales and the Vineyards but the rest would be delayed. Mr. Figley stated the ordinance says they don't have to pay anything back. Atty. Smith stated that the ordinance does suspend required payments. Mr. Figley said that if a payment is due right now and we don't have the money that all that happens is we don't pay it so why draw up legislation. Atty. Smith stated that if there was an audit Thompson wouldn't be able to balance. Thompson agreed that the auditors could site us.

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 31-2013 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance suspending all payments on loans owed to the Electric Trust Fund for a period of two (2) years and repealing legislation conflict herewith.** Mr. Cohen stated that not all of the changes that were discussed for the Park fees made it in the ordinance so the exhibit A attached to the ordinance is correct but that shouldn't stop a first reading tonight and they can be corrected by the next meeting for the second reading. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 32-2013 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Tyger. **An ordinance amending codified ordinance section 248.05 Parks & Recreation as to pool rates.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH

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